



Background Information

GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE (GRI) – *Source: www.globalreporting.org*

What is GRI?

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is a network-based organization that pioneered the world's most widely used sustainability reporting framework. GRI is committed to the GRI Reporting Framework's continuous improvement and application worldwide. GRI's core goals include the mainstreaming of disclosure on environmental, social and governance performance.

GRI's Reporting Framework is developed through a consensus-seeking, multi-stakeholder process. Participants are drawn from global business, civil society, labour, academic and professional institutions.

GRI Reporting Framework

The Reporting Framework sets out the principles and performance indicators that organizations can use to measure and report their economic, environmental, and social performance.

The cornerstone of the GRI Framework is the [Sustainability Reporting Guidelines](#). The third version of the Guidelines – known as the G3 Guidelines - was published in 2006, and is a free public good.

Other components of the Framework include [Sector Supplements](#) (unique Indicators for industry sectors) and [National Annexes](#) (unique country-level information). [Click here for an overview of the Reporting Framework.](#)

Benefits of GRI Reporting

Sustainability reports based on the GRI Framework can be used to demonstrate organizational commitment to sustainable development, to compare organizational performance over time, and to measure organizational performance with respect to laws, norms, standards and voluntary initiatives.

GRI promotes a standardized approach to reporting to stimulate demand for sustainability information – benefitting both reporting organizations and report users.