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As the newly appointed Director of Global Reporting Initiative(GRI) North America, Eric is responsible for driving GRI's global mission to make sustainability reporting standard practice by all kinds of business entities in the US and Canada. Responsibilities include to provide sustainability reporting guidance and support to North American businesses across multiple sectors, to communicate the latest developments in sustainability reporting to stakeholder groups, including investors, regulators and government, and to facilitate incorporation of North American stakeholder feedback to GRI headquarters to increase local ownership of sustainability reporting and GRI's Framework.

In addition, an important focus area will be to maintain effective relationships with organizations shaping sustainability reporting in the US and Canada, such as International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project), and mainstream financial reporting organizations, such as Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and financial accounting standard setters, to advance alignment and convergence with relevant organizations in the region and globally.

Eric is a former KPMG audit partner and that firm's US advisory practice leader on climate change and sustainability. Before joining GRI he led PwC's Sustainability Assurance group based in New York. He has more than 25 years of experience with KPMG and PwC where he began his career in the Netherlands as a Chartered Accountant. Later, Eric moved into sustainability consulting where he has focused his work for nearly 17 years. Eric has global experience in sustainable development concepts and application, finance and sustainability assurance, climate change and carbon consulting & verification, business research and development, as well as knowledge management and corporate governance. He also has participated in the work of developing GRI's guidelines (G2 and G3), the Sustainability Consortium and the AICPA's Sustainability Task Force.

Eric co-founded KPMG's Global Sustainability Services practice and wrote KPMG's first Sustainability Audit Manual. He received his BA in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. He is based in GRI's New York office.