

Summary 26 October 2017 meeting
Meeting summary – Approved on 30 November 2017

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Participants

Present:

Name	Constituency
Dwight Justice	Labor
Evan Harvey	Investment Institution
Judy Kuszewski	Chair
Julia Wilson	Business Enterprise
Jürgen Buxbaum	Labor
Kent Swift	Civil Society Organization
Kirsten Margrethe Hovi	Business Enterprise
Michel Washer	Business Enterprise
Robyn Leeson	Vice-Chair
Stiaan Wandrag	Business Enterprise
Sulema Pioli	Mediating Institution
Vadakepatth Nandkumar	Mediating Institution

Apologies:

Name	Designation
Atilla Yerlikaya	Business Enterprise
Daniel Ingram	Investment Institution
Daniel Taillant	Civil Society Organization

In attendance:

Name	Designation
Alyson Slater {Session 6}	Chief Network Engagement Officer
Anna Krotova	Manager, Standards Division
Bastian Buck	Director, Standards Division
Gillian Balaban	Assistant, Standards Division
Helen Miller	Assistant Governance Relations
Laura Espinach	Manager, Standards Division
Pamela Carpio	Senior Coordinator, Governance Relations



List of abbreviations

AOB	Any other business	OS	Organizational Stakeholders
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative	PCP	Public Comment Period
GSSB	Global Sustainability Standards Board	PWG	Project working group
OHS	Occupational health and safety	SD	Standards Division

Decisions and Action Items

DECISIONS

Session 1:

GSSB Decision 2017.23 GSSB unanimously approved the meeting summary of the 20-21 September GSSB In-person meeting.

GSSB Decision 2017.24 GSSB unanimously approved the Overview of Dates for GSSB meetings in 2018, with the advice that the date stated in the overview for November should have read Thursday 29 November and not Thursday 30 November.

ACTIONS

GSSB	
Session 4	GSSB members to provide any comments regarding the Code of Conduct within the next 2 weeks.
Standards Division	
Session 1	Present the updated Work Program at the November GSSB meeting.
Session 2	Update the GSSB on the progress of the Project Working Group discussions for OHS and Water at the November GSSB meeting and on the need for selective re-exposure.
	Update the GSSB on the project proposal for the Waste Standard in the November GSSB meeting.
Session 3	Provide the GSSB with responses to FAQs for discussion in the November GSSB meeting.
Session 4	Present the final Code of Conduct Amendment for approval in the November GSSB meeting.



10 Session 1: Welcome and approval of meeting summary 11 and Overview of Dates for 2018

12 Judy Kuszewski, the GSSB Chair (henceforth “the Chair”) welcomed the GSSB and attending GRI
13 Secretariat staff to the meeting and presented an overview of the [meeting agenda](#).

14 The GSSB unanimously approved the meeting summary from the [20-21 September In person meet-](#)
15 [ing](#) with the comments that the summary could be shorter with most relevant issues noted and
16 that Standards Division (SD) was to present in the October meeting an update on the Work Pro-
17 gram. SD commented that due to data not being available, the update will be presented in the No-
18 vember GSSB meeting.

19 The GSSB was presented with [Item 02: Overview of Dates for GSSB meetings in 2018](#).

20 The GSSB unanimously approved the Overview of Dates for GSSB meetings in 2018, with the ad-
21 vice that the date stated in the overview for November should read Thursday 29 November and
22 not Thursday 30 November (see annex).

23 **Action:** SD to present the updated Work Program 2017-2019 at the November meeting

24 Session 2: Main Themes PCP OHS and Water

25 The GSSB was presented with the overview of the main themes emerging from the public com-
26 ment period for GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety and GRI 303: Water and Effluents and an
27 indication of which contents may need selective re-exposure.

28 The Chair asked if the “selective re-exposure” meant that only selective contents be re-exposed
29 and whether all stakeholders will have the opportunity to comment. This was confirmed.

30 **Action:**

- 31 • SD to update the GSSB on the progress of the Project Working Group discussions for
32 OHS and Water at the November GSSB meeting and on the need for selective re-expo-
33 sure.
- 34 • SD to update the GSSB on the project proposal for the Waste Standard in the November
35 GSSB meeting.

36 Session 3: Technical Enquiries

37 The GSSB was presented with [Item 03: Summary of Technical Enquiries](#).

38 The GSSB was asked if there were any issues for discussion. The GSSB raised no issues.

39 **Action:** SD to provide the GSSB with responses to FAQs identified in September for discussion in
40 the November GSSB meeting



41 Session 4: Proposal Code of Conduct Amendment

42 The GSSB was presented with [Item 04: Draft Code of Conduct for the development of GRI Stand-](#)
43 [ards.](#)

44 The GSSB raised no comments during the meeting.

45 **Action:**

- 46 • GSSB members to provide any comments regarding the Code of Conduct within two
47 weeks after the meeting
- 48 • SD to present the final Code of Conduct Amendment for approval in the November GSSB
49 meeting.

50 Session 5: AOB and close of Public sessions

51 The Chair closed the public sessions of the meeting at 14.10.

52 Session 6: Background Briefing GRI Services

53 This was a private session.

54 Session 7: AOB and close of Private session

55 This was a private session.



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Annex: Dates for GSSB meetings in 2018

Month	Date	Time
January	Thursday 25 January	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
February	Thursday 22 February	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
March	Thursday 22 March	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
April	Wednesday 11 April and Thursday 12 April	2-day In-Person meeting in Amsterdam
May	Thursday 31 May	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
June	Thursday 28 June	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
July	No meeting	
August	No meeting	
September	Tuesday 25 September and Wednesday 26 September	2-day In-Person meeting in Amsterdam
October	Thursday 25 October	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
November	Thursday 29 November	13.00-15.00 – Virtual meeting
December	No Meeting	

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