



Sustainable Finance Geneva Co-Founders Bios

Elizabeth Umlas

Title: Independent researcher and consultant

Company: Independent

Biography

Elizabeth Umlas is an independent human rights researcher and consultant. Her work focuses primarily on business and human rights, with an emphasis on labor rights and workplace issues. Her recent research projects have ranged from corporate human rights reporting to freedom of association in the retail industry to multinational corporations' use of private security. From 2001 until 2007, she was senior research analyst for human rights at KLD Research & Analytics, Inc., where she was responsible for coordinating KLD's human rights research. Prior to KLD, she was manager of policy research at Oxfam America, and before that, spent three years with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. Liz has a PhD in political science from Yale University and a BA in Spanish from Harvard University. She is originally from Boston, Massachusetts and has lived in the Geneva area for several years.

Areas of Expertise

Business and human rights; supply chain labor standards; ESG ratings research.

Why is SFG important to you and/or why does sustainable finance in Geneva matter to you ?

Having worked in Geneva in both human rights and responsible investment as well as in (or for) international organizations based in this city, I am convinced that Geneva is uniquely placed to become a center for sustainable finance. And I believe SFG is uniquely qualified to advance this goal.