

# Item 04 – GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact – Proposed member substitution for Working Group

## For GSSB approval

<b>Date</b>	4 June 2024
<b>Meeting</b>	20 June 2024
<b>Project</b>	Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact
<b>Description</b>	In accordance with the approved project proposal, the GSSB established a working group (WG) of technical experts in January 2024 to support and advise in the content development process of the GRI Topic Standards Project for Economic Impact. One of the existing WG members will no longer be able to participate in the project WG.
<b>Request</b>	This document presents a substitute nomination to the Economic Impact Working Group for information and approval by the GSSB.

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# 1 Background

2 The GSSB approved the [GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact - Final project proposal](#) in  
3 September 2023. In addition, the GSSB confirmed its intention to form a working group (WG) to  
4 develop the revised *GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016*, *GRI 205: Anti-Corruption 2016*, *GRI 206:*  
5 *Anti-Competitive Behaviour 2016*, and *GRI 415: Public Policy 2016*.

6 The working group provides economic impact-specific technical expertise to ensure a comprehensive  
7 revision of the Standards. The members represent diverse, multi-stakeholder backgrounds and bring  
8 an excellent combination of relevant knowledge and experience. Their expertise relates to topics of  
9 sustainable and inclusive economic growth, transparency and integrity of organizations, anti-  
10 competitive behavior, and responsible political engagement.

11 The GSSB approved the membership of the project working group for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the  
12 GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact in January 2024 after the presentation of the  
13 proposed members at their meeting.

14 Since the approval of the membership in January 2024, one mediating institution representative of  
15 EITI has taken on a new role and can no longer participate in the working group. He has, therefore,  
16 resigned from his membership in the Economic Impact Working Group.

17 The substitute candidate has confirmed availability and interest in participating in the working group.

## 18 Selection criteria

19 The principal criterion for selecting the experts for the working group was relevant knowledge and  
20 experience relating to issues on inclusive economic growth, inequality, employment, and business  
21 influence on public policy. This includes familiarity with the relevant internationally agreed  
22 authoritative instruments on the topic and experience in identifying and measuring the economic  
23 impacts of businesses on the environment, people, and markets. When selecting suitable candidates,  
24 the following was considered:

- 25 • relevant knowledge of sustainability reporting on an organization's impact on the economy;
- 26 • familiarity with the needs of users of sustainability reports;
- 27 • related experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives;
- 28 • understanding and willingness to work in a consensus-based, multi-stakeholder working  
29 group;
- 30 • working level of English.

31 **Proposed working group expert**

32 Below is the proposed expert’s background and experience for membership to the Economic Impact  
33 Working Group for GSSB approval. Personal information has been excluded.

<b>Constituency:</b>	Mediating Institution
<b>Title:</b>	Policy Director
<b>Organization:</b>	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
<b>Region of Work:</b>	Global

**Extract of background and experience:**

As a Policy Director at the EITI, the candidate has focused on development of policy matters under EITI’s revised Standard. This includes consideration of the impact of the oil, gas and mining industries on the economy. They lead and support EITI’s guidance on revenues, taxation, subsidies, costs, payments to the government, greenhouse gas emissions and anti-corruption amongst others. This is done through the review of EITI’s country evaluations, known as Validation. The nature of EITI’s work is multi-stakeholder so they work closely with government, companies and civil society stakeholders across EITI’s 56 implementing countries.

They have worked closely with the OECD team on Due Diligence Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct. They have considered synergies across their reporting standards on the impact of the informal economy, such as the artisanal and small-scale mining sectors on the economy. To this end, they have explored not simply the economic impact of the sector, but also impacts on the environmental, social conditions and gender.

They also work directly with companies on their anti-corruption policies and in certain cases, have engaged with companies on remedial actions, such as anti-corruption training in instances of corruption scandals. They work on a team of several colleagues who specialize in areas such as anti-corruption who will support my contributions to the Working Group.