**From Dialogue to Impact: Strengthening Stakeholder and Rightsholder Engagement in Investor Stewardship**

A side event co-hosted by *Committee on Workers' Capital (CWC), Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), Tallgrass Institute, and UNI Global Union*

**Date & time:** 25 November, 8:00-9:30am *(arrival from 8:00am, discussion 8:30-9:30am)*

**Location:** Sustainable Finance Geneva, Rue de Chantepoulet 1, 1201 Geneva

**Format:** Invitation-only, moderated discussion held under the Chatham House Rule

## Background

Financial institutions play a key role in advancing positive outcomes for people and planet, including through their leverage with investee companies. In line with the UNGPs and OECD Guidelines, institutional investors are expected to conduct ongoing due diligence on human rights and Indigenous Peoples' rights. Yet investor stewardship and due diligence can remain disconnected from the lived realities of workers, communities, Indigenous Peoples and others.

Meaningful engagement with affected stakeholders and rightsholders can strengthen investors' understanding of risks and impacts and help ensure their perspectives inform stewardship decisions and action. However, few investors engage with stakeholders and rightsholders in a systematic and sustained way, and doing so raises challenges related to power imbalances, resourcing and safety. This session will explore practical approaches to integrating rightsholder perspectives into investor decision-making and stewardship action, including through partnerships that support relationship-building and sustained dialogue.

## About the session

The session will take the form of an interactive moderated conversation, with brief opening reflections from speakers followed by discussion with participants. It will aim to create an open exchange of experiences and perspectives, making the most of the small, invitation-only format.

## Indicative guiding questions

- What do investors need to more effectively integrate rightsholder perspectives into stewardship decision-making and action, and where should they start?
- What can meaningful partnerships between investors, stakeholders and rightsholders look like in practice, and what enables them to succeed?
- How can we move from one-off engagements towards sustained relationships, while navigating challenges such as power imbalances, resourcing and safety?

## Participants

The session will bring together a small group of investors, stakeholders and rightsholders.