



*Call for hosting for GRI's Regional Hub
Africa, Located in Johannesburg*

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GRI is seeking an organization in Johannesburg, committed to sustainability, business responsibility and transparency, to host its Regional Hub Africa

About GRI Regional Hub Africa

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 all guided by high level Advisory Groups of local leaders.

Established in February 2013, the Regional Hub Africa promotes the importance of transparency for markets, and better knowledge and uptake of sustainability and reporting in key target markets on the continent, namely South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Mauritius. The regional hub also engages widely within the sub-region as resources and collaborations allow.

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 African organizations in the development of sustainability reporting.

Since its establishment the regional hub has developed an extensive network within sub Saharan Africa, and has undertaken many training and capacity building engagements, facilitated knowledge sharing and exchange platforms, and established working relations with a number of local partner organizations in target countries to collaborate / pursue shared objectives. A regional hub Advisory Group was established to provide strategic input and advice with regards to program delivery, network development and institutional sustainability.

The regional hub has been hosted by the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants since its establishment in 2013. The office space is now required by ACCA to accommodate an expanded local and regional staff compliment hence the search for another organization to host the GRI regional hub.

The Host Organization

GRI is looking for a new host organization for the Regional Hub office in Johannesburg. The host organization should also be based in Johannesburg and be willing to collaborate with GRI for an initial period of two years, starting 1 January 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 market – 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 – Can help bring regional awareness, sensitivity and knowledge to CSRCB country program managers

Requirements for hosting the GRI South Africa office:

The GRI Regional Hub South Africa consists of maximum 4 people: Director, Senior Coordinator(s) and assistant.

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 GOLD 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 28 September 2018 to:

Asthildur Hjaltadottir, Director Regions and Programs Implementation:
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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