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Technical committee members

In accordance with due process, the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) has selected the following members to participate in the GRI Banking Technical Committee. The members represent diverse, multi-stakeholder backgrounds and bring an excellent combination of relevant knowledge and experience in the banking sector and its role in sustainable development.

Omobolanle Victor-Laniyan

Head of Sustainability, Access Bank

Constituency: Business Enterprise

Omobolanle Victor-Laniyan is the Head of Sustainability at Access Bank, with 25 years of experience across various industries, including manufacturing, media, development, and the financial sector. She led the establishment of the Nigerian Sustainable Banking Principles, now adopted by all Nigerian operating banks, including the Central Bank of Nigeria. She is the appointed expert to the S&P Global Sustainable Finance Scientific Council. She served on several global business, finance, and sustainability councils like United Nations Women Empowerment Principles Leader Group.

Helge Muenkel

Chief Sustainability Officer, DBS Bank

Constituency: Business Enterprise

Helge Muenkel is the Chief Sustainability Officer at DBS, a Singapore-headquartered Asia-Pacific focused bank. He is responsible for developing DBS' overarching sustainability framework and driving sustainability initiatives across the bank. He acts as Secretary to the bank's Board Sustainability Committee, and chairs the Group Sustainability Council. Helge represents DBS in various global and regional working groups and bodies like the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Prior to joining DBS, Helge was Head of Asia Pacific, Sustainable Finance and Global Capital Markets at ING, where he worked for 10 years. Previously he worked for 12 years at Deutsche Bank AG and UniCredit Group in various roles across Europe, the US, and Asia Pacific. He holds a Master's Degree in Economics and a postgraduate degree in sustainability from Cambridge University, and is a CFA charter holder.

Chris Reid

Climate & Policy Advisory Manager, Natwest Group

Constituency: Business Enterprise

Chris Reid is the Climate & Policy Advisory Manager at Natwest Group. He has over 20 years of experience in financial services, starting in consumer and SME banking. He has a dedicated career in managing critical and high-profile prudential regulatory documents – requiring interpretation of complex legislation into practical actions, effective collaboration, and communication between technical specialists, regulatory bodies, and business leaders to reach a consensus on regulatory developments that can be practically applied.

His current role involves representing NatWest Group bank in industry groups and consultations, providing the bank with a voice in the development of sustainability disclosure regulations and standards

Marite Chavira

ESG Head, Citibanamex

Constituency: Business Enterprise

Marite Chavira has 15 years of experience in the banking sector. Currently responsible for ensuring ESG Corporate Citizenship Strategy aligns with the SDGs; corporate transparency including GRI, SASB, and TCFD; environmental and climate risk management; sustainable financial strategies and employee engagement with communities across the country through corporate volunteering.

Marite Chavira previously worked with Comportamos Banco in the Finance department across different roles, including Investor Relations, Financing, and International Finance Strategy. Holds a master's degree in Development Planning and Management and a bachelor's degree in Financial Management.

Julia Robbins

Manager Accountability Reporting, Vancity

Constituency: Business Enterprise

Julia Robbins has over 20 years of experience with sustainability reporting, currently responsible for reporting at Vancity. She supported the development of GRI standards as a member of the GRI's G4 Disclosure on Management Approach working group and participated in the group that developed the Financial Services Sector Supplement.

Julia Robbins is a member of the 2022 UNEP-FI Principles for Responsible Banking Reporting working group in charge of revising the PRB reporting template. She was part of the Global Alliance for Banking on Values' Impact Metrics Community of Practice for several years and was also involved in developing the Integrated Reporting Framework. She previously consulted in corporate social responsibility and served in Canada's diplomatic corps.

Cerin Maduray

Finance Sector Specialist, WWF

Constituency: Civil society (non-governmental organization)

Cerin Maduray has over 12 years of experience in the finance sector. At WWF, his current focus is on developing green financial solutions aimed at attracting finance into the green economy and promoting sustainable growth. He also collaborates with financial sector companies and stakeholders on ESG tools, sustainability disclosure frameworks, capacity building, and environmental financial risk management. Additionally, the WWF Sustainable Finance Team has strong engagements with policymakers, advocating for the inclusion of environmental and social risk management within the financial sector. Cerin currently serves on the Investment Committee of the Sanlam Living Planet Fund, the Advisory Committee of the Green Outcomes Fund, and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Sustainable Finance Coalition as well as the ASISA Responsible Investment Committee.

