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Welcome to the March edition of the GRI Newsletter. This month, read about the highlights of GRI’s first year in Africa, learn how sustainability challenges in India’s foundry sector are addressed, and get an update on the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Working towards a more sustainable Africa: A look back at the first year of GRI in the region**

Focal Point South Africa is celebrating its first birthday. Read about how the GRI team in South Africa have been involved in everything from integrated reporting to capacity building. [Read more](#)

**Addressing the sustainability challenges of India’s foundry sector**

Sustainability reports are today produced by everyone from cities to airports. But ever heard of groups of companies producing a joint report? That’s exactly what’s happening in India. [Read more](#)

**Sustainable Development Goals update: promising signs for sustainability reporting**

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http://globalreportingnews.org/4J5-2A40G-18IXYVR05/cr.aspx
Policies and initiatives by governments and stock exchange are having a significant impact on the number of organizations that produce sustainability reports. Might developments at the United Nations have a similar effect? Read more

**EU update: European Union one step closer to a more sustainable future**

Could a single draft directive from the European Union really lead to thousands more organizations disclosing sustainability information? If so, what kind of information would they have to disclose, and what type of organizations would be affected? Read more

**This month’s featured reports – spotlight on Bayer**

This month, the spotlight is on Bayer – a global enterprise, based in Germany, with core competencies in the fields of health care, agriculture and high-tech materials. Read on to find out why sustainability is important to the company, and how it has set out on the reporting journey. Read more

**GRI welcomes new OS: Featuring Oasen**

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- 26-28 March, [Better Business Summit](#), Thimpu, Bhutan
- 26-28 March, [Globe 2014](#), Vancouver, Canada

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