

## CBI 9-10: Land Rights as Human Rights

### Summary Report of In-Country Interventions on UNGP BHR and Establishment on NHRI

*Introduction.* In 2008, the United Nations endorsed the ‘Protect, Respect, and Remedy Framework’ for business and human rights. This framework unequivocally recognizes that States have the *duty* under international human rights law to *protect* everyone within their territory and/or jurisdiction from human rights abuses committed by business enterprises. The UN Framework also addresses the human rights responsibilities of businesses. Business enterprises have the *responsibility to respect* human rights wherever they operate and whatever their size or industry. In other words, companies must know—and show—that they respect human rights in all their operations. The UN Framework also recognizes the fundamental right of individuals and communities to access effective remedy when their rights have been adversely impacted by business activities. When a business enterprise abuses human rights, States must ensure that the people affected can access an effective remedy through the court system or other legitimate non-judicial process. Companies, for their part, are expected to establish or participate in effective grievance mechanisms for any individuals or communities adversely impacted by their operations.

On 16 June 2011, the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs-BHR), a set of guidelines that operationalize the UN Framework and further define the key duties and responsibilities of States and business enterprises with regard to business-related human rights abuses. Henceforth, the Working Group on Business and Human Rights (UNWG) was mandated by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to promote the effective and comprehensive implementation of the UNGP BHR. The UNWG likewise noted in its 2016 Guidance on Business and Human Rights that National Action Plans (NAPs) can be an important means to promote the implementation of the UNGP BHR (DIHR, n.d.). NAPs are important as they will:

- review a country’s human rights needs;
- raise awareness of human rights issues among government officials, security authorities, civil society organizations, and the general public;
- mobilize a broad spectrum of society in a cooperative atmosphere;
- propose realistic activities;
- set achievable targets;
- promote linkages with other national programs, particularly in the areas of development and education; and,
- generate commitment to action.

**Outline for  
Summary Report of Country Interventions on UNGP BHR  
(8 pages)**

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**List of acronyms**

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- a. Rationale/purpose of interventions
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- b. Cambodia Human Rights Commission (CHRC)
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**Main references (use APA format)**

