

Summary 30 November 2017 meeting
Meeting summary – Approved on 25 January 2018

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Participants

Present:

Name	Constituency
Atilla Yerlikaya	Business Enterprise
Daniel Taillant	Civil Society Organization
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
Vadakepathth Nandkumar	Mediating Institution

Apologies:

Name	Designation
Daniel Ingram	Investment Institution
Sulema Pioli	Mediating Institution

In attendance:

Name	Designation
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
Tina Jenson	Senior Coordinator, Governance Relations

List of abbreviations

AOB	Any other business	PWG	Project Working Group
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative	SC	Stakeholder Council
GSSB	Global Sustainability Standards Board	SD	Standards Division
OHS	Occupational Health and Safety		

Decisions and Action Items

2 DECISIONS

3 *Session 1:*

4 **GSSB Decision 2017.25** GSSB approved the meeting summary of the [26 October GSSB Virtual](#)
5 [meeting](#).

6 *Session 2:*

7 **GSSB Decision 2017.26** GSSB approved the [GSSB Work Program 2017-2019](#).

8 *Session 3:*

9 **GSSB Decision 2017.27** GSSB agreed to a second public comment period

10 *Session 5:*

11 **GSSB Decision 2017.28** GSSB approved the [Proposed Membership for GRI Technical Committee](#)
12 [on tax and payments to government](#) of Eelco van der Enden.

13 ACTIONS

GSSB	
Session 3	Provide comments on GRI 403: Occupation Health and Safety by December 11, 2017 by email to Standards Division (SD)
Standards Division	
Session 1	Discuss the issue of pre-circulation of information with Services and enquire if a follow-up conversation can take place in the January or February 2018 meeting
Session 2	Share the GSSB Work Program 2017-2019 with the GRI Board, GRI Stakeholder Council (SC) and the public for reaction. This will be re-addressed in the April 2018 meeting



Session 3 3.1	Share the updated GRI 303: Water and Effluents draft Standard and instructions for how to approve the contents for re-exposure with the GSSB on December 11, 2017. GSSB members should flag any fatal flaws and vote on approving contents for re-exposure al via email before December 14, 2017
3.2	Present the following documents at the GSSB meeting on 25 January 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project proposal on revising the waste and materials related disclosures ○ Proposal for developing a standalone Standard on spills and leaks
3.3	Share the draft GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety Standard with interested GSSB members for comments by December 11, 2017

14 Session 1: Welcome and approval of meeting summary

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

17 The GSSB approved the meeting summary from the [26 October 2017 GSSB virtual meeting](#).

18 The GSSB raised the issue that new initiatives from GRI were presented during a recent Standards
19 Pioneer session, but these initiatives had not been circulated to the GSSB before the event.

20 **Action:** SD to discuss the issue of pre-circulation of information with Services and enquire if a fol-
21 low-up conversation can take place in the January or February 2018 meeting.

22 Session 2: Revised GSSB Work Program 2017-2019

23 The GSSB was presented with [Item 02: Revised GSSB Work Program 2017-2019](#).

24 SD could not provide any further information regarding the Sector program, this is still awaiting
25 funding. No additional items have been added to the document.

26 The GSSB raised a comment on “f) Develop new guidance for specific groups of interest”. SD stated
27 that no specific group has been identified but this will continue to be monitored.

28 The GSSB approved [Item 02: Revised GSSB Work Program 2017-2019](#).

29 **Action:** SD to share the GSSB Work Program 2017-2019 with the GRI Board, GRI Stakeholder
30 Council (SC) and the public for reactions This will be re-addressed in the April 2018 meeting.



31 Session 3: Update GRI 303:Water and GRI 403: Occu- 32 pational Health and Safety

33 The GSSB was presented with the updates on GRI 303: Water and GRI 403: Occupational Health
34 and Safety.

35 GRI 303: Water

36 The SD recommended that due to the extent of changes in the Standard that was not anticipated,
37 the second public comment is necessary. The SD proposed that the second public comment take
38 place between 20 December 2017 – 18 February 2018

39 The GSSB agreed to a second public comment period.

40 **Actions:**

- 41 • SD to share the updated draft of GRI 303: Water Standard and instructions for how to ap-
42 prove the contents for second public comment with the GSSB on December 11, 2017. GSSB
43 members should flag any fatal flaws and vote on approving contents for second public com-
44 ment via email before December 14, 2017
- 45 • SD will present the following documents at the GSSB meeting on 25 January 2018:
 - 46 ○ Project proposal on revising the waste and materials related disclosures
 - 47 ○ Proposal for developing a standalone Standard on spills and leaks

48 GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety

49 SD recommended that re-exposure of GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety would not be neces-
50 sary.

51 The GSSB commented that if there are any further comments/concerns from the members, how will
52 these be dealt with. SD stated that these comments/concerns will be dealt with in parallel with the
53 updating of the draft Standard by the PWG.

54 **Actions:**

- 55 • SD to share the draft GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety Standard with interested
56 GSSB members for comments by December 11, 2017

57 Session 4: Summary of Technical Enquiries on the GRI 58 Standards

59 The GSSB was presented with [Item 03: Summary of Technical Enquiries on the GRI Standards](#).

60 Question 1: Whether reasons for omission can be used when making a GRI-referenced claim

61 There was general agreement that the GSSB should continue to promote the GRI-referenced claim
62 as an easy entry to use the GRI Standards. Therefore, an organization making a GRI-reference claim
63 should not be required to comply with all reporting requirements for each disclosure reported.



64 SD recommended that an organization making a GRI-referenced claim should simply indicate clearly
65 in the claim if a disclosure has not been fully reported on; it does not need to provide a reason for
66 omission. The GSSB asked the Standards Division to develop this option further for the January 2018
67 meeting.

68 The remaining Technical Enquiries will be addressed in the January 2018 meeting due to time re-
69 straints.

70 **Session 5: Proposed Membership for GRI Technical** 71 **Committee on tax and payments to government**

72 The GSSB was presented with [Item 04: Proposed membership of GRI Technical Committee on tax](#)
73 [and payments to government](#).

74 The GSSB approved the Proposed Membership of GRI Technical Committee on tax and payments to
75 government of Eelco van der Enden.

76 **Session 6: Proposal Code of Conduct Amendments**

77 As there were time restraints, this session will be addressed at the January 2018 meeting.

78 **Session 7: Farewell departing GSSB members**

79 The GSSB expressed their gratitude to Jorge Daniel Taillant and Stiaan Wandrag for their contribu-
80 tion to the GSSB and wished them well in their future ventures.

81 **Session 8: AOB and close of meeting**

82 The Chair closed the meeting at 15.00 CET.