

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WASTE REPORTING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FORUM - NORTH AMERICA

#### KNOWLEDGE BUILDING. EXPERT GUIDANCE. PEER LEARNING. PROBLEM SOLVING.

As we move towards a circular economy, waste can no longer be seen as the end of the line for our production and consumption processes. The role of waste is changing, which demands a radically new approach to how it's managed and reported. Is your company adapting to meet new expectations around waste and circular thinking? Are you looking for guidance on how to measure and report on progress on waste prevention and circularity?

Join a small group of mid to senior business executives for the first-of-its kind **Business Leadership Forum** (BLF) on Circular Economy & Waste Reporting, where you'll have an opportunity to explore questions like these – and take a deep dive into the new GRI 306: Waste Standard.

This BLF will bring you the knowledge and expertise of GRI staff and external practitioners on topics that will include\*:

- Circularity trends
- Building internal bridges to champion waste
- Systems mapping: waste impacts and circularity in the value chain
- → Deep dive on GRI 306: Waste Standard
- + Circularity measurement methodologies
- + Challenges and opportunities in reporting
- Company case studies

### Features of the new GRI 306: Waste Standard

- **Builds a stronger relationship between materials and waste**, providing a comprehensive understanding of how the procurement and use of materials affects the quantity and quality of waste.
- Introduces concepts of circularity and waste prevention to shift the perception of waste from an 'unwanted burden' to a source of materials, and encourage organizations to rethink how they create products and services.
- **Emphasizes waste generated in the value chain**, prompting organizations to recognize responsibility for the end of life of their products, which is commonly neglected as not being a significant impact.
- Highlights control over third-party waste management to facilitate greater transparency about how
  waste that leaves the 'gate' is actually managed.

<sup>\*</sup>Some topics may be amended/added based on feedback from participants. Please note that this BLF will not cover water and energy reporting.

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# **Delivery Format:**

- + Four 1.5-hour webinars between Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 with additional webinars as needed
- An in-person all-day meeting in Summer 2021 in the United States

### Participation Requirements:

- + At least one cycle of reporting experience, or in the process of issuing first sustainability report
- Preferably users of the GRI Standards
- Mediating institutions such as consulting firms, nonprofits, think tanks, and academia must be GRI Community Members to apply
- Two representatives per company for in-person meeting but no restrictions on webinars

# Registration

Deadline for registration is August 14, 2020.

Applications after that date will be considered based on availability.

Contact Piya Baptista for registration.

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#### **Fees**

GRI community member: €3,500\* Non-community member: €7,000

\* Membership credits can be used as part of the participation fee

# **ABOUT GRI:**

GRI helps businesses and organizations worldwide understand and communicate their impacts on critical sustainability issues such as climate change, human rights, governance and social well-being. This enables action to create social, environmental and economic benefits for everyone. The GRI Standards, developed with multi-stakeholder input and rooted in the public interest, are the world's most widely used sustainability reporting standards.

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