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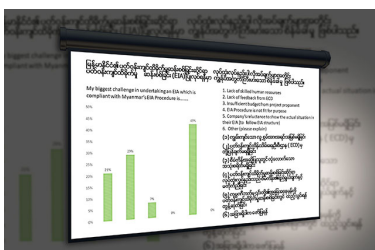
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### Promoting Employment for People with Disabilities

MCRB and the International Labour Organization (ILO) co-hosted a multi-stakeholder workshop on 21 November on Promoting Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities (PWDs). Over 100 participants attended from government, business, and civil society groups working for the rights of people with disabilities, as well as international experts. The workshop was preceded on 20 November by training on disability inclusiveness for companies.

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### Workshop for EIA consultants

Together with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Conservation (MONREC) and Vermont Law School, MCRB held a workshop for around 40 mostly Myanmar Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultants with a

focus on assessing social impacts – i.e. impacts on people - and the value of public participation and consultation in identifying these. The workshop also discussed the challenges which MONREC and consultants have had undertaking and reviewing EIAs in the two years since the [EIA Procedure](#) was adopted. Another workshop on biodiversity and EIA will be held in early 2018.

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## Kyaukphyu Training

Several members of MCRB conducted training workshops on “Practices in Responsible Business and Constructive Engagement” in Kyauk Phyu from 12-13 December 2017 partnering with Scholar Institute and Oxfam. 25 representatives from local community organizations attended and discussed how to encourage responsible business practice in the Kyauk Phyu area. MCRB also conducted training for the General Administration Department (GAD) on responsible investment.



## Digital Rights Forum on 18/19 January

MCRB, together with Engage Media, Freedom of Expression Myanmar, Myanmar ICT Development Organization (MIDO) and Phandeeyar, is going to hold the second Myanmar Digital Rights Forum which will be held at Phandeeyar in Yangon on 18-19 January, 2018. The forum will bring together stakeholders from civil society, media, business, and government, as well as international experts, to discuss digital rights issues in Myanmar around four main themes: (1) privacy including online safety, (2) freedom of expression including responsible social media usage, and (3) access to information, 4.) Gender and Disability. The [first Myanmar Digital Rights Forum](#) was held in Phandeeyar in December 2016 with the support from Embassy of Sweden.



## Do you want your company included in the 2018 Pwint Thit Sa report?

The research phase for the 2018 Pwint Thit Sa report was launched on 31 October 2017. Next year's report has an updated methodology and widened scope and will be conducted in partnership with [Yever](#), a Myanmar-based business consultancy. The list of companies to be assessed and disclosed data to be benchmarked is [here](#). Interested medium-sized or large Myanmar companies not included in the list who want to be benchmarked and included in the Pwint Thit Sa 2018 report are invited to make contact.



## Welcome (back) to new members of the MCRB team

We would like to welcome back Khin Moet Moet Myint who was part of the oil and gas and mining SWIA field research teams and joins us as an Associate working on extractives; Hlaing Min Oo, who previously worked on the oil and gas, mining and ICT SWIAs, and joins us to finalise the oil palm SWIA on which he was also a field researcher. We also want to welcome Win Min, recently returned from the University of Oregon, to the MCRB team as a Programme Associate working particularly on regulatory issues including in ICT and tourism.

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## Season's Greetings

MCRB wishes all of its stakeholders a very Merry Christmas and looks forward to working together with you on responsible business in 2018.

