

# Strategic Vision

Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM)

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# EGRM Vision

**All we do contributes to achieving this end**

- Focus on products
- What does the EGRM bring that is unique?
- Quantify our impact
- Relatable and “human”

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# Vision Discussion

**Using the convening power of the United Nations, we support the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals by providing and facilitating use of a universal information framework for integrated, circular and sustainable resource management.**

For the world to address and fulfil the SDGs, we must ensure that our resources, natural and anthropogenic, renewable and limited, are managed to maximise their benefits and minimise their negative impacts. The production and use of natural resources should ensure good social, environmental and economic outcomes within a new social contract to operate. This is not a simple equation with fixed parameters.

Decision makers need relevant, comprehensive and consistent information for the choices and alternatives they have on the use of our resources. The EGRM, through the convening power of the UN is uniquely placed to bring together experts in sustainability, economics, social issues and technical development of the various commodities under development.

Integrated, circular development is key to success, and no one commodity or stakeholder can hold all of the keys to unlocking this challenge.

There is currently no single clearing house for the standards and information needed, and no consistent platform upon which decisions can be based. The EGRM can fill this gap - and assist governments, regulators, investors and industry in achieving the Agenda 2030 goals.

# EGRM Values

**Unite us through a set of core beliefs we all share and embrace**

- What behaviours and mindset do we need to meet our vision?
- What personality traits will help us reach our vision?
- What type of individual potential will be most useful for the greater good of the organisation?

**Integrity - Innovation - Inclusivity - Enthusiasm**

# Values Discussion

## Integrity - Innovation - Inclusivity - Enthusiasm