



GSSB summary of the virtual call held on 10 July 2025

Approved by the GSSB on 17 July 2025

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1 Participants

2 Present:

Name	Constituency
Carol Adams	Chair
Jeff Robertson	Vice-Chair
Charles Cho	Civil society
Rebecca Coriat	Investment institution
Chulendra De Silva	Mediating institution
Giulia Genuardi	Business enterprise
Anne Lindsay	Labor
Tomoo Machiba	Mediating institution
Anna Nefedova	Mediating institution
Deborah Ng	Investment institution
Felipe Martinez Rodriguez	Business enterprise
Galya Tsonkova	Business enterprise

3 Apologies:

Name	Constituency
Yan Dong	Civil society
Zuzanna Muskat Gorska	Labor
Igazeuma Okoroba	Business enterprise

4 In attendance from GRI:

Name	Position
Bastian Buck	Chief Standards Officer
Gelkha Buitrago	Director Sector Standards
Peter Dawkins	Senior Manager Standards
Gillian Balaban	Sr. Coordinator Governance Relations

5 List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full name
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
GSSB	Global Sustainability Standards Board
SD	Standards Division

Decisions and action items

The GSSB resolved to approve the following:

GSSB Decision	Item number
2025.21	07 – GRI Sector Standard Project for Textiles and Apparel – Exposure draft
2025.22	11 – GRI Guidance Project – Relationships between Impacts, Risks and Opportunities – Project proposal

Action items for consideration are as follows:

Action items	
Session 1	N/A

Session 1: Welcome to meeting

The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) Chair Carol Adams (henceforth the Chair) welcomed the GSSB. The Chair presented an overview of the meeting agenda. A quorum was established, and the above items were presented to the GSSB for approval.

GRI Sector Standard Project for Textiles & Apparel – Exposure draft

Director Sector Standards, Gelkha Buitrago, and Senior Manager Standards, Peter Dawkins, presented the GRI Sector Standard Project for Textiles and Apparel – Exposure Draft for approval. An overview of the feedback from GSSB members was provided. This was followed by a presentation of the comments received from GSSB members on the exposure draft, including clarification on questions and suggested changes. The project team answered all questions and comments via Filestage, including how the suggested changes are being implemented. It was explained that some changes will be implemented prior to public consultation, while some specific comments will be further considered together with the input of the public consultation. There was no further discussion or comments from the GSSB, and it was agreed to move forward with the approval of the exposure draft. After a slight delay to achieve quorum among the GSSB, quorum was achieved.

The GSSB resolved to approve the following:

GSSB Decision	Item number
2025.21	07 – GRI Sector Standard Project for Textiles and Apparel – Exposure draft

Quarterly Update Implementation Project Schedule 2025

Chief of Standards, Bastian Buck, opened up discussion with GSSB members on the latest updates with the Work Program. The GSSB was provided with a newly implemented quarterly update on all projects and commitments prior to the meeting. Feedback was sought from the GSSB on the suitability of the new format and whether there were any questions on the project updates or areas for improvement. The GSSB was invited to provide any feedback post-meeting, and if all is satisfactory, this will be the format and manner of update going forward. The GSSB indicated their satisfaction with the new format, and no further discussion took place.

Final Project Proposal – Impacts, Risks and Opportunities (IRO)

Chief of Standards, Bastian Buck, presented an update on the project proposal before final approval. While initial backing and collaboration have been secured from the Sustainability Standards Board of Japan and TNFD, further partnerships in other jurisdictions are encouraged. Implementation depth, such as stakeholder consultations and case studies, will depend on available resources. There is strong support from governance bodies, and the successful launch of case studies during London Climate Action Week is a positive sign of the project's relevance and momentum.

The following are key points from the discussion:

- The GSSB questioned the reference to a 'standard' and whether the exposure draft refers to the guidance or the standard. While the intention is to integrate the guidance into *GRI 3: Material Topics 2021*, it could also be exposed separately depending on the project's direction and interlinkages.
- The project aims to connect GRI's impact perspective with financial risk and opportunity assessments, bridging both reporting and risk management perspectives.
- There is a call for ongoing involvement from GSSB members beyond governance stages, potentially through a working group or sponsorship role.
- The project proposal was unanimously approved, with acknowledgment of the need to secure funding and resources for full implementation.

The GSSB approves the following:

GSSB Decision	Item number
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55 **Session 2: Any other business and**
56 **close of public sessions**

57 No other business was raised, and the Chair closed the public meeting at 13.11 Central European
58 Summer Time (CEST).