

Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business



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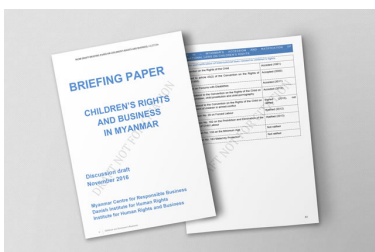


Food Safety & Responsible Sourcing in Myanmar

MCRB co-hosted a multistakeholder [roundtable](#) in Naypyidaw on 8/9 November to discuss how Myanmar could enhance food safety and responsible sourcing in primary agricultural production, post-harvest, and food processing.

International experts working with PRIME Agri explained how using global certification standards for responsible sourcing such as FSSC22000 and GlobalGAP will enable Myanmar to access new markets for agriculture and food exports. [Workshop presentations are available.](#)

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Forthcoming consultation on children's rights and business

MCRB is working on a new Briefing Paper – "Children's Rights and Responsible Business in Myanmar", intended to provide guidance for business and others based on the UNICEF/Save the Children/Global Compact Children's Rights and Business Principles. A consultation will be held on 6 December 2016 in Yangon.



Findings from the Mining Sector-Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA) presented in Geneva and KL

Aung Kyaw Soe, MCRB's Extractives Programme Manager, presented [findings](#) from the Sector-Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA) of Mining in Myanmar and its main recommendations to the Asia Pacific Mineral Resource Exhibition and Conference (APMREC) 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 10-12 November, as well as at the [5th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights](#) in Geneva. The SWIA will be published in December.

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Protection of Freedom of Speech and Privacy – Amending the Telecoms Law

MCRB has been working with other civil society organisations, to address weaknesses in legal protections of the right to freedom of expression and privacy as highlighted in MCRB's 2015 [ICT Sector-Wide Impact Assessment](#). Of particular concern are provisions in the existing 2013 Telecommunications Law, such as Section 66(d). Furthermore, the proposed Citizens' Privacy and Security Protection Law lacks appropriate provisions relating to court and parliamentary oversight.

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Our Think Tank Thinks Jug: "No" to plastic bottles at MCRB workshops

MCRB is always looking for ways to reduce its use of resources, in particular electricity, water, fuel, plastic and paper. The centre has recently adopted a "no plastic bottles" policy at MCRB events and co-hosted events. We now asking hotels/venues not to provide plastic bottled water or sachets for coffee, milk powder or sugar. In the past 5 months, MCRB has avoided using around 1000 plastic 500ml bottles. Join us and ask for jugs!

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