



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2nd International Conference on Business and Human Rights in Africa

Theme: Effective Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a Viable Option for National Development

Date: 21st – 22nd November 2016

Venue: University of Lagos, Nigeria

The International Network for Corporate Social Responsibility (INCSR), in collaboration with De Bernards Consulting Ltd, are pleased to announce the Call For Abstracts for the **Second International Conference on Business and Human Rights in Africa**.

Conference Themes

The Conference will address a range of critically important issues and themes relating to the intersection between business, corporations, and Corporate Social Responsibility/Sustainability. Plenary speakers include some of the leading thinkers in these areas, and the conference will feature numerous papers and workshop presentations. We are inviting abstracts for paper presentations and workshops addressing the broad conference in these particular areas:

Conference Focus

The conference will have three focus areas:

1. Economic Issues
2. Social and Human Rights Issues including the UN three – pillar framework and
3. The Environmental Issues

SN	Broad theme	Sub-themes
1	Good Governance and Economic Sustainability / National Growth	This will cover a wide range of issues relating to good governance and transparency (public and private sectors), corruption, economic regulations - active labour market policies and labour market regulations; ■ counter-cyclical fiscal policies, including public investment and public

		works; ■ industrial policies; and ■ robust social provisions delivered and sustained through publicly regulated and locally appropriate revenue-harnessing systems.
2	Universal Social Norms and Values as a tool for Economic Development	This includes Universal social protection norms such as product responsibility ■ respect for human rights and dignity – UN GP; ■ meanings of identity and citizenship; ■ commitment to social justice and equality; ■ international programmes - the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Global Reporting Initiative, ISO 26000, Sustainable Palm Oil Initiative, United Nations Principle for Responsible Investment, etc. ■ Tolerance; and respect for diversity and religion among others.
3	Environmental Sustainability and Economic Growth including physical and biological factors	Environmental management system (EMS) ■ Business related Environmental Human rights issues, ■ Environmental sustainability factors associated with next-generation biofuels; ■ Extractive industries, occupational health and safety, etc.
4	Beyond Compliance: Business sustainability and Human Rights	Consumer rights, compliance with labour/employment laws, human rights in the value chain, etc.

Note that abstract ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas but which are within the broad conference focus will also be considered.

Submit a Conference Abstract

Abstracts for the conference should be emailed to admin@incsr.org and debernardsltd@gmail.com and should be no more than 300 words. The deadline for submission is **23rd September 2016**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **30th September, 2016**. Authors of accepted abstracts must also submit the full conference paper of not more than 12 pages and a power point presentation of no more than 25 slides. The deadline for paper submission is **4th November 2016**. The LOC will notify Authors of accepted papers by 11th November 2016. Please note that late paper submissions will not be considered.

Important dates

Event	Date
Abstract submission opens	8 th August 2016
Abstract submission deadline	23 rd September 2016
Abstract Acceptance Notification	30 th September 2016
Full paper submission deadline	4 th November 2016
Paper Acceptance Notification	11 th November 2016

Conference Details

To learn more about the conference, including concept note, session formats, venue, registration etc, please visit www.incsr.org