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Myanmar Centre for  
Responsible Business



## eNewsletter

This is the first e-newsletter from Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business. Last year we commissioned a [mid-term review](#) of the first two years of the Centre, which identified the need for us to improve our outreach and communication.

We intend to issue a newsletter approximately monthly with information on recent and forthcoming activities. If you want real time updates of new information from our website, you can also 'Like' us on our Facebook page [myanmar.responsible.business](https://www.facebook.com/myanmar.responsible.business) or [take an RSS feed from our website](#) for live updates.

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## ICT Sector-Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA)

In September 2015, MCRB published its [ICT Sector-Wide Impact Assessment \(SWIA\)](#) which presents key 'online' (hate speech, privacy, lawful interception) and 'offline' human rights risks and opportunities for the Government of Myanmar, companies operating in the sector, and civil society. Follow-up activities have included inputs to government consultations and work with the Alliance for Affordable Internet.

We plan a peer-to-peer discussions for telecoms companies, including subcontractors, on labour and safety issues, in the context of the tower and fibre network rollout. Watch this space for further details, or contact [info@myanmar-responsiblebusiness.org](mailto:info@myanmar-responsiblebusiness.org).

[Read more on ICT SWIA here](#)



## Mining Sector Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA)

Field research has begun on the [Mining SWIA](#) which is expected to be published in the second half of 2016, starting in Hpa'an (Kayin State) and Hopong (Shan State) with a focus on limestone and cement. Future research sites will include tin and gold mining sites in Kachin and Karen States, and Sagaing, Mandalay and Tanintharyi Regions.

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## Indigenous Peoples Rights and Business in Myanmar

MCRB's Briefing Paper on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Business (available in [English](#) and [Burmese](#)) analyses the limited Myanmar legal frameworks related to indigenous rights and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), and the Burmese terminology used, and makes suggestions for how businesses can apply international standards such as IFC Performance Standard 7 in Myanmar. [Our previous briefing paper was on Land](#). The next one is planned to be on Children's Rights and Business.

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## Thilawa Special Economic Zone

[The Thilawa SEZ Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#) (MSAG) chaired by MCRB aims to facilitate the dialogue and resolution of grievances, and monitor the implementation of the Thilawa SEZ Phase 1 and its resettlement programme, and share lessons learned for the next stages of Thilawa and Myanmar's other SEZs in Dawei and Kyaukphyu. MCRB facilitated a panel discussion at November's annual UN Business and Human Rights Forum in Geneva where all stakeholders from the Thilawa SEZ Management Committee, Myanmar Japan Thilawa Development Company and a representative of the "project affected people" were brought together. The [discussion can be watched online](#) (internet permitting).

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## MCRB's support to Myanmar Business Coalition on Aid

MCRB continues to support the activities relating to responsible business of the [Myanmar Business Coalition for Aid](#) (MBCA), including for new offices in Dawei and Sittwe. In 2016-2018, MCRB intends to focus its own subnational work on Tanintharyi and Rakhine to follow up on the [oil and gas](#) and [tourism](#) SWIAs. A multistakeholder workshop on tourism in Ngapali is planned with Hanns Seidel Foundation for early May.

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**PWINT THIT SA PROJECT**  
Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises

## Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises (TiME) / Pwint Thit Sa

We are about to start research on our annual [Pwint Thit Sa report](#). The report assesses the information contained on the 100 biggest Myanmar companies websites related to anti-corruption, organisational transparency (e.g. group and subsidiary ownership), and health, safety, environment and human rights. In response to requests for smaller companies who would like to prove – not least to their potential business partners and investors – that they are

as transparent as the top companies in our main report, we are running a new benchmarking process for medium sized enterprises called 'Mini' Pwint Thit Sa. If you would like your company's website to be benchmarked against the same 35 criteria as the big 100, please let us know ([info@myanmar-responsiblebusiness.org](mailto:info@myanmar-responsiblebusiness.org))

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