



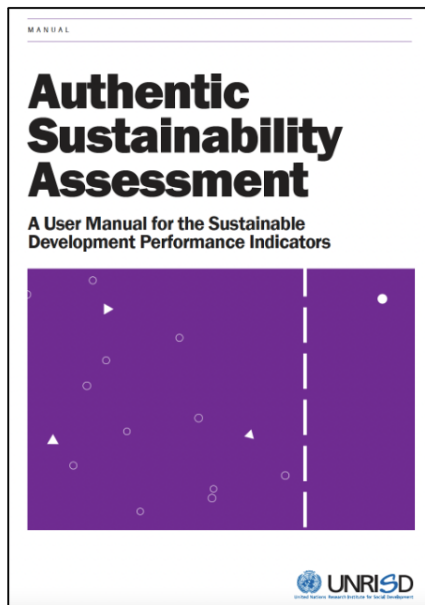
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## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Authentic Sustainability Reporting** *Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Performance Indicators*

On 1 November 2022, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) released the Sustainable Development Performance Indicators (SDPIs) in what Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Co-Founder Allen White called a “Brundtland Moment”. The SDPIs, released in a Manual entitled *Authentic Sustainability Assessment*, received significant attention (BSR: “a major inflection point”; THRIVE Institute: “sustainability history in the making”), especially in light of the releases of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Standards and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), which are either legally binding for organizations in different jurisdictions or required by investors.



“ Sustainability requires contextualization within thresholds. Sustainability measurement without context is simply not sustainability measurement.

The release of the UNRISD Sustainable Development Performance Indicators marks a seminal moment in mainstreaming contextualization. It represents the first, comprehensive guidance to embedding thresholds in sustainability reporting, the culmination of years of research and advocacy in support of a new generation of disclosure. A decade from now, historians will view the release of the SDPIs as a Brundtland moment in the urgent journey toward a just and thriving planet.

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Allen White, Co-Founder, Global Reporting Initiative; Senior Vice President and Senior Fellow, Tellus Institute



“ For the past two decades, there hasn't been sufficient guidance on how to assess organizational sustainability in the context of ecological, social, and economic thresholds, nor in the context of necessary transformations to the status quo – until now.

The release of the UNRISD Sustainable Development Performance Indicators sets a new norm, for the first time enabling authentic sustainability assessment with thresholds and transformation explicitly integrated

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Ilcheong Yi, Senior Research Coordinator at UNRISD, and Project Manager of the SDPI development process

### **Why SDPI? And what's the benefit of SDPI vis-à-vis other legally binding reporting requirements?**

Despite improvements in sustainability measurement and disclosure over several decades, **current indicators, methodologies and reporting models still fail to provide an adequate basis for assessing impacts related to socio-economic, governance and environmental**

**dimensions of sustainable development.** Several blind spots that render sustainability reporting ineffective also need to be addressed to create meaningful assessments. Reporting overload and an excessive number of indicators are problematic as well. Furthermore, as current frameworks and indicators are mainly oriented toward for-profit entities, sustainability reporting often bypasses entities, such as those in the social and solidarity economy, that pursue social and environmental goals and not just economic ones. The existing reporting standards of GRI, ISSB and ESRS won't solve these problems, and even arguably worsen them in aggregate. They therefore need to be seen in contrast to what SDPI can achieve.

In short: do you want to spend time on continued incrementalist approaches or are you interested in finally being able to measure and report in more authentic terms whether your organization's performance is actually sustainable? And how can use of the SDPIs help to fulfil the requirements of other ESG-based standards? How can your measurement and reporting be simpler and more meaningful? How can you use an 'SDPI Scorecard for hard context indicators' in order to measure and report performance in more authentic and integrated terms? This is the focus of this training.

## **Training on Authentic Sustainability Reporting**

The training is organised in 4 modules of 90 minutes each on two consecutive days, with a 30-minute break between the two modules each day. Here are the modules:

- **Module 1:** Introduction to the SDPIs; Environmental & Institutional Hard Context Indicators
- **Module 2:** Socio-Economic Hard Context Indicators
- **Module 3:** Deep Dive into Context-Based Materiality
- **Module 4:** Meta-comparison of SDPI to GRI, ESRS & ISSB for simplifying reporting; Remaining Tier II SDPI Indicators.

## **Dates and Fees**

r3.0 and CSO will initially be offering this training once a month (see dates and time on the [UN SDPI Training website](#)) as long as there is generic interest, and further on demand by individual organisations.

The **fee for this two half-day training is 995 €**. Registration is possible on the r3.0 [UN SDPI Training website](#), through credit card payment using the Mollie payment system. You will automatically receive a registration confirmation and a receipt for your payment.

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions regarding the Training, please let us know at [hello@r3-0.org](mailto:hello@r3-0.org).