Responsible Investing in the Canadian Territorial North

Considerations from Nunavut

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RI and the Extractive Sector

- CURA case study

- Can RI make a difference to the social, economic, and environmental performance of extractive sector in Canada?
RI in the Territorial North

- Post-treaty institutional environment
- Possible role for RI?
Extractives: Pre-Treaty

- Proprietary and legislative regimes favoured mineral interests over Inuit rights and interests.
Extractives: Post-Treaty

- Inuit have greater private and public authority
- Federal government remains final decision-maker
- Growing tension in Inuit society
Concluding Thoughts

- Modern treaties institutionalize some responsible behaviour
- Modern treaties create their own contradictions.
- Need for investors to consider:
  - Private sector commitment to free, prior, informed consent?
  - Principles of responsible investing?
  - Responsible investment screens?