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New Guide to Combatting Discrimination

MCRB's new briefing paper (available for download in English and Myanmar and hardcopy on request to MCRB) provides advice on inclusion in the workplace and by business, for example in products and advertising. It addresses discrimination against women; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people (LGBT); people living with HIV; people with disabilities; ethnic minorities; and religious minorities.

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Use of Social Media in the workplace

Are you looking for a policy to guide employee use of social media? We recommend this free template from workable.com.

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Sector Wide Impact Assessment on Oil and Gas now available in Burmese

Burmese translations of key chapters of MCRB's 2014 Sector-Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA) on the Oil and Gas Sector are now available online.

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More oil palm sector field research

MCRB has completed the second leg of the field research on oil palm sector. The research team travelled to Tanintharyi Region's Kawthaung and Myeik districts to interview communities affected by oil palm concessions as well as relevant government officials, regional members of parliament and political parties and local CSOs/CBOs. The draft sector-wide impact assessment will be available in a few months.

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Improving transparency in Myanmar's construction sector

MCRB is discussing with the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) about whether the multistakeholder CoST approach would be useful in Myanmar. CoST aims to increase transparency of public infrastructure investment. It has been rolled out in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. If you are a construction company or other organisation interested in learning more, please contact MCRB.



Interested in Biodiversity, human rights and business in Myanmar?

MCRB will shortly be consulting on a draft Briefing Paper on 'Biodiversity, Human Rights and Business in Myanmar'. Please contact us to learn more.



Regulating SMEs - supporting or strangling?

Vicky Bowman wrote about Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Myanmar in Mizzima's SME Supplement, highlighting the complexity of the legal framework and definitions, and the need for an effective advocacy body for SMES.

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Gender Central Community Participation in Large Hydropower Projects in Ethnic Areas

Hnin Wut Yee, MCRB's Research and Outreach Manager took part in the MK 31 Nu-Thanlwin-Salween study project in 2016/2017 and has published a policy brief on gender/hydropower. The study project, led by the Centre for Social Development Studies (CSDS), Chulalongkorn University, supports professional development of water governance and regional development practitioners in the Nu-Thanlwin-Salween Basin.

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