



*Call for hosting for GRI's Regional Hub
Greater China Region, located in
Hong Kong*

GRI is seeking an organization in Hong Kong, committed to sustainability, business responsibility and transparency, to host its Regional Hub in the Greater China Region (RHC)

About GRI Regional Hub Greater China Region

GRI REGIONAL HUBS

The Regional Hubs advance reporting at the country/regional level, respond to the needs of local stakeholders, build capacity and value, and encourage the flow of knowledge and participation from the regions into GRI's global network and activity. They are guided by high level Advisory Groups of local leaders.

In 2009 GRI established a Regional Hub for the Greater China Region, that has up to now been located in Beijing. Objectives for setting up the Regional Hub include building and strengthening sustainability performance and reporting capacity, engaging policy actors on relevant policies conducive to advancing accountability and disclosure, and facilitating the engagement of organizations in the region in the development of sustainability reporting.

Over the past years GRI has seen the interest in non-financial reporting in the Greater China Region and South-East Asia growing steadily. Throughout the region there is an increasing demand from governments, stock exchanges and other stakeholders for non-financial reporting by companies. In an effort to optimize our support for companies and other stakeholders in this large market, GRI has decided to relocate its Chinese office from Beijing to Hong Kong.

The Regional Hub Greater China (RHC) promotes GRI's mission disseminating and promoting better knowledge of the GRI Standards and sustainability reporting among companies of all sizes and organizations in the region. The regional hub facilitates and promotes the active engagement of organizations in the further development of sustainability reporting globally and in the region.

The role of the locally based GRI representative will, among others, be to strategize ongoing and future activities of GRI in China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, fundraising efforts and to play a key role in keeping the day-to-day business of RHC. They will also be responsible for successful initiation and completion of the RHC projects and ensures effective support of major projects in the region. The post holder also represents GRI in public outreach in the Greater China Region, including public speaking.

The Host Organization

GRI is looking for a host organization for the Regional Hub office in Hong Kong. The host organization should be willing to collaborate with GRI for an initial period of two years, starting preferably no later than 1 April 2019. This two-year collaboration will help to strengthen GRI's presence on a national and regional level – and should also serve to strengthen the profile and work of the host organization. As such, GRI is looking for an organization that is also focused on encouraging responsible business practice, and making reporting on economic, environmental, social and governance impacts a standard practice.

Selection Criteria Host Organization

Institutional	Specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Financially independent of GRI – Neutral (no political or religious affiliations, etc.) – Access to a broad audience and network – Active in the field of sustainability / CSR – A mission compatible with GRI's mission – Financially sound – Well-established in the national markets – Connects different stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Embedded in local sustainable development agenda – Multi-stakeholder: building a bridge between different groups in society – Relevant for global sustainability agenda and global GRI agenda – Aims to strengthen local competitiveness, including that of SMEs – Aims to empower local agenda and stakeholders

Requirements for hosting the Regional Hub office:

In the first instance, the GRI Regional Hub Greater China Region will consist of one fulltime employee, with the possibility of adding additional resources over time.

The host organization is requested to provide:

- Physical office space and suitable furniture for permanent Regional Hub staff and office facilities for 1–2 visiting GRI Headquarter staff members on an ad hoc basis.
- A safe and functional work environment, including: direct telephone lines (international and local), computers, IT facilities and maintenance support (including printer, photocopier), catering facilities, and security personnel for the safe entry and exit of staff and visitors.
- Access to meeting room facilities, with the following equipment: audio visual projector, screen, flip charts, webinar-compatible devices.
- Stationery for use by GRI Regional Hub staff.

Decision on hosting

GRI will base its appointment of the host organization on:

- The availability of the organization
- The extent to which the organization meets the criteria
- The extent to which the organization meets the practical hosting requirements

Acknowledgement of the Host Organization

GRI Regional Hub staff will acknowledge the support for the duration of the hosting arrangement as follows:

- Acknowledgement on communication and promotional materials as appropriate
- Acknowledgement on the appropriate section on the GRI website
- An annual in-company GRI Workshop, or a C-Suite Masterclass on reporting, delivered by the local staff or visiting GRI Headquarters' staff.
- Free annual GRI Community membership.
- Representation on the Regional Hub Advisory Group.

Submission of proposals

GRI kindly requests all interested parties to submit their proposals, explaining how they meet the profile and requirements to host, no later than close of business Friday 1 March 2019 to:

Asthildur Hjaltadottir, Chief Regional Implementation Officer:
Hjaltadottir@globalreporting.org

Interested parties can also send questions for clarification to the abovementioned email contact.

GRI in a nutshell

Our Vision is:

A thriving global community that lifts humanity and enhances the resources on which all life depends.

Our Mission is:

To empower decisions that create social, environmental and economic benefits for everyone.

GRI Standards

The GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (GRI Standards) are the first and most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting. Since GRI's inception in 1997, we have transformed it from a niche practice to one now adopted by a growing majority of organizations. In fact, 93% of the world's largest 250 corporations report on their sustainability performance.

The practice of disclosing sustainability information inspires accountability, helps identify and manage risks, and enables organizations to seize new opportunities. Reporting with the GRI Standards supports companies, public and private, large and small, protect the environment and improve society, while at the same time thriving economically by improving governance and stakeholder relations, enhancing reputations and building trust.

We work with the largest companies in the world as a force for positive change – companies with revenues larger than the GDPs of entire countries and supply chains that stretch the globe. As a result, the impact of our work on social well-being, through better jobs, less environmental damage, access to clean water, less child and forced labor, and gender equality has enormous scale.

In order to deliver on its mission, GRI has identified four focus areas for the coming years:

1. Create standards and guidance to advance sustainable development: Provide the market with leadership on consistent sustainability disclosures, including engaging with stakeholders on emerging sustainability issues.
2. Harmonize the sustainability landscape: Make GRI the central hub for sustainability reporting frameworks and initiatives, and select collaboration and partnership opportunities that serve GRI's vision and mission.
3. Lead efficient and effective sustainability reporting: Improve the quality of disclosures made using the GRI Standards, reducing reporting burden and exploring reporting processes that aid decision making.
4. Drive effective use of sustainability information to improve performance: Work with policy makers, stock exchanges, regulators and investors to drive transparency and enable effective reporting.

Stay in touch

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