



Annual Report of the Due Process Oversight Committee 2023

1. Membership 2023

The Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC), appointed by the IAC (Independent Appointments Committee), is independent of the GSSB. It consists of five members. The five individuals were selected on the basis of their individual competences and professional histories. They represent the standards-setting, academic and corporate communities, and are nationals of South Africa, Austria, Romania, Kenya and UK.

The standing members of the DPOC in its full complement of 5 members, were:

1. Ms. Kathrin Madl, Chair, CSR and Sustainability Manager at Alperia SpA
2. Ms. Cristina Balan, Vice Chair, Managing Partner CSR BOOtIQ .
3. Ms. Caroline Sonje, Consultant UNEP
4. Ms. Jenitha John, Self employed
5. Mr. Jeremy Nicholls, Assurance Framework lead for UNDP SDG Impact Standards, Self employed with part time long term contract with UNDP

2. DPOC activities

The GRI Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) has been established as an independent committee under the auspices of GRI and has primary responsibility for ensuring that the standard-setting activities of the GRI GSSB are conducted in accordance with its due process, in order to increase public and stakeholder confidence that the standards are properly responsive to the public interest.

To fulfil this role, the DPOC met regularly in 2023 reviewing and discussing GSSB activities against the commitments in the Due Process Protocol.

- Virtual Meeting 19 January 2023
- Virtual Meeting 24 May 2023
- Virtual Meeting 5 September 2023
- Virtual Meeting 5 December 2023

Meetings included regular updates on projects being undertaken during 2023 by Standards Division.

Due Process Protocol Adherence Assessment

Due Process Adherence Report Review for the development of the GRI Topic Standard on Biodiversity

In December 2023, the DPOC discussed and assessed the Due Process Adherence Report for the Topic Standard on Biodiversity. The DPOC assessed the progress of the DPAR with final conclusions planned for 2024.

Due Process Adherence Report Review for the development of Sector Standard on Mining

In December 2023, the DPOC discussed and assessed the Due Process Adherence Report for the Sector Standard on Mining. The DPOC assessed the progress of the DPAR with final conclusions planned for 2024.

DPOC governance documents

The DPOC Terms of Reference and the GSSB Due Process Protocol are undergoing revisions due to the new GRI Governance Structure in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Changes to these governance documents will be approved by the GRI Supervisory Board via the SB Governance and Strategy Committee.

3. DPOC Self-evaluation on effectiveness of oversight activities

The self-evaluation of the DPOC did not take place in 2023. This will be undertaken in 2024.

4. Upcoming DPOC activities

The DPOC recognizes the involvement in the reviews and implementation of the following Standards in 2024:

- Topic Standard on Biodiversity
- Sector Standard on Mining
- Topic Standard for Climate Change
- Topic Standard for Economic Services
- Topic Standard for Labor
- Sector Standard for Food and Beverages
- Sector Standard for Financial Services
- Sector Standard for Textiles and Apparel