Eritrea: Business Ethics, Migration and Trafficking

Robin Marsh June 11, 2015



A joint event of the Solicitors International Human Rights Group (SIHRG) and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) UK that was the third part in a series convened by SIHRG on Eritrea and the development of Business, Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility. It discussed key issues facing Eritrea from the development of its natural resources through to migration and trafficking.

Introduction & Welcome: Robin Marsh, Sec. Gen. UK-UPF

Chair: Ruby Sandhu, Vice Chair of SIHRG

Mr. Todd Romaine, VP Corporate Social Responsibility, Nevsun Resources Limited. Todd will discuss business operations in Eritrea and the recent CSR Report and the company's vision to generate shared prosperity through its business operations. This objective means much more than just generating economic benefit. It also means protecting the safety and health of employees, mitigating environmental impacts from its activities, respecting the human rights of its workers and the residents of the communities in which it operates, and contributing to the sustainable development of those communities.

Lloyd Lipsett, LKL International. Lloyd is an international human rights lawyer with over 15 years of experience working with leading companies, governments, national human rights institutions, civil society organisations and indigenous peoples. He has developed a niche in the field of human rights impact assessment with a focus on extractive industry projects and free trade agreements. He has special expertise on indigenous peoples rights, economic, social and cultural rights and stakeholder engagement.

Indira Kartallozi, Chrysalis Family Futures. Indira is the founder and director of Chrysalis Family Futures – a social enterprise that stands for protection and empowering of human and socio-economic rights of

vulnerable and marginalised families and children. Indira has 15-year experience and on issues of migration and human rights. Her work with Chrysalis Family Futures has taken her to various countries in Africa, Europe and Latin America.



Simon Tesfamariam, Trafficking in Eritrea. Simon is the founder and director of the Red Sea Institute, an Asmara-based think tank, whose mission is to advance sustainable peace, economic development, and social progress in the Red Sea Basin and Horn of Africa sub-region. He is an active blogger on Eritrean issues and has written extensively on human trafficking and migration. He received his B.S. in Biochemistry from the University of Washington and is currently a student at Duke University School of Medicine.

Closing Remarks: Robin Marsh