

Criterion	What reviewers will assess	What proposers should demonstrate	Weightage
1 Strategic Relevance	Does the session directly advance the UNRBHR 2026 Forum theme – Building Resilience, Advancing Rights? Reviewers look for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear contribution to implementation and practice – moving beyond frameworks and declarations • Attention beyond compliance to structural risks and power imbalances • Focus on strengthening systems that protect rights under pressure – recognizing that sustainable business operations depend on this • Relevance to Asia-Pacific contexts, with regional or country-specific insights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State explicitly how the session connects to the Forum theme • Identify which sub-thematic track it falls under • Describe the practical or implementation angle • Reference Asia-Pacific context, regional examples, or country case material 	High <i>Sessions without clear thematic alignment will not proceed to full review.</i>
2 Focus on Practice and Outcomes	Does the session move from problem identification to implementation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents real-world case studies – including challenges and failures, not only successes • Demonstrates how something was actually implemented, not just what should happen • Clearly defines the session output: a tool, spotlighting a neglected issue, lessons for replication, or concrete next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the session helps moves from diagnosis to action • Include at least one case study or practice-based example 	High <i>Sessions focused on concrete cases and practical examples (both success and failure) will be given priority</i>
3 Format and Engagement Quality	Is the session designed for genuine dialogue – not one-way transmission? Higher priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops, roundtables, case clinics, peer-learning sessions • Sessions with meaningful time for discussion and exchange • Clear facilitation design • No scripted interventions or sequential long presentations Lower priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional panels with multiple long presentations and limited audience interaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specify how participants will be actively involved • Describe the facilitation approach • Confirm the format matches the session goals and time available • If proposing a panel, explain how interaction is built in 	High <i>Engaging Format is a primary selection factor, directly reflecting stakeholder consultation feedback.</i>
4 Inclusion and Representation	Does the session reflect genuine diversity in voices and perspectives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced multi-stakeholder representation across sector, geography, gender and age • Meaningful inclusion of rights holder perspectives (workers, communities, human rights defenders, or affected groups) in substantive roles • Priority for Asia-Pacific voices, especially grassroots and community organizations • Gender balance across the speaker lineup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative list of proposed speakers with sector, nationality, and gender • Indicate how you will ensure diversity and balance in your session 	Medium-High <i>Applied as a comparative factor between otherwise similar proposals.</i>
5 Addressing Key Priorities Identified in Consultations	Does the session address key issues (as identified in the 2026 stakeholder consultations)? Priorities identified during consultations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical application of HRDD across value chains – especially for SMEs and deep-tier supply chains, including the role of purchasing practices and market incentives • Inclusion gaps: SMEs, informal workers, migrant workers, youth, and persons with disabilities • Effective grievance mechanisms and access to remedy including migrant workers and environmentally affected community? • Worker voice, youth voice, community voice, participation, and protection of human rights defenders • Regulatory development and implementation: mHRDD, supply chain laws, emerging national frameworks • Emerging risks : AI and digital technologies, uncertainty and crisis, climate transition, labour impacts, and environmental degradation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate which consultation priority the session addresses • If covering a widely discussed topic, demonstrate a distinct angle, new evidence, or practical depth 	Medium-High <i>Proposals on priority issues will be scored higher where quality is otherwise equal.</i>
6 Added Value and Originality	Does the session contribute something not otherwise in the programme? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New perspectives, sectors, or geographies not well represented at previous Forums • Avoids duplication of commonly covered topics – unless bringing a distinct angle or practical depth not previously offered • Potential for cross-organizational collaboration or multi-actor problem-solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what is new, different, or distinctive about this session • If covering a common topic, state specifically what new evidence, approach, or geography it introduces • Indicate openness to collaborating with other proposers on related topics 	Medium <i>Used to differentiate between similar proposals and balance the overall programme.</i>
7 Feasibility and Design Quality	Is the session realistic and well-planned? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and indicative speaker composition are achievable within the proposed time and format • There is a credible plan for flow of discussion, audience engagement, and time management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a realistic session plan • Match the number of speakers and depth of content to the time requested 	Medium <i>Used to finalize programme decisions. Overambitious proposals will be flagged for revision.</i>