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## Half-day Workshop on Draft National Guidelines on Social, Environmental & Economic Responsibilities of Business and Half-day Consultation on Legally Binding Treaty

### Draft National Guidelines on Social, Environmental & Economic Responsibilities of Business

In July, 2011, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) issued the National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental & Economic Responsibilities of Business (NVGs) with a view to provide a clear, broad-based framework for carrying out responsible business and be accountable to all its stakeholders. In view of passage of considerable time since their launch and various new developments in global business environment the process for updating NVGs was initiated with a two member Expert Committee by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs under the aegis of MCA. The updated NVGs, have been renamed as the National Guidelines (NGs). The draft NGs have been posted on the Ministries's portal for inviting public comment.

### Workshop Schedule

Time	Date	Place
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	27 August, 2018	Kolkata
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	29 August, 2018	Mumbai
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	31 August, 2018	Bengaluru
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	05 September, 2018	Delhi

#### I. Need for the workshop

- ✓ Establish a clear understanding about the NGs, its scope and impact on all the business enterprises.

#### II. The Objectives of the workshop

The workshop aims at establishing a clear understanding of

- ✓ The principles of National Guidelines
- ✓ Its implications on one's business
- ✓ To gauge the concerned stakeholder's reaction to each of these guidelines

#### III. Who should attend?

Participants from business chambers, businesses, civil society and human rights professionals

#### I. Need for the workshop

- ✓ Provide a platform for all the concerned stakeholder to express their opinions & their concerns pertaining to the LBT

#### II. The Objectives of the workshop

The workshop aims at establishing a clear understanding of

- ✓ The principles of Legally Binding Treaty
- ✓ Its implications on one's business
- ✓ To gauge the concerned stakeholder's reaction to each of these guidelines

#### III. Who should attend?

Participants from Business chambers, Businesses, Civil Society and professionals from MNCs, SMEs including legal professionals should attend this program.

### Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate, in International Human Rights Law, The activities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises: (LBT)

The 'Zero Draft' is international human rights treaties of recent years addressing issues around business and human rights. The draft is published in the context of establishment by the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva through resolution 26/9, in 2014 of an Intergovernmental Working Group created to elaborate a draft treaty on business and human rights. The treaty recognises the primacy of human rights over all trade agreements and states that Transnational Corporations (TNCs) and Other Business Enterprises (OBEs) shall put efforts to promote and ensure respect for human rights, and shall use their influence for the same.

Will the companies, going forward, be able to ensure promotion of and respect for human rights in its sphere of influence? If yes, then how? This is the big question that business enterprises

functioning in India face today, the answer for which, will decide its future.

### Consultation Schedule

Time	Date	Place
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm	27 August, 2018	Kolkata
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### Contact details for registration

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There is **No participation** fee for registration.

Please send in the duly filled registration form at earliest as there are **limited seats available**.