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# PIONEER OF SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

GRI helps businesses and governments worldwide understand and communicate their impact on critical sustainability issues such as climate change, human rights, governance and social wellbeing. This enables real action to create social, environmental and economic benefits for everyone. The GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards are developed with true multi-stakeholder contributions and rooted in the public interest.

## MISSION AND VISION

## Our Vision is:

A thriving global community that lifts humanity and enhances the resources on which all life depends.

## Our Mission is:

To empower decisions that create social, environmental and economic benefits for everyone.

# THE POWER OF SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

The GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards) are the first and most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting. Since GRI's inception in 1997, we have transformed it from a niche practice to one now adopted by a growing majority of organizations. In fact, 93% of the world's largest 250 corporations report on their sustainability performance.\*

The practice of disclosing sustainability information inspires accountability, helps identify and manage risks, and enables organizations to seize new opportunities. Reporting with the GRI Standards supports companies, public and private, large and small, protect the environment and improve society, while at the same time thriving economically by improving governance and stakeholder relations, enhancing reputations and building trust.

We work with the largest companies in the world as a force for positive change - companies with revenues larger than the GDPs of entire countries and supply chains that stretch the globe. As a result, the impact of our work on social well-being, through better jobs, less environmental damage, access to clean water, less child and forced labor, and gender equality has enormous

\*KPMG Survey of Corporate Responsibility Reporting 2017

## OUR FOCUS AREAS

In order to deliver on its mission, GRI has identified four focus areas for the coming years:

- Create standards and guidance to advance sustainable development: Provide the market with leadership on consistent sustainability disclosures, including engaging with stakeholders on emerging sustainability issues.
- 2. Harmonize the sustainability landscape: Make GRI the central hub for sustainability reporting frameworks and initiatives, and select collaboration and partnership opportunities that serve GRI's vision and mission.
- 3. Lead efficient and effective sustainability reporting: Improve the quality of disclosures made using the GRI Standards, reducing reporting burden and exploring reporting processes that aid decision making.
- 4. Drive effective use of sustainability information to improve performance: Work with policy makers, stock exchanges, regulators and investors to drive transparency and enable effective reporting.

## WHERE WE ARE

GRI is an independent international organization, based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We serve a global audience through our regional hubs in Brazil, China, Colombia, India, South Africa and the United States. GRI reports are produced in more than 100 countries.

#### WHAT WE DO

GRI's core product are the Sustainability Reporting **Standards** which are made available as a free public good. They have been continuously developed over 20 years and represent global best practice for reporting on economic, environmental and social issues.

In addition to developing the GRI Standards, we work to support their widespread use and implementation.

#### Companies:

The GRI GOLD Community offers organizations the opportunity to join a collaborative, global multi-stakeholder network that works together to reach our common goal of a sustainable global economy through greater transparency.

The **GRI Support Suite** offers tools and services to guide and equip those responsible for developing their organization's sustainability report at every stage of the process.

## Strategic partners:

GRI is an international, not-for-profit organization, generously supported by a diverse range of partners. These partners help shape our agenda, and support the work we do to advance sustainable development through greater transparency and accountability, with a focus on emerging markets.

## Policy makers:

We advise governments, stock exchanges and market regulators in their **policy development** to help create a more conducive environment for sustainability reporting.

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