### Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business





### Join our community-based tourism workshop in Shan State

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## Community-based tourism workshop in Kalaw, June 2018

Partnering with Hanns Seidel Foundation,
Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute (MRTI)
and GIZ, MCRB is co-organising a National
Conference on Communities and Tourism in
Kawlaw, Southern Stan State, on 6-8 June 2018.
The National Conference on Communities and
Tourism aims to provide a platform to discuss
the interface of communities and tourism in
Myanmar by bringing all stakeholders in tourism
sector, from local communities and the private
sector to union level government officials, in
working toward responsible tourism
development in Myanmar.



## Responsible investment in plantation agriculture

Oxfam and MCRB hosted a multistakeholder discussion on 'Responsible investment in plantation agriculture' in Yangon, on 27 April 2018. The workshop, which discussed examples of good and bad practice in Myanmar relating to oil palm, bananas and rubber, focused on the Myanmar legal framework for investment, including land acquisition and regulation of environmental impacts. Look out for the Oxfam/MCRB paper on the legal framework, coming soon.

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# Biodiversity, Human Rights and Business: input and photos wanted

Following March's <u>training workshop for EIA</u> <u>consultants on biodiversity</u>, and a multistakeholder discussion on MCRB's draft Briefing Paper on 'Biodiversity, human rights and business in Myanmar', MCRB would welcome any final comments by end May on the paper. We are also looking for relevant photographs for the report and sectoral supplements on oil/gas, mining, tourism, and agriculture, as well as information about Myanmar initiatives to be highlighted.

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### EIA Training for Tanintharyi Regional Hluttaw

On 5 April, MCRB, together with Enlightened Myanmar Research Foundation (EMReF) conducted a two-day training for representatives from Tanintharyi Regional Parliament on 'How can E(S)IA contribute to responsible and sustainable development' with a focus on tourism, extractives and oil palm sectors. We are happy to provide partner with, and provide similar training, for other organisations, including Parliament, government officials, business and civil society.



### **Evaluating MCRB**

MCRB is preparing for an independent evaluation to assess the Centre's work since 2013 and help design for our programme from 2019 onwards. The Evaluation Team will soon be reaching out to MCRB's stakeholders to seek their views on the Centre's work.



### Land paper consultation

On 22 May we will be holding a consultation to update our Briefing Paper on land rights and business, first published in 2015, and share views on ongoing business risks and human rights impacts. Anyone with an interest in this is welcome to attend.



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