Autonomous Weapons Systems: In Conversation with Investors

Side event on the margins of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (GGE on LAWS)

Wednesday, 2 September
13:15 - 14:45

Room Concordia 1
Palais des Nations

New and emerging technologies, including those related to artificial intelligence (AI) and autonomy in weapons systems, are increasingly being developed and deployed in conflict without specific regulations. Various stakeholders have raised concerns about the impact of AI and autonomy on international human rights law, both in and outside of armed conflict.

In September 2025, Stop Killer Robots and Etica Funds published a joint Investor Statement on Autonomous Weapons, calling on the financial sector to back a new international instrument to regulate and prohibit autonomous weapons systems. It marked one of the first times institutional investors collectively framed autonomous weapons as a financial risk issue, not only a humanitarian one.

One year on, we're bringing leading investors into the room.

This event will cover:

- The investor risks of unregulated autonomous weapons systems,
- Current exclusionary policies among investors, and where they are drawing their red lines,
- Why dual-use technologies are a particular concern.
- Why a treaty is the missing piece for investors, providing clear international standards, strengthening due diligence, and reducing the risk of complicity in unlawful harm.

For diplomats shaping the future international framework on autonomous weapons, this is a rare chance to hear directly from the financial sector, test assumptions, and ask the questions that matter for both policy and practice. Join us to explore how the financial sector can help shape, constrain — and benefit from — a clear, enforceable global rulebook on autonomous weapons.

Panellists:

- Moderator: Roos Boer, Project leader humanitarian disarmament at PAX & Stop Killer Robots Campaign
- Aldo Bonati, Stewardship and ESG Networks Manager, Etica Funds
- Camille Bisconte de Saint Julien, Human Rights and Social Lead, LBP AM
- Sam Jones, President & Co-founder at Heartland Initiative (online)
- Claire Gavini-Jean, Senior ESG engagement specialist, Ethos Foundation

The event is open to Member States representatives, civil society and academics. No RSVP required.
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A light lunch will be served.

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