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Caroline Rees is Director of the Governance and Accountability Program at the Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative of Harvard Kennedy School. The program addresses the role of the state with regard to human rights impacts of companies; dispute resolution between companies and their external stakeholders; the use of stakeholder panels by companies in understanding their social impacts; and social media as a vehicle for business-to-society accountability. Caroline's own research focuses on the analysis and development of mechanisms that address grievances between companies and the communities where they operate and workers in their supply chains. She is also an advisor to Prof. John Ruggie, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights, a Board member and Trustee of the Institute for Human Rights and Business and a member of the Board of RESOLVE.

Caroline previously spent 14 years with the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. From 2003 to 2006 she led the UK's human rights negotiating team at the UN and chaired the UN negotiations on business and human rights. Her prior Foreign Service career covers Iran, Slovakia, the UN Security Council and the European Union. Caroline has a BA Hons from Oxford University and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University.