



INVESTORS & INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WORKING GROUP

YETHIYA WIHE'

The [Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group \(IIPWG\)](#) brings together investors and Indigenous leaders to forward the rights of Indigenous Peoples through the capital markets. The Native name of IIPWG is Yethiya wihe', meaning "We all give to them/We all invest in them" in the Oneida language.

IIPWG comprises a broad coalition of investors and finance leaders who work to address challenges facing Indigenous Peoples globally and to mainstream Indigenous Peoples' rights in responsible investment. The group also seeks to support and uplift Indigenous leaders' participation in investment and shareholder spaces.

IIPWG focuses on four priority areas to:

1. **Ensure Free, Prior, and Informed Consent and uphold the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples.**
2. **Address the impact of extractive industries and the global energy transition on Indigenous Peoples and the environment.**
3. **End the use of racist images, stereotypes, and cultural appropriation.**
4. **Build investor and corporate support for Indigenous-led entrepreneurship and enterprise.**

The working group hosts a monthly strategy call for participants that serves as a clearinghouse for information, news, and joint action to bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities on issues related to sustainable and responsible investing and Indigenous Peoples' rights. Resources include a monthly newsletter, investor briefs and toolkits, webinars, roundtables, and more.

IIPWG has been an active coalition since 2006 and has advanced Indigenous Peoples' rights through numerous engagements, such as:

- Urging the U.S. [to adopt](#) the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- Supporting passage of the [Non-Disparagement of Native American Persons and Peoples in Trademark Registration Act](#);
- Petitioning banks to [divest from DAPL](#) and [include FPIC in ESG commitments](#);
- Encouraging the SEC to [scope for Indigenous Rights Risk in climate disclosures](#); and
- Engaging team sponsors to retire the [Washington Football Team's racist name and logo](#).

First Peoples Worldwide serves as Secretariat for IIPWG. If you would like to participate or learn more about IIPWG, please email fpw@colorado.edu or [join the mailing list](#).