

# **The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Stakeholder Council, Rotation of Members, 2006.**

## **Information Booklet for The Global Public**

**19 December, 2005**

## INTRODUCTION

This information booklet has been produced specifically for the Global Public. This booklet has been created to assist with the first ever rotation of Stakeholder Council (SC) members which will involve the turning around of a minimum of 20 SC members.

The rotation is devised to ensure fairness, opportunity and thorough representation through the rebalancing of constituency and region of the SC. The rotation of members will proceed to take place annually.

This information booklet contains:

PART 1 Background: roles, responsibilities and make-up of the Stakeholder Council  
PART 2 Nomination: the nomination process  
PART 3 Outcome: the new Stakeholder Council  
Appendix A: current matrix of the Stakeholder Council

## PART 1 BACKGROUND: roles, responsibilities & make-up of the SC

### ***What are the roles and responsibilities of the Stakeholder Council?***

The Stakeholder Council is the formal stakeholder policy forum within the GRI structure. It serves as an active multi-stakeholder body for debating and deliberating key strategic and policy issues facing the GRI, as well as serving as an advocate for the GRI organization and mission.

Key functions of the Council include:

- Appointment of members of the GRI Board based upon nominations received from the GRI Nominating Committee<sup>1</sup> (GNC).
- Making strategic recommendations to the Board.
- Offering recommendations in the revisions process of the Guidelines, such as the forthcoming G3 guidelines via a recommendation of concur or non-concur.
- Advising the Secretariat on stakeholder issues.
- Participating in Working Groups convened by the Stakeholder Council and assisted by the GRI Secretariat.

Stakeholder Council members are expected to fulfill the following commitments:

- Maintain effective multi-stakeholder dialogue with the stakeholder groups and networks in the regions they are representing in order to build GRI's acceptance, credibility, and use of the GRI Guidelines by key constituencies.
- Present input to the Stakeholder Council from constituencies they represent regarding needs, expectations, and other priority issues related to the GRI and the Guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> The GNC is made up of representatives from the GRI Board, Secretariat and Stakeholder Council

- Fulfill time commitments of active Stakeholder Council membership, which will be no less than one meeting per year, and approximately ten (10) working days per year.
- Participate in SC working groups on important issues facing the GRI between SC Annual Meetings.
- Formally commit to be bound by the SC Code of Conduct (June, 2003).
- Assist the GRI activities in the SC member region, including assisting in fundraising.

### ***What is the make-up of the Stakeholder Council?***

The Stakeholder Council is made up of a maximum of 60 global members who give balanced ownership through a multi-stakeholder representation based on five regions and four constituencies, as shown in the Table 1 below. Ideally, there should be at least one SC member for each region and each constituency to keep the multi-stakeholders process.

Table 1: The Stakeholder Council matrix

REGION:	Africa	Asia-Pacific	Latin America, Carribean	North America, Europe, CIS <sup>2</sup>	West Asia
CONSTITUENCY:					
Business	X	X	X	X	X
Labour	X	X	X	X	X
Civil Society Advocacy Organisation	X	X	X	X	X
Mediating Institution	X	X	X	X	X

An overview of current memberships of the Stakeholder Council, mid-2005 and after 3 years of function, can be seen in Appendix A.

SC members are chosen because of:

- Their individual credentials. At no time do they represent their employer.
- Their ability to act and speak for the constituency and region they represent.
- Their "background experience" and expertise through a broad understanding and knowledge of CSR<sup>3</sup>, environment, human rights, social matters and other relevant fields. This may include, for example, their education, other membership roles and the type of organization they are from.

<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States

<sup>3</sup> Corporate Social Responsibility

## **PART 2 NOMINATIONS: the nomination process**

### ***As a rule...***

Globally, any person can nominate an SC candidate from any constituency or region.

However, one exception is SC members of the labor constituency will be appointed by the global labor movement – **not** via this rotation process.

### ***Call for Nominations***

The Global Public call for nominations will be announced **Monday 19 December 2005** on the GRI website.

### ***Nominations of New SC Members***

Nominations go to the GRI Secretariat by any of the following:

- Letter:  
Attention: Philippa Ardlie  
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The Global Reporting Initiative  
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1016 DT, Amsterdam  
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- Fax:  
Attention: Philippa Ardlie  
Subject: SC Nomination  
0031 20 531 0031
- Email:  
[ardlie@globalreporting.org](mailto:ardlie@globalreporting.org)  
Subject: SC Nomination

Nominations must include:

- A CV of the candidate including:
  - First and last name;
  - Email address;
  - Contact phone number;
  - Address (street name & number, city, state/province, postcode, & country);
  - Country of residence;
  - Nationality; and
  - Supporting background experience.
- The Constituency and Region the candidate represents.
- A signed agreement from the candidate (if emailing cc the candidate).
- A written and signed statement from the candidate's employer that their employer will not oblige their employee to follow their directions on matters relating to the GRI. (if emailing cc the employer and state that the signed statement will be posted or faxed).
- A supporting reason for the nomination.

Any nomination received without the above information will **not** be accepted.

**Nominations are DUE Tuesday 31 January, 2006 by 24:00 midnight (Amsterdam time).** Nominations received after this time will *not* be considered.

## **PART 3 OUTCOME: the new Stakeholder Council**

The GNC will consider all nominations received and will create a short list of the best candidates, accounting for the balance of constituency and region. The current Stakeholder Council and the Organisational Stakeholders of the GRI have the privilege of voting. Those members who are newly elected in July 2006 will become involved with immediate effect, via working groups. Full SC membership commences 1 January 2007 where they will fulfill the key functions and commitments as outlined in Part 1.

This is the first ever election process of the Stakeholder Council. The rotation of members will proceed to take place annually.

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## **APPENDIX A: current matrix of the Stakeholder Council, October 2005**

REGION:	Africa	Asia-Pacific	Latin America, Carribean	N America, Europe, CIS <sup>4</sup>	West Asia
CONSTITUENCY:					
Business	0	3	3	6	1
Labour	0	1	1	1	1
Civil Society Advocacy Organisation	0	3	1	7	2
Mediating Institution	1	4	0	9	1

<sup>4</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States