



# **Annual Report of the Due Process Oversight Committee 2022**

# 1. Membership 2022

The Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC), appointed by the IAC (Independent Appointments Committee), is independent of the GSSB. It consists of four members (a fifth will be appointed in the future). The four individuals were selected on the basis of their individual competences and professional histories. They represent the standards-setting, academic and corporate communities, and are nationals of South Africa, India, Austria, Romania and Kenya.

The standing members of the DPOC in its full complement of 5 members, were:

1. Ms. Kathrin Madl, Chair, CSR and Sustainability Manager at Alperia SpA
2. Ms. Cristina Balan, Vice Chair, Managing Partner CSR BOOtIQ
3. Mr. Sanjib K. Bezbaroa, Executive Vice President Corporate Environment, Health and Safety, ITC Ltd.
4. Ms. Caroline Sonje, Consultant UNEP
5. Ms. Jenitha John, Self employed

## 2. DPOC activities

The GRI Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) has been established as an independent committee under the auspices of GRI and has primary responsibility for ensuring that the standard-setting activities of the GRI GSSB are conducted in accordance with its due process, in order to increase public and stakeholder confidence that the standards are properly responsive to the public interest.

To fulfil this role, the DPOC met regularly in 2022 reviewing and discussing GSSB activities against the commitments in the Due Process Protocol.

- Virtual Meeting 2 March 2022
- Virtual Meeting 31 May 2022
- Virtual Meeting 27 June 2022
- Virtual Meeting 6 September 2022
- Virtual Meeting 4 October 2022
- Virtual Meeting 6 December 2022

The decision was made in 2022 that the Standards Division would provide regular updates on ongoing projects to the DPOC so they are aware of upcoming assessments.

## Due Process Protocol Adherence Assessment

### Due Process Adherence Report Review for the development of the GRI Topic Standard on Coal

In March 2022, the DPOC discussed and assessed the Due Process Adherence Report for the Topic Standard on Coal. During the March call, the DPOC concluded that the Standard was prepared in accordance with the Due Process Protocol.

## **Due Process Adherence Report Review for the development of Sector Standard on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fishing 2022**

In May 2022, the DPOC discussed and assessed the Due Process Adherence Report for the Topic Standard on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fishing 2022. During the May call, the DPOC concluded that the Standard was prepared in accordance with the Due Process Protocol.

## **Recommendations following review of DPOC governance documents**

The discussion to define its role and responsibilities the DPOC reviewed its Terms of Reference and Due Process Protocol are still ongoing, due to the new Governance Structure within GRI. Suggestions are being discussed and aligned with the GSSB. Changes to these governance documents may only be made with the approval of the GRI Supervisory Board via the SB Governance and Strategy Committee.

## **3. DPOC Self-evaluation on effectiveness of oversight activities**

The self-evaluation of the DPOC did not take place in 2022. This will be undertaken in 2023.

## **4. Upcoming DPOC activities**

The DPOC recognizes the involvement in the reviews and implementation of the following Standards in 2023:

- Topic Standard for Biodiversity
- Topic Standard for Climate Change
- Topic Standard for Economic Services
- Topic Standard for Labour
- Sector Standard for Mining
- Sector Standard for Food and Beverages
- Sector Standard for Financial Services
- Sector Standard for Textiles and Apparel