TOP 10 2018

Business and Human Rights Issues

Marking International Human Rights Day on the 10th of December 2017, IHRB has published its ninth annual list of the Top 10 Business and Human Rights Issues for the coming year.

In 2017, the focus of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights was "Realising Access to Effective Remedy". Developing effective judicial and non-judicial mechanisms to ensure the right to remedy represents a major challenge for the business and human rights community. The ongoing debates at the UN concerning a new international legal instrument on business and human rights highlights the complexities involved in making progress on this issue at the global level.

The 2018 Top 10 list is therefore dedicated to this theme and how key actors should be including it as part of efforts to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The list is divided in two parts. Firstly, it focuses on five key issues where there are significant remedy gaps. Secondly, it highlights five developments aiming to bridge those gaps.

Each of the 10 issues and mechanisms featured also include podcasts with experts offering their views on these challenges.

As always, IHRB welcomes your comments, feedback, and ideas.
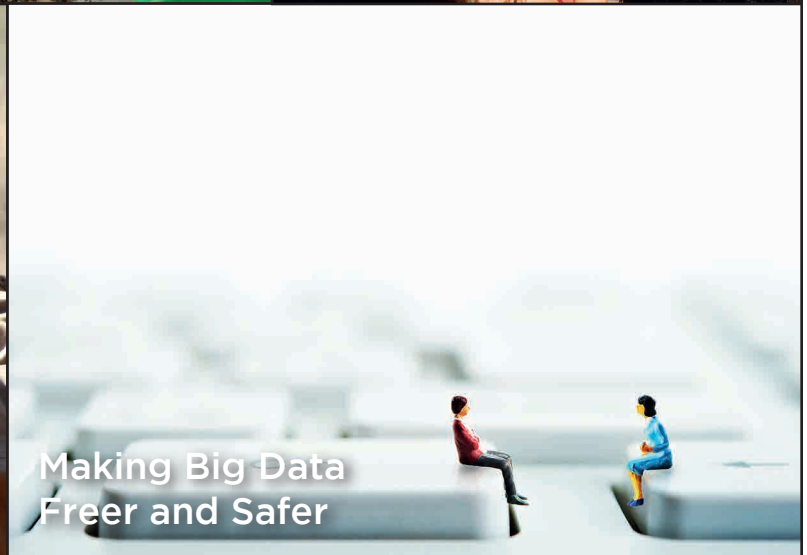
Mitigating Risks to Worker Safety

Remedying the Broken System of Recruitment Fees

Eradicating Discrimination Against Women & LGBTI+

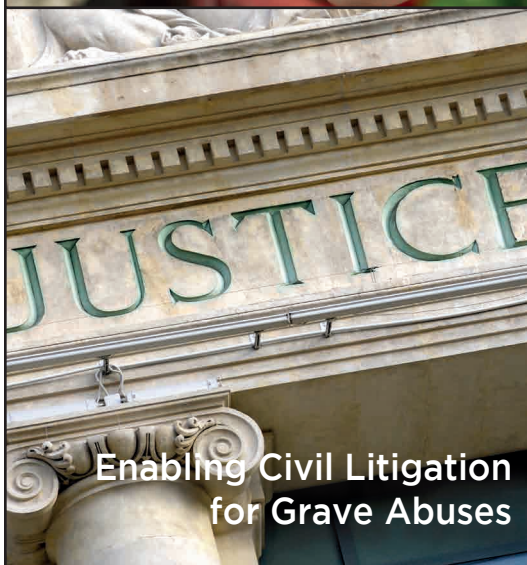Addressing Injustices in Interactions with Communities
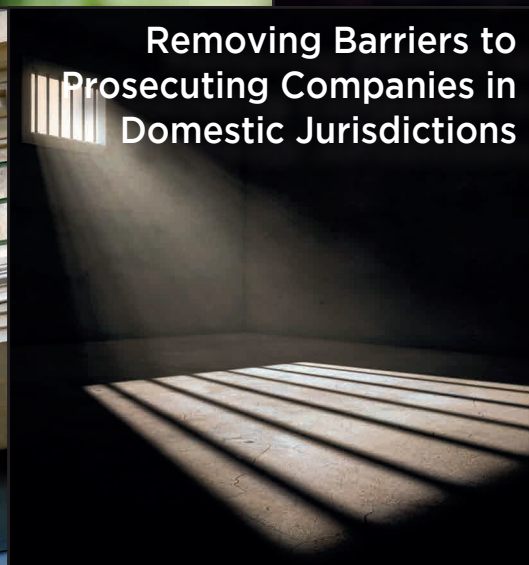
Making Big Data Freer and Safer

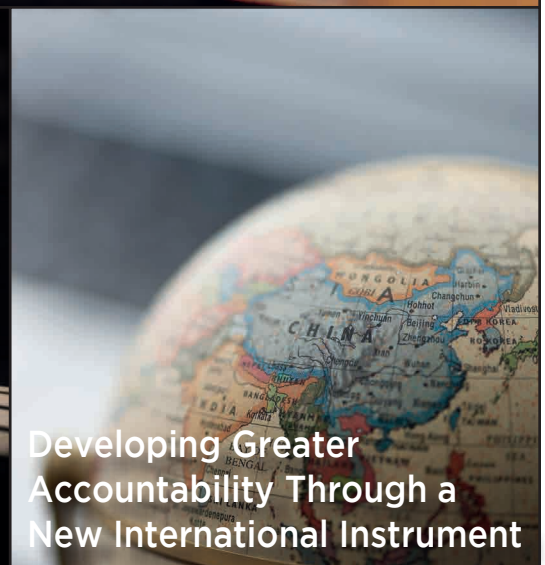Strengthening Dispute Settlement Mechanisms Between Companies and Rights-Holders

Creating New Mechanisms to Resolve Business and Human Rights Disputes

Enabling Civil Litigation for Grave Abuses

Removing Barriers to Prosecuting Companies in Domestic Jurisdictions

Developing Greater Accountability Through a New International Instrument