

Corporate social responsibility

What are ethical guidelines for global business? What is the appropriate mix of regulation at home to clarify business responsibilities abroad? Fafo conducts research and provides advice to government, business, labour and civil society about the emerging realities and policy frameworks of global commerce.

- **Global Research on Practice and Policy:** Fafo conducts CSR research, such as social and other assessments on child labour in cocoa production or cell phone use in Haiti. In addition, Fafo researches cover CSR as an emerging normative framework for business in Syria, or the likely impacts of the Guiding Principles developed by the UN Special Representative on Business and Human Rights.
- **Due Diligence and Effective Remedies:** Fafo has been at the forefront in developing practical methods of due diligence for human rights risk in order for companies to meet their human rights obligations. Fafo has also advised governments on the options available to improve non-judicial and judicial mechanisms to respond to labour and human rights violations abroad.
- **Employment and Global Economic Recovery:** Fafo researchers cover a range of issues related to work, employment and development, from youth and work in Central and West Africa to access to labour markets in the Middle East. Fafo is a founding member of the Just Jobs Network, a global network focused on decent work in the recovery from recession around the world.
- **Business in Conflict Zones:** Fafo researchers have extensive experience with grounded field work in complex environments such as DRC and the Horn of Africa and have advised governments, business and international organizations on changes in law and policy. Fafo has advised the OECD and UN on conflict minerals and was a driving force behind the Red Flags initiative on legal liability risks for companies operating in conflict zones www.redflags.info

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