

SAICA's Sustainability Technical Committee: Call for volunteers

The focus on ESG/ sustainability risks such as climate change has gained increasing global attention, requiring organisations to respond urgently in a coherent and consistent manner. In addition, there is growing momentum towards developing a global sustainability reporting standard by organisations such as the IFRS Foundation and the EU Commission. As SAICA is committed to playing a leading role in influencing local and international agendas; and maintaining the relevance of the profession; it is imperative that we respond to this changing future.

As such, SAICA is establishing a Sustainability Technical Committee to support it in addressing the various current and emerging sustainability aspects as these relate to its members and the Institute. The committee will focus on the 'non-financial' aspects that subsists broadly within the environmental, social & governance (ESG); and integrated thinking spheres. This committee's scope will include the areas of sustainability, reporting, and assurance as relating to ESG and integrated thinking in relation to:

- thought leadership
- advocacy
- research
- comment letters
- position statements

SAICA is looking to fill the 11 available positions with passionate individuals who have a range of skills, qualifications, experience, etc. Below are the **requirements** for committee membership/ appointment:

- Availability and commitment to actively participate and contribute during and between meetings.
- Willingness to either chair or serve on project working groups dealing with specific topics that are technical or otherwise.
- Willingness to receive, draft, or review outputs outside of meetings.
- Active participation in thought leadership activities such as writing articles or presenting in webinars.
- Active participation in the comment letter and position statement process, including approving the final outputs on behalf of SAICA.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you by **29th October 2021**. Submit the following to **loshnin@saica.co.za**:

- 1) Detailed CV
- 2) Written responses (max 250 words per each response) to the following questions:
 - a. Please explain your motivation for applying to be on this committee?
 - b. How will you bring value to this committee?
 - c. What should the short- term goals of the committee be?

Appointment Process:

- 1) Only those applicants that have met the above requirements will be evaluated.
- 2) Short- listed applicants will be invited to an interview.
- 3) Only short- listed applicants will be advised regarding the outcome of their application.
- 4) Successful applicants will be provided with letters of appointment detailing relevant information.

Please note that these positions are voluntary. Committee activities can be onerous, and it is therefore recommended that applicants review their personal commitments prior to submitting their applications.