



Developing Sustainability Reporting and Partnership in the Indo-Pacific Region for Achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals Symposium

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Corporate sustainability has grown into a central area of development for every nation in pursuit of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The rapid economic and industry development in the Indo-pacific region has placed enormous pressures on the environment and society in the region, especially in Australia and Indonesia, two significant and large countries in the region. Developing a common understanding and sharing respective research and practical experience of business responsibility will constitute an essential step towards achieving regional SDGs. This symposium focuses on exchanging and disseminating recent research findings and ideas developed from several collaborative projects with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and industry partners. It provides opportunities for academics to engage and communicate with industry practitioners, and to debate and find solutions for business sustainability and regional sustainable development.

Symposium Schedule

Time	Session Details	Presenter/s
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration	
9.00am – 9.05am	Introduction	Dr Wei Qian and Professor Carol Tilt
9.05am – 9.15am	Welcome speech	Professor Lin Crase, Head, School of Commerce
9.15am – 9.50am	Keynote speaker 1 Organisation level translation of SDGs and accounting: Exploratory case studies in developing countries	Professor Ataur Belal University of Sheffield UK
9:50am – 10:10am	Overview of GRI projects - Sustainable finance regulation to support SDGs in Indo-Pacific	Dr Juniati Gunawan Trisakti University Indonesia
10.10am – 10.30am	Overview of GRI projects - Management motivations for sustainability reporting in Indo-pacific	Dr Wei Qian University of South Australia
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning tea break	



11.00am – 11.20am	Overview of GRI projects - Sustainability reporting challenges in Indo-pacific	Dr Sanjaya Kuruppu and Dr Dinithi Dissanayake University of South Australia
11.20am – 11.40am	SDGs disclosure in Indonesia – Collaboration with GRI	Dr Paulina Permatasari Parahyangan Catholic University Indonesia
11.40am – 12.00pm	SDGs disclosure by top companies in Australia	Dr Amanpreet Kaur University of South Australia
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Networking Lunch	
1.05pm – 1.15pm	Welcome industry partners	Professor Andrew Beer, Dean of Research, UniSA Business School
1.15pm – 1.50pm	Keynote speaker 2 - GRI representative Evolution of integrating sustainability in businesses – GRI experiences	Dr Allinnettes Go Adigue Manager Public Policy and Corporate Relations Southeast Asia, GRI
1.50pm – 2.20pm	Supporting partnerships for the SDGs through Australia’s development assistance	Ms Sally Truong Director of Private Sector Partnerships Section Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
2.20pm – 2.50pm	The implementation of SDGs for non-profit government institutions - Experience from Indonesia	Ms Evi Afiatin and representatives Director of Finance National Social Security Administration for Employment, Indonesia
2.50pm – 3.20pm	Integrating SDGs into the business reporting framework	Professor Charl de Villiers University of Auckland, NZ
3.20pm – 3.50pm	Afternoon tea break	
3.50pm – 4.50pm	Panel discussion – The promise of partnership: engaging the private sector to achieve the SDGs in developing countries	Chair: Professor Carol Tilt Panellist: Professor Ataur Belal Dr Allinnettes Go Adigue Professor Charl de Villiers Dr Juniati Gunawan
4.50pm – 5.00pm	Closing Remarks	Professor Carol Tilt and Dr Wei Qian
5.00pm	Networking drinks and nibbles	



Keynote Speaker and panellist Information



Professor Ataur Belal

Professor of sustainability accounting, University of Sheffield

Professor Belal is one of the leading global researchers on social and environmental accounting in developing countries. His work provides some seminal papers in the area and has led to a number of international large project collaborations funded by the British Council, British Academy and CIMA. His editorial positions include former Editorship of Advances in Environmental Accounting and Management, Associate Editorship of Accounting Forum and Advisory Board Memberships in Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal, Critical Perspectives on Accounting and Business Ethics: A European Review. He has over 2500 Google scholar citations and an H-index of 21.



Dr Allinnettes Go Adigue

Manager, Public Policy and Corporate Relations, Southeast Asia, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Dr Allinnettes Go Adigue manages the implementation of GRI's donor-funded program in South east Asia entitled, "Sustainable Trade and Investment in the Indo-Pacific Region Through Reporting (STIR)", which aims to promote sustainable businesses through sustainability reporting towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As program manager, she advocates for the achievement of the program's goal and objectives by building and maintaining effective relationships with different stakeholders to promote sustainable practices and sustainability reporting among listed companies in Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.



Dr Juniati Gunawan

Director, Trisakti Sustainability Center, Trisakti University

Dr Juniati Gunawan is the director of Trisakti Sustainability Center (TSC), Trisakti University Indonesia and an advisor for Environmental & Social Risk Management Program in Indonesia under the International Finance Corporation (IFC) World Bank Group. She has published widely in both academic and practitioner journals. She received several research grants from The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), The Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia and The Universiti Teknologi Mara, The Accounting Research Institute, Malaysia. She is also an expert committee for CSR awards in Indonesia since 2015.



Ms Evi Afiatin

Director of Finance, Social Security Administration Body for Employment (BPJS Ketenagakerjaan)

Ms Afiatin is the director of Finance at BPJS Ketenagakerjaan a sole government body in Indonesia which provide social security for employment. During her role in BPJS, she has actively supported and involved in annual integrated reporting practice and directed the organisation in achieving the SDGs. Her commitment and leadership in sustainability has been widely acknowledged in Indonesia and she was awarded the Asia's top sustainability Superwomen in Singapore in 2019.



Professor Carol Tilt

Co-director, Yunus Social Business Centre and Professor of sustainability accounting, University of South Australia

Professor Carol Tilt has degrees in Education and Accounting, and her PhD was on environmental policy and reporting by Australian Companies. She is a fellow of CPA Australia, is a CA and FCMA, and on the governing council of the Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research in Scotland. Carol has over 50 refereed articles and conference papers in the area of corporate social and environmental reporting, including a seminal paper on influences on social reporting that has over 500 Google Scholar citations. She is on the editorial board of a number of journals, including the highly ranked Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal and Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal.



Professor Charl de Villiers

Professor of accounting, The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Charl is President (New Zealand) of AFAANZ (Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand). He has more than 300 research based publications and presentations, including over 80 articles in refereed journals. He has published in Accounting, Organisations and Society; Journal of Management; Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal; British Accounting Review and European Accounting Review. Charl serves on the editorial board of 10 academic journals and is the editor in chief of Meditari Accountancy Research and an editor of Accounting & Finance. Charl plays an active role in promoting sustainability accounting and integrated reporting research in New Zealand and Australia, having established and serving as chair of the steering committee of the Sustainability Accounting Research Network and its annual Conference.