



# PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

## Business interest and human rights imperative

**Wednesday 18 November,  
8.20-9.40 am  
Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Whistleblowing can be a key contribution to ensuring human rights compliance, both in public and private sectors. Despite their critical role, those who expose human rights related to corporate misconduct or violations often face corporate retaliation, dismissal or sanctions, and become the target of threats, attacks and restrictions by States and non-state actors.

This event will explore – from the perspective of civil society, academia and business – the contribution of whistle blowers to better corporate respect for human rights, the actions state and business should take to protect whistle blower, and how the UN and other international mechanisms can contribute to this response.

### Moderator:

- Arnaud Poitevin, Legal Researcher at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, France)

### Panelists:

- Mark Worth, Blueprint for Free Speech
- Sara Blackwell, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)
- Benjamin Cokelet, Project on Organizing, Development, Education and Research (PODER)
- Grant Stevens, Expolink Europe Ltd
- Brynn O'Brien, Director at Categorical Advisory

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