ABOUT THIS SERIES:

B-Tech Investor Guidance on Technology-Related Human Rights Risks

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This suite of guidance from the UN Human Rights B-Tech Project is designed to help investors understand, identify, and address technology-related human rights risks, including risks associated with data governance, data agency, and AI.

1 Technology-Related Human Rights Risks in Public Markets: A Primer for Asset Owners and Asset Managers

introduces key human rights concepts, explains how technology-related human rights risks emerge across the technology lifecycle, explores the relationship between human rights risk and financial risk, and provides an overview of the steps investors can take to address these issues. It serves as the foundation for the Blueprint documents.

2 Human Rights Blueprint for Asset Owners

a practical five-step framework for asset owners to identify, assess, and respond to technology-related human rights risks associated with investments in publicly traded companies through asset managers.

3 Human Rights Blueprint for Asset Managers

a practical five-step framework for asset managers to identify, assess, and address technology-related human rights risks connected to portfolio companies before investment and during ownership.

4 Data Agency and Human Rights Risks: What Venture Investors Should Know

explores how company approaches to personal data, data agency, and AI can create risks to human rights and financial risk to investors, and discusses practical actions investors can take to address these issues. While tailored to venture investors, many of the concepts are relevant across investor types.

How the resources fit together

Primer → Blueprint → Implementation

The Primer explains why technology-related human rights risks matter. The Blueprints explain how investors can build processes to address them. The Data Agency guidance provides a deeper exploration of one particularly important category of technology-related human rights risk.

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About B-Tech:

The B-Tech Project is an initiative of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) that provides authoritative guidance and resources for implementing the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the technology space.