



“47. We acknowledge the importance of corporate sustainability reporting, and encourage companies, where appropriate, especially publicly listed and large companies, to consider integrating sustainability information into their reporting cycle. We encourage industry, interested governments and relevant stakeholders, with the support of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to develop models for best practice and facilitate action for the integration of sustainability reporting, taking into account experiences from already existing frameworks and paying particular attention to the needs of developing countries, including for capacity-building.” - *The Future We Want*

## How can my Government benefit by becoming a GoF47 member?

The Group recognizes that a key element in the promotion of corporate sustainability reporting is the collective engagement of like-minded governments, and for this reason the Group places a high priority on expanding its membership, ensuring a broad geographical representation.

Joining the GoF47 provides access to:

- **Technical expertise and support** of leading sustainability reporting experts from the various member countries;
- **Peer-to-peer learning** about the development and implementation of policies and initiatives on corporate sustainability reporting, potentially leading to recommendations and technical assistance;
- Information regarding **emerging trends and high-level stakeholders** active in the domain of sustainability reporting, at national, regional and international levels;
- Broader opportunities opened up through the **GoF47 network**, such as in-kind technical support;
- **International recognition** as a leader on this agenda.

## What steps are required?

Any government representative may contact a GoF47 Member or the Secretariat (see details below) with their request to join, providing they adhere to the following simple criteria:

- Declare that they share the values and objectives of the Group as described in the Charter.
- Indicate any policies in place to promote sustainability reporting or, in their absence, that they have made public their intention to develop such policies, and commit to report on progress; and
- Commit to participate in activities and formal meetings of the Group of Friends.

The Group’s Bureau then considers the new membership request and supporting information, approving the decision should all requirements be met, or requesting more information on the status of the country’s progress on sustainability reporting initiatives and engaging in a dialogue for clarification and potential needs for capacity building.

There are no costs associated with joining the Group, other than members’ own travel costs to attend formal meetings of the GoF47. These meetings are generally held in synergy with international conferences of relevance to sustainability reporting.

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