

GRI Global Conference in Amsterdam (26-28 May 2010) – Special Session on GRI and the Earth Charter 27 May 2010

“Learn about the Earth Charter Principles and the GRI Guidelines”

Time: 16:00 - 17:15

The Earth Charter is an inspiring set of widely endorsed values and principles offering some of the most comprehensive guidance on how to build a just and sustainable global society. GRI recommends the Earth Charter to organizations that seek extended normative or ethical guidance on how they could advance sustainability and related global principles. In 2010, the Earth Charter celebrates its 10th anniversary – time to celebrate, but also to take stock and explore how the ethical grounding of sustainability reporting can be reinforced.

Objectives

Participants will learn what has happened since the GRI/ECI strategic relationship was announced at the 2008 GRI Conference and plans for the future. In particular they will learn about:

- Actions taken by both parties to promote the other
- How the EC can be used to complement the GRI framework
- The GRI/ECI MOU

Draft Annotated Agenda

16.00	Welcome by moderator Paul Hohnen Outline of objectives, introduction of panellists
16.05	GRI & Earth Charter: State of the Relationship: presentations by GRI and EC representatives on developments since 2008. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual profiling and promotion • Assessment of impacts • Overview of main areas where EC can complement GRI • Ideas for further work • Engaging Youth
16.20	Moderated panel discussion: How business can use the EC and GRI to improve performance. How to engage youth and developing countries. Erna Witoelar (Indonesia), Earth Charter International Council Dumisani Nioni (Zimbabwe), Earth Charter Youth Network and International Council Teresa Fogelberg (The Netherlands), GRI Business representative
16.50	Comments , questions and suggestions from the floor
17.00	MOU ECI-GRI signing ceremony Erna Witoelar and Teresa Fogelberg

17.10	Closing remarks, expression of thanks, and invitation to Earth Charter event, 29 June, The Hague.
17.15	Session closes