

Building Responsibly Stakeholder Roundtable

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Venue: Etc.venues, Belvedere Road London SE1 7PB

Introduction

After a successful event organized in Paris in April 2019, Building Responsibly (BR) gathered its key stakeholders for another stakeholder roundtable in London on October 10, 2019. This roundtable was attended by 27 stakeholders representing national and international organizations, clients, peers, civil society organizations, and service providers. This event provided an opportunity for BR members to present the recently released [Guidance Notes](#) (GNs) and gather comments and feedback on how to further advance the initiative.

The event was organized around interactive breakout sessions to discuss the Guidance Notes and identify further activities to conduct and partners to engage.

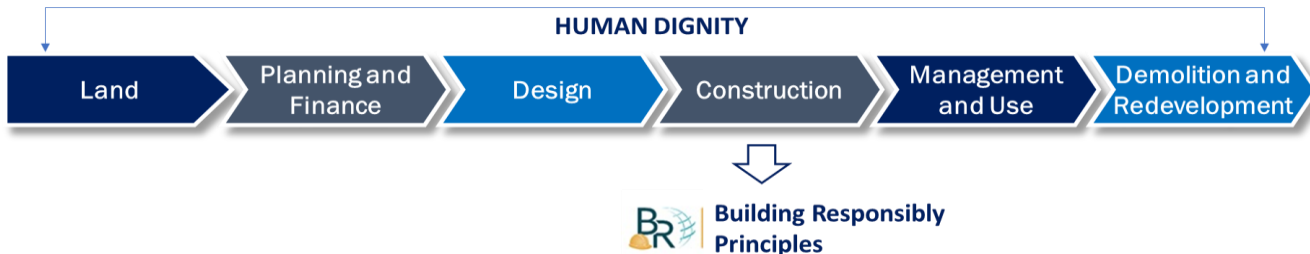
Opening session

BR explained how these [BR Guidance Notes](#) were developed and finalized by the Members with the participation of external stakeholders. The Guidance Notes provide information about some of the common challenges associated with each of the 10 [Worker Welfare Principles](#) launched in 2018 and suggest elements that can be considered by any construction and engineering (C&E) company looking at promoting worker welfare.

During a brief Q&A, BR clarified that the Guidance Notes are meant to be used by the sector at large, including far down the subcontracting chain, and can evolve over time. They are expected to be further reviewed based on feedback from relevant stakeholders, but BR is keen to make them known globally so that they can be used by companies and be integrated into management systems.

The opening session was also the opportunity to hear from the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) on their [Principles for Human Dignity in the Built Environment](#). IHRB's principles provide a lifecycle framework for the respect of human dignity and recognize the need to elevate existing initiatives and scale up collaborative actions, such as Building Responsibly, by all actors across the built environment.

The Built Environment Lifecycle



Breakout Sessions

The BR roundtable was an invaluable opportunity to gather stakeholders' insights on how the Principles and GNs can be used meaningfully by members, civil society, and other stakeholders. The participation of stakeholders is key to share expertise and best practices and to ensure visibility of these documents so they can be used across the world as reference standards. During the event, BR held two Working Sessions to firstly discuss with stakeholders how the GNs can be used by stakeholders and what BR should do assist them and secondly discuss the activities and partners that BR should prioritize in 2020 to foster internal and external engagement.

How to raise the profile of the GNs?	Suggested Partners and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of governments is key to publicize BR Principles and support their implementation. NGOs can provide support and work with BR to have a unified voice and take collective action. Case studies showing the human side of worker welfare challenges could be a tool to drive change. Going down the supply chain to reach out to all the actors in the C&E value stream. Get feedback from workers to measure the implementation of the GNs and Principles. Having quantified metrics and certifications to establish consensus and credibility across the sector. 	<p>Stakeholders to engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry bodies in Asia and in Australia; technology companies and academia; governments; banks, investors and ESG rating agencies; workers; use the GNs to inform industry standards (BS6001, BS6002). <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry guidelines on assurance mechanisms. Metrics to measure outputs and positive impacts. Engage workers and share their stories; case studies to illustrate the work done on each of the Principles. Tools to embed the Principles into internal due diligence procedures.

List of Registered Participants

Stakeholders	General Electric - Ian Chadwick	Building Responsibly Members
Alstom - Camille Rozanes	IHRB - Annabel Short	Acciona - Maria Ganado Arteaga
BP - Nili Safavi	IHRB - Frances House	Bechtel - Méabh Brown
BP - Simon Houghton-Dodd	ILO - Heike Lautenschlager	Fluor - Philip Vaughn
BRE - John Holden	ITP - Madhu Rajesh	Jacobs - Tawny Keene
BSR - Theresa Loar	IPIECA - Helen Murphy	McDermott - Elizabeth Carlson
BHRR - Diana Eltahawy	Linkcity - Julia Laplane	Multiplex - Jessica Verdon
Carillion - Osama Aljayousi	Petrofac - Gregory Ross	Multiplex - Stephen Smith
Earwig - Harrison Moore	Shell - Jason Peckmore	SBM Offshore - Jenny Greenop
Engineers Against Poverty - Jill Wells	Shell - Monique de Wit	TechnipFMC - Nisha Sawhney
Equidem - Mustafa Qadri	Shell - Syed Ahmed	TechnipFMC - Venus Maroun-Valette
Fair/Square Research - James Lynch	TERA - Alex Silberman	Vinci - Fanny Leroy
Fifty Eight - Seth Peachey	TERA - Nathaniel Logan	Vinci - Henriette McCool
FSI Worldwide - Alison Marston	Ulula - Thomas Radal	Wood - Craig Paterson-Cheyne

About Building Responsibly

Building Responsibly is a group of leading engineering and construction companies working together to raise the bar in promoting the rights and welfare of workers across the industry. We have come together to foster and ensure a better working environment for workers in the engineering and construction sector. Doing so will allow us to more effectively respond to client, stakeholder, and regulatory expectations and manage a healthier, more productive workforce.