
Business and Human Rights in development cooperation – is Sweden on the right track?

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NATIONAL ACTION PLANS ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

A Toolkit for the Development, Implementation, and Review of
State Commitments to Business and Human Rights Frameworks



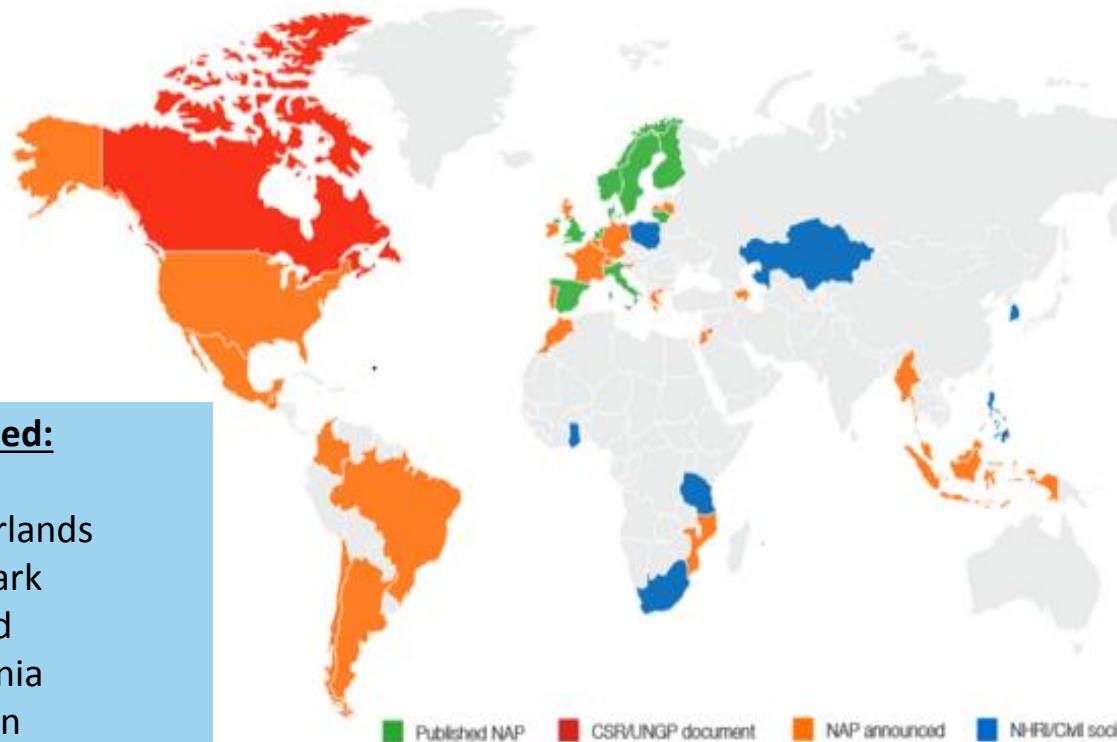
- National Human Rights Institution
- Established 1987 by Danish Parliament (private sector mandate affirmed under 2012 act)
- Works with government, civil society and business
 - Corporate Engagement
 - State implementation

THE UNGPS: A USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION?

Where these agencies do not explicitly consider the actual and potential adverse impacts on human rights of beneficiary companies they put themselves at risk – in reputational, financial, political and potentially legal terms - for supporting any such harm and they may add to the challenges faced by the recipient State

- Reaffirming the role of States as primary duty bearers
- State should be exemplary
- SOEs under both pillar 1 and pillar 2
- Encourage and require human rights due diligence - where significant risk to human rights: mining?
- Role of the private sector in the SDGs : opportunities and risks

NATIONAL ACTION PLANS



Released:

UK
Netherlands
Denmark
Finland
Lithuania
Sweden
Norway
Colombia

In process

Argentina	Mexico
Belgium	Malaysia
Brazil	Mauritius
Chile	Mozambique
France	Portugal
Germany	Philippines
Greece	Scotland
Ireland	Slovenia
Italy	Spain
Jordan	Switzerland
Kenya	USA
Korea	

■ Published NAP ■ CSR/UNGP document ■ NAP announced ■ NHR/Civil society action*

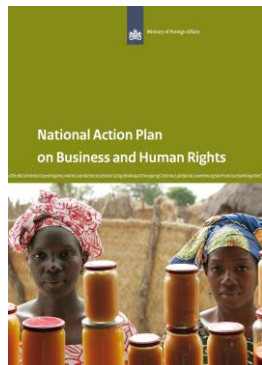
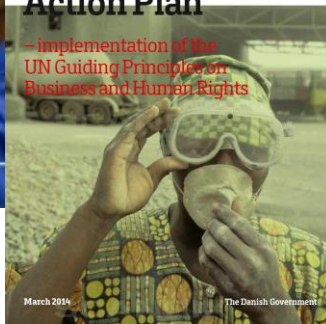
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EXAMPLES OF NAPS – WHAT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION?



Danish National Action Plan

– implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights



National Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

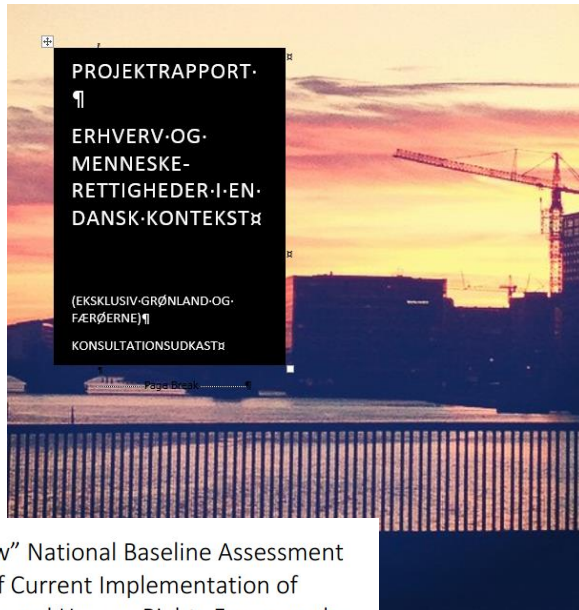
Publications of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy
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- Internal and external
- Policy coherence
- No consistent approach to Development cooperation
- Export credit agencies
- SOEs

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NATIONAL BASELINE ASSESSMENTS – DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



“Shadow” National Baseline Assessment (NBA) of Current Implementation of Business and Human Rights Frameworks

The United States

Pillar I



Dansk investeringsfond glemmer menneskerettigheder

0 kommentarer

DEBAT: Handels- og udviklingsminister Mogens Jensen (S) har sendt

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- **Germany**
- **US**
- **Denmark**
- **Chile, Zambia**

REFLECTIONS ON KEY FINDINGS

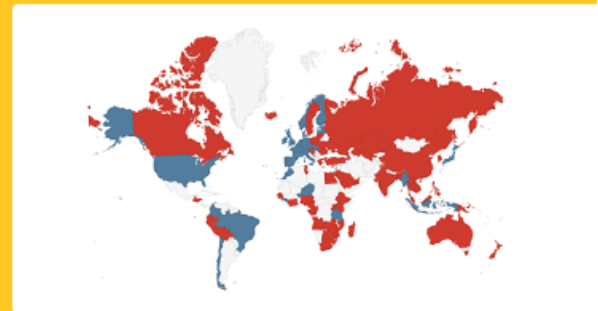
- High-level commitment and mandatory expectations
- Performance of State agencies vs. State owned companies (and private companies)
- Transparency and reporting

ACTION PLATFORMS

Explore company & government actions on business & human rights

COMPANY ACTION PLATFORM ▶

GOVERNMENT ACTION PLATFORM ▶



FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Human Rights Impact Assessment
 - Grievance mechanisms
 - Strategic integration of Human Rights and Business in country or sector programmes
 - HRBA and PLANET – also for private sector cooperation in development aid
 - UNGPs in multilateral fora
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NEXT STEPS

1. Comprehensive National Baseline Assessment

Focus on other key areas of state/business nexus

- Role in multilateral institutions
- Trade and investment policies
- Support to business more generally
- Public procurement
- SOEs, etc.

2. Mechanism for implementation and follow-up of the NAP

3. Peer learning on UNGPs implementation
