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WHAT?

Over six months, through virtual workshops and one-on-one engagements, Shift will work with a community of portfolio-oriented investors and lenders to take practical steps forward on the human dimensions of climate change and the Just Transition.

As members, **participating institutions will have access to 32 hours of Shift's bilateral advisory support** to build upon the work in the practice group.

WHEN?

February – July 2024

WHO?

This group is for investors and lenders looking to integrate a lens of risk to people into their climate change strategies, plans and programs.

The group will be facilitated by Shift's expert advisors, which include members of the External Advisory Board of the ILO/UNEP-FI Just Transition Finance Project and UNPRI's Advance Technical Advisory Group. They have extensive experience working in the just transition space, including as a former government lead at international climate and energy transition negotiations.

Participant numbers will be limited to 6-8 investor practitioners.

FEES?

US \$20,000

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

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Action on climate change, a priority for many investors and lenders, is typically focused on de-carbonisation, without due attention to the social and human impacts of climate change¹ and of the low-carbon transition.² This narrow focus has led to growing concerns about a lack of attention to the potential negative impacts on workers, communities and consumers from climate transition.

To properly assess the human rights-related risks and opportunities in transition financing strategies, institutions must take a holistic and integrated approach that is grounded in established international standards such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- 1. Attend three virtual sessions**, facilitated by Shift with expert guest speakers and thought leaders.
- 2. Engage in short, structured tasks**, aimed at making the most of the peer exchange.
- 3. Have access to 32 hours of Shift's bilateral advisory support**, allowing participants to draw on Shift's expert input into existing climate work at their organisation e.g., transition strategies.

2 IS THIS PRACTICE GROUP RIGHT FOR ME?

In keeping with Shift's mission orientation, we are purposely selective about who we work with – so we're looking for organizations that can demonstrate a genuine commitment to pushing the boundaries of practice to advance respect for rights.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

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A fee of US \$20,000 covers three deep-dive workshops and four days of bilateral advisory support.³

- ¹ It is widely recognized that climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable groups, especially those living in the global south.
- ² The transition away from fossil fuels and toward lower carbon technology will impact workers, communities and value chains.
- ³ For reference: Our fee reflects economies of scale realized in a group setting while still including tailored advisory support

Shift is the leading centre for expertise on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

- A nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by investors and lenders – and their portfolio companies across sectors - based on our advisory work with asset owners, managers, commercial banks and real economy companies.
- Ongoing and historical experience advising government ministries, regulatory agencies, intergovernmental organizations, reporting standards bodies and multistakeholder initiatives on how best to integrate impacts on people into the standards they set that drive business behavior.
- Access to Shift's wide network, including expert business practitioners and investors as potential guest participants on key topics.
- Insights and tools for investors and lenders generated from flagship projects like the [Valuing Respect Project](#).

General learnings from the practice group will inform the development of materials for the broader finance industry, civil society and regulators. These materials will explore how financial institutions can pragmatically ground successful climate transition planning in proper social risk and impact management in line with the UNGPs and OECD Guidelines.

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