### Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business





## Suggestions to #beatplasticpollution in your events

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#### Join MCRB and Thant Myanmar in the battle to #beatplasticpollution

MCRB asks venues where we hold events to work with us to #beatplasticpollution, the theme for this year's <u>World Environment Day</u> on 5 June. We are sharing the <u>guidelines</u> we provide venues where we hold meetings which cover issues such as reducing plastic water bottle use, and plastic gifts. MCRB is also part of <u>Thant Myanmar</u>, a grassroots movement fighting plastic pollution in Myanmar.

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# MCRB proposes amendments to the forthcoming Companies Regulations

MCRB has submitted proposed amendments to the 2018 Draft Companies Regulations to the

Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration (DICA). These relate to beneficial ownership and politically exposed persons (PEPs) and are intended to support Myanmar's implementation of the 2014 Money Laundering Act, and the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). DICA is currently consulting on these, and accompanying sample forms, prior to the establishment of an online companies register which meets the requirements of the new Companies Law.

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# MCRB Comments on the Draft Insolvency Law

MCRB has also submitted comments on the draft Insolvency Law. Our comments focus on issues related to: the fair treatment of employees, other workers and vulnerable persons; ensuring funds are available for the public purpose of protecting the environment; ensuring due process in line with international standards on human rights and the rule of law.

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### Draft Land Rights and Business in Myanmar Briefing Paper

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, MCRB held a consultation in Yangon to obtain comments on the draft 'Land Rights and Business in Myanmar' briefing paper, an update of MCRB's 2015 Land briefing paper. MCRB welcomes feedback on the draft Land Rights and Business in Myanmar briefing paper before 30 June 2018.

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### **Evaluating MCRB**

MCRB is undergoing an independent evaluation to assess the Centre's work since 2013 and help design for our programme from 2019 onwards. The Evaluation Team spent two weeks in Yangon interviewing our stakeholders. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the interviews – your support is essential to us.



### **Draft Mining EIA Guidelines**

As part of its follow-up to the Mining Sector Wide Impact Assessment (SWIA), on 25 May MCRB supported the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) to facilitate the Yangon consultation on two draft guidelines for EIA in the mining sector, prepared with assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The draft guidelines are open for comment until 15 June.

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#### Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights Myanmar Steering Committee

The inaugural Steering Committee meeting of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR) Myanmar In-Country Working Group was held at MCRB on 18 May 2018, co-chaired by the UK Embassy and TOTAL, and attended by 16 VPI members and observers including government, company and NGO representatives. The Committee discussed plans for VPSHR related activity in Myanmar.

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