



AFRICAN BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION:
ADVANCING REMEDY, REPARATIONS AND
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT IN AFRICA

7-9 October 2025
Lusaka, Zambia

FORUM AGENDA

DAY 1 | 7 OCTOBER

BAOBAB

AMILIA

MUPANI 1

MUPANI 2

09:00-11:00

High-Level Opening and Plenary

BREAK – 11:00-11:30

11:30-12:50

STAKEHOLDER-SPECIFIC SESSIONS

CIVIL SOCIETY

Promoting Corporate Accountability Legislation in Africa: Moving from Voluntary Standards to Binding Laws

BUSINESS CAUCUS

Companies' Experiences in Enabling Access to Remedy and Remediation in Africa: Best practices and challenges

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Indigenous Caucus

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Documenting and Responding to Attacks: Addressing gaps and strengthening protection of human rights defenders in Africa

LUNCH – 12:50-14:00

14:00-15:20

Consultation on the 2026 report to the Human Rights Council on "Agri-business, food security and human rights"

Multi-Stakeholder Approach to the Development and Implementation of National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights: Experiences from East Africa

Poster Presentations on Access to Remedy in Transitional Minerals

Navigating Emerging Remedy Pathways: Policies, practices, and tools to address human rights issues and support rightsholders in Africa

BREAK – 15:20-15:40

15:40-17:00

From Plans to Practice: South-South Reflections on Implementing National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights

Rethinking Access to Remedy Through a Lens of Power, Participation and Regional Alignment in Africa

Responsible Business in Plastics Recycling Supply Chains: Action in Africa

Reproductive Health and Gender Equality in the Implementation of the UNGPs

DAY 2 | 8 OCTOBER

	BAOBAB	AMILIA	MUPANI 1	MUPANI 2
09:00-10:00	PLENARY Engaging Dialogue Between Business and Civil Society Organisations to Advance Human Rights			
	BREAK – 10:00-10:15			
10:15-11:35	From Trade to Transformation: Advancing the Right to Development through AfCFTA and AHRMs	Breaking the Chain - Combating Illicit Financial Flows through Responsible Business Conduct and Enhanced Remedy Mechanisms	Fighting Child Labour Amid Turbulent Times: The Case for Strengthening Access to Remedy in African Supply Chains	Cobalt, Copper and Corporate Harm: Seeking Justice for Workers and Communities in the DRC
	BREAK – 11:35-11:55			
11:55-13:15	Digital Governance for Children's Rights and Online Safety: Transforming Norms and Standards into Action	Advancing Remedy and Responsible Business Conduct in Africa: The Role of the OHCHR BHR Helpdesk in Turning UNGP Commitments into Action	The Labour Test: Are the National Action Plans on BHR Delivering for Workers in Africa?	Advancing Grievance Mechanisms and Effective Remediation in the Changing World of Work
	LUNCH – 13:15-14:15			
14:15-15:45	Environmental Due Diligence and Remedy in the Critical Minerals Boom: The Role of NHRIs and State Oversight	Advancing Responsible Business Conduct in Africa: Contextual approaches and Practical Solutions	Faith Based Organizations and Corporate Accountability: A Theological Reflection on access to effective remedy	Towards an African Treaty on Business and Human Rights: Advancing Regional Solidarity and Legal Norms for Corporate Accountability
	BREAK – 15:45-15:55			
15:55-17:15	Workers' Voices: Putting Stakeholder Engagement into Practice in Human Rights Due Diligence Processes	Leveraging National Action Plans and Voluntary Disclosure to Foster a Responsible Tech Ecosystem	A Corporate Accountability Workshop on Securing Responsible Natural Resource Extraction in Africa	CLOSED SESSION Private Sector Milestones on Human Rights

DAY 3 | 9 OCTOBER

	BAOBAB	AMILIA	MUPANI 1	MUPANI 2
09:00-10:20	Advancing Access to Remedy and Corporate Accountability in Zambia's Extractive Sector	From Form to Function: Strengthening Operational Grievance Mechanisms for Effective Remedy in Africa		Justice in Motion: Turning Promises into Progress in Africa's Business and Human Rights Landscape + Green for Who? Debating the Justness of Africa's Transition
	BREAK – 10:20-10:40			
10:40-12:00	Centering Human Rights, Justice and Equity in Energy Transition and Climate Policies in Africa	Decent Work for Youth: Maximizing the Untapped Potential of the Demographic Dividend in Africa	The Kabwe Lead Poisoning Class Action: A case study in holding multinationals to account for historical wrongdoing	Inclusive Leadership & Gender-Responsive HRDD: Tackling GBVH through Collective Action and Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement
	BREAK – 12:00-13:00			
13:00-14:20	Building Alliances for Justice in Africa's Energy Transition	Enhancing Judicial Approach to Business and Human Rights Cases in Africa	CSO-Led Solutions for Responsible Business in Africa- Faith-Based Actors' Perspective	
	BREAK – 14:20-14:40			
14:40-17:00	PLENARY Closing Session			