

## Maintaining a multi-stakeholder approach: Meet GRI's new Board members

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**GRI is pleased to announce the appointment of new and currently serving members to the GRI Board of Directors. These appointments strengthen the presence of experts from diverse regions and constituencies in the multi-stakeholder governance structure fundamental to GRI's work.**

The **GRI Board of Directors** is the ultimate decision-making authority, carrying the legal and fiduciary responsibility for the organization, promoting change towards a sustainable global economy and increasing corporate transparency and accountability.

Currently serving GRI Board members, Alexandra Watson, Eric Dugelay, Manfred Warda, Pavan Sukhdev and Roberto de Ocampo have been reappointed for a second term, beginning 1 January 2017. They will be joined by four new members:

**Sandra Guerra:** Ms. Guerra is the founding partner of Better Governance, a Brazilian-based consultancy focused on boards of directors. Ms. Guerra has over 20 years of experience in the corporate governance field. She is a director at Copel S.A and at Vix Logística S.A. and has served on the boards of both listed and non-listed companies. Ms. Guerra is co-founder of the Brazilian Institute for Corporate Governance, she was the institute's chair from 2012 to 2016. Ms. Guerra was a member of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) from 2012-2016. She has chaired a number of boards of directors and committees and held both CEO and C-level positions. The Global Proxywatch has ranked Ms. Guerra twice as one of the 10 top international professionals in terms of impact in disseminating corporate governance principles.

**Molly Harriss Olson:** Ms. Olson is the CEO of Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand. Ms. Olson is an internationally recognized leader on sustainability as the Founding Director of Eco Futures, Founder and convener of the National Business Leaders Forum on Sustainable Development and Co-founder of Earthmark. She served two terms on the Board of the Green Building Council of Australia, and served on the AMP Sustainable Investments Alpha Advisory Board and Australia 21's Board. Ms. Olson worked in the White House as the Founding Executive Director of the President's Council on Sustainable Development. Ms. Olson has convened, led and been a member of numerous business leadership and sustainability initiatives over more than three decades including The World Economic Forum's Global Leaders of Tomorrow.

**Dr Bindu Lohani:** Dr. Lohani is currently Global Head of Climate Change Practice, and Distinguished Fellow as well as on the Board of Directors of several Institutes. Dr. Lohani was Ranking Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development until 30 June 2015. Dr. Lohani is an elected member of the National

Academy of Engineering of United States – the highest professional distinction accorded to an engineer – for his work on economic-cum-environment approach to sustainable development. Dr. Lohani was elected to the rank of AAAS Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Council for world leadership in development country planning for integrated economic-cum-environmental sustainable development through protection of natural/social resources.

**Peter Wong:** Mr. Wong retired as Senior Tax Partner of Deloitte Hong Kong in 2004 and is currently Chairman of General Fiduciary Company Limited. A former member of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong, he represented the Accountancy Functional Constituency from 1988 to 1995. Mr. Wong was President of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now known as Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants) from 1984 to 1985 and Board member of International Federation of Accountants from 1998 to 2002. Mr. Wong's is one of the founders of the Open University of Hong Kong, and the Independent Schools Foundation Academy in the Cybersport. He was the Chairman of the Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong from 2002-2006 and again from 2015 to date. He was one of the Founders of the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association in 1995. He was co-opted on the Council of the Chartered Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and was one of founding board members of the Securities & Futures Commission and Hospital Authority in Hong Kong. Mr. Wong was previously a GRI Board Member from 2008-2013.

All nominations for Board member positions were reviewed by the GRI Nominating Committee (GNC), which then passed on its recommendations to GRI's Stakeholder Council for final appointment.

GRI looks forward to welcoming the four new members to the GRI Board from 1 January 2017, and to the continuing engagement of the current Board members who will continue for a second term. GRI would also like to thank GRI Board members, Ms. Malini Mehra and Mr. Roberto Waack (Vice-Chair), who will be stepping down by the end of 2016. We are grateful for their dedicated commitment and valuable contribution to the organization.