



CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host a 5-day intensive short course on Business and Human Rights from 9 to 14 March 2026.

The course aims to provide much-needed knowledge and scholarship in BHR for law teachers, private sector actors, governments and civil society. Academics from African Universities are strongly encouraged to apply. It aims to offer a platform for exchange and networking for University teachers to meet and share knowledge, teaching resources and teaching methods (best practices) on Business and Human Rights. Teachers from relevant non-legal backgrounds including but not limited to the following disciplines are also encouraged to apply:

- Gender studies
- Sociology
- Political science, and
- Business and management studies

Business organisations and transnational corporate actors operate in a complex global environment, especially when operating in high risks sectors such as oil and gas, mining, construction, banking and health care amongst others. Understanding human rights responsibilities, impacts and socially responsible behaviour for companies is, therefore, an essential component of corporate risk management in our current world. The release of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, an instrument consisting of 31 principles on this issue, has further underscored the emergence of a rapidly developing set of international law norms on human rights responsibilities of businesses and transnational corporations. In addition to minimizing litigation, financial and reputational risks, understanding and demonstrating corporate respect for human rights is vital to building a culture of trust and integrity amongst local communities, investors and shareholders. With these questions and contexts in mind, Business and Human Rights Short Course will examine, clarify and unpack the nature, scope and practical implications of emerging business and human rights norms in international law.

Visit www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc for more information.

 Course length:
5 days

 Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day

 Course type:
Short course

 Certificate:
On successful completion

 Language:
English

Course dates
9 - 14
March 2026

Apply until
13 February 2026

APPLY

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