Angela Flaemrich

Associate Director, Stewardship Services, Sustainalytics

Constituency: Investment Institution

Angela Flaemrich's current role involves managing and leading a Stewardship Services team at Sustainalytics. She is the subject-matter expert on business ethics issues (anti-money laundering, bribery & corruption prevention, whistleblower mechanisms, antitrust, fraud, and consumer rights), product governance, and ESG integration. She also engages with major beef, soy, and palm oil producers on deforestation, community land rights, and human rights.

Angela Flaemrich previously led the Financial Services Research team at Sustainalytics, responsible for issuing ESG Risk Ratings on public companies. She is involved in developing the ESG Risk Rating methodology for the finance sectors and possesses extensive experience in equity research and covered several sectors.

Ruben Zandvliet

Deputy Director for Standards, Shift Project

Constituency: Mediating institution

Ruben Zandvliet, Deputy Director for Standards at Shift Project, focuses on mandatory due diligence and reporting regulations while supporting wider engagements with companies and financial institutions concerning regulatory developments.

Previously at the Dutch bank ABN AMBRO and was responsible for the coordination of the bank's human rights program, including representing ABN AMBRO in the Dutch Banking Sector Agreement on Human Rights and co-authoring ABN AMRO's Human Rights Report, following the UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework.

Ruben Zandvliet also worked as a Policy Advisor in the Dutch parliament, advising on corporate responsibility for human rights, and as a Public Affairs Advisor to the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

Johanna Dichtl

Implementation Guidance Lead, Principles of Responsible Banking

Constituency: Mediating institution

Johanna Dichtl leads a team of experts developing target-setting guidance materials under the Principles of Responsible Banking (PRB) umbrella framework. Joined UNEP FI in 2020 and led the process to publish the first Collective Progress Report of the PRB signatories (including the development of indicators to measure progress). She previously worked in sustainability management in both the banking and insurance sectors.

Salome Tvalodze

Head of Sustainable Finance Division, National Bank of Georgia

Constituency: Mediating institution

Salome Tvalodze has 12 years of experience working at the National Bank of Georgia, holding various positions during this time, including leading the development of the bank's sustainable Finance Framework since 2017. A member of various working groups, including the Climate Finance Working Group under Georgia's Climate Change Council. Currently, a Ph.D. candidate, working on incorporating ESG considerations into the macro-financial analysis.

Ben Richards

Senior Policy Advisor, UNI Global Union

Constituency: Labor Union

Ben Richards is the Senior Policy Advisor for UNI Global Union, the Global Union Federation for the services industries with affiliates representing 20 million workers in 150 countries. Prior to joining UNI, he worked for over twenty years in the British trade union movement across a range of sectors, including the finance sector, in research, international affairs, and politics.

Based in UNI's head office in Nyon, Switzerland, his responsibilities within UNI include representing 140 trade unions and 3 million workers in the finance sector. He works on several cross sectoral issues including health and safety, human rights due diligence, climate issues, and wider policy support for the organization. He has represented UNI Global Union in several multinational fora focusing on sustainability issues, including the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD, the Global Deal, and International Accord.

Mariuz Calvet

Chief Sustainability Officer, Santander México

Constituency: Business enterprise

Mariuz has a Law and International Relations Degree with a Masters in Latin American Studies. Mariuz has immersed her professional career in corporate sustainability: the first ten years as a consultant and the last decade in the financial sector. She has led the Sustainability teams and strategies in Citibanamex, Grupo Financiero Banorte and HSBC, where she performed as Head of Sustainable Finance for Mexico and LATAM.

Currently she is Chief Sustainability Officer in Santander, Mexico. Her main expertise is on ESG reporting, sustainability labeled financial products, climate, environmental and social risks in investment and credit portfolios and sustainable and inclusive culture in organizations. She was part of the group of founders of the Principle for Responsible Banking of the United Nations, part of the LATAM Committee for the Principles for Responsible Banking and Co-Chair of the TNFD Working Group for nature-related risks. She is one of the 50 Women to Watch for Boards 2024, one of the Legal 500 Green Powerlist and LinkedIn Top Voice in Corporate Sustainability.