



Human Rights Task Force

Tackling Modern Slavery through transparency



Enhancing the quality of reporting practice

Consumers and governments alike are growing ever more aware of human rights challenges that companies face in their supply chains. One of the most prominent issues of our time is Modern Slavery, which affects an estimated 46 million people around the world. This includes acts such as forced labor, bonded labor, human trafficking and child slavery. Transparency about organizations' supply chains is not only desirable to help rid the world of modern slavery, but has also become more and more necessary, as regulation on the topic has grown in recent times. Sustainability reporting can help companies comply with legislation, but also to identify and address their impact, and highlight innovative solutions and a forward path.

GRI and RLI's new task force is looking for solutions to support companies that are making their supply chains more transparent through sustainability reporting. They will be able to increase the effectiveness and value of data regarding modern slavery, for actionable change.

The Project

GRI and RLI are working together with experts from government, civil society, industry, investors and international institutions to promote tools to improve consistency and comparability in reporting and activate additional companies to engage in reporting on modern slavery. Participating organizations will co-develop tools and resources that they need to make informed decisions for identifying risks or instances of modern slavery in their supply chain, and for managing this issue, if necessary. The project has three phases:

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INCEPTION

GRI conducts extensive research and interviews multi-stakeholder experts from government, civil society, industry, investors and international institutions to understand stakeholder expectations and define the landscape and urgency of the issue.

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TASK FORCE

September to December 2018: Companies will come together to discuss research findings and develop a common understanding of how existing tools and frameworks serve companies, discuss best practices and how to address gaps through improved and innovative reporting practices.

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EXPECTED RESULTS

The joint task force will produce a toolkit that report preparers can use to improve transparency and regulatory compliance. The toolkit will be shared at the beginning of 2019.



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Since 1997, the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) has pioneered sustainability reporting, and GRI's reporting guidance is the most trusted and widely used by companies and governments worldwide. The RLI, an initiative launched by RBA, focuses on ensuring that the rights of workers vulnerable to forced labor in global supply chains are consistently respected and promoted.

The Task Force

GRI and RLI welcome reporting companies that want to tackle the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities for further transparency on this urgent sustainability issue. This will be done in consultation with stakeholders including investors, the media, human rights and legal experts, and governments.

The program comprises in-person and online meetings over 2018:



JOIN THE TASK FORCE

GRI and RLI invite practitioners from corporations to join the task force. Expressions of interest are welcome from individuals who fulfill the following criteria:

- You have at least three years of sustainability reporting experience and experience in reporting on human rights disclosures.
- You are ready to share your company's perspectives and ideas on disclosures related to the topics of the task force.

The annual fee to participate in the task force is EUR 5000. For GRI Community members who are non-RLI members, the fee to participate in the task force is EUR 3500.*

*For RLI Members, participation is covered by RLI, for up to 10 participants.

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