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130 BUSINESS LEADERS FROM EAST AFRICA GATHER TO EXPLORE CORPORATE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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The Roundtable focused on:

- **Demystifying the business and human rights agenda**: including the differing roles and responsibilities of business and government regarding human rights, and the distinction between CSR and business and human rights
- **Good Practices**: Business leaders sharing experiences and practices regarding how to ensure corporate respect for human rights
- **Shared Challenges**: Shared challenges relating to workplace rights, community-company relations, security and conflict-sensitive areas, sustainable agriculture, and small- and medium-sized enterprises
- **Regional Developments**: Recent developments, actions and drivers on the Business and Human Rights Agenda in the Region: including the 2010 Kenyan Constitution and associated responsibilities for business

The Roundtable was convened by the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI) in partnership with the Kenya Private Sector Alliance, the UN Global Compact Network Kenya, the Kenya Association of Manufacturers, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, and individual experts to conduct business-to-business learning sessions.

**More Information:**
The Global Business Initiative on Human Rights:
http://www.global-business-initiative.org

For information on the Roundtable go to:

The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are available at:
http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/TransnationalCorporations/Pages/Reports.aspx

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