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## Sustainability Reporting News

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the August edition of the GRI Newsletter. Among the highlights this month: an enthusiastic press reaction to Michael Meehan's appointment as GRI's new Chief Executive; the forthcoming SDGs and their relevance to sustainability reporting in general, and GRI in particular; a doubling of GRI reports and a growth in responsible investment in Australia; and GRI North America takes a look at external assurance trends in GRI-based sustainability reports.

GRI welcomes your feedback on its monthly newsletter. Click [here](#) to tell us what you think.

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### Enthusiastic welcome for GRI's new CE

Michael Meehan has become GRI's new Chief Executive. He succeeds Ernst Ligteringen who is leaving the organization after 12 years of exceptional leadership.

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### Sustainable Development Goals in sight

The countdown to the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) grows apace with the recent adoption of an 'outcome document' by the Open Working Group, to be submitted to the UN General Assembly this year.

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### CSR in China

A recent high-level forum held in Beijing underlined the importance of governmental and business involvement in the continuing development of corporate sustainability responsibility in China.

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### Say hello to a new OS: International Institute for Learning

OS are key for GRI: they contribute their expertise, play an important governance role, and invest through annual financial contributions.

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### On the up down under

The number of companies using GRI's Guidelines for reporting in Australia has doubled in six years, together with an increased demand for more transparency and accountability from the responsible investment sector.

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### Assurance in the US

GRI North America has published a report which takes an in-depth look at external assurance trends in GRI-based sustainability reports prepared by US companies.

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### This month's featured report – spotlight on CapitaLand Limited

CapitaLand is one of Asia's largest real estate companies. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, the company's businesses in real estate and real estate fund management are focused on its core markets of Singapore and China.

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### GRI hits the right note

GRI shared the honor recently of striking the bell at the Colombian Securities Exchange to welcome the stock exchange into the UN's SSE Initiative. Andrea Pradilla, GRI



Focal Point Colombia, was invited to attend the ceremony and deliver the opening remarks.

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### Sri Lanka and the essence of G4

The GRI Focal Point India recently organized a workshop to illustrate the use of the G4 Guidelines and enhance sustainability reporting in South Asia.

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### GRI welcomes your feedback!

Is there anything you would like to see improved in GRI's newsletter? Tell us what you think by filling in this brief questionnaire. Please respond before Friday, 15 August.

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### Upcoming events

- 27-29 August, 2014  
**Event:** 10th International Quality Forum 'New Challenges for Corporate Management'  
**Hosting organization:** Icontec International  
**Venue:** Cartagena, Colombia  
**GRI Speaker:** Ernst Ligteringen
- 16-17 September, 2014  
**Event:** CSR Asia Summit 2014  
**Hosting organization:** CSR Asia  
**Venue:** Hong Kong  
**GRI Speaker:** Pietro Bertazzi

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