Raising human rights and sustainability issues in Africa

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Advancing Business Contributions towards Sustainable Development (April 2015 - Ongoing)

FOCUS COUNTRIES

GHANA
KENYA
SOUTH AFRICA

Our impact

With support from the UK government, GRI is advancing the state of reporting to promote responsible business practices across different countries in Africa. Raising awareness and helping organizations report on social, economic and environmental issues is a vital component of this program. DFID also backs GRI’s regular work on updating and evolving its standards to reflect new emerging topics and best practices on sustainability reporting.

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Highlights of our work

- Over 300 professionals introduced to reporting on human rights, anti-corruption, and climate change through various trainings.
- E-learning modules launched on climate change and human rights.
- Over 1200 companies brought into GRI Africa’s network.
- More than 1100 sustainability practitioners from 70 countries engaged at the 5th GRI Global Conference.
- Publication issued to provide guidance to companies on land tenure rights, and land tenure integrated into training modules on human rights.
- Over 100 reports analyzed in a research study to understand how corporate reporting and action on poverty alleviation can be improved.
- Sustainability reports from 464 mining, energy, and financial services companies analyzed in a research publication to examine the current state of reporting on human rights.

“Simply exciting! The workshop demonstrated GRI’s significance and potential in making sustainability a household name and practice for various sectors and stakeholders. It was very participatory and informative, and truly knowledgeably facilitated.”

“After this workshop I am more encouraged to whistle-blow on corruption, knowing I am legally protected. We will be more sensitive to human rights issues and train member businesses within the association to promote an anti-corruption and ethics culture in our organization and industry.”

PARTICIPANT FROM WORKSHOP ON ANTI-CORRUPTION, KENYA

Looking ahead

GRI’s future work will build on further engaging reporters in these countries through a peer-to-peer learning approach that deepens their knowledge on sustainability issues like human rights and climate change. Continuing its vital work in evolving the GRI Standards to represent the global best practice in sustainability reporting, the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) will complete its updates to the Water and Occupational Health and Safety Standards, and launch new projects to expand issue-level guidance in the categories Human Rights and Economic Performance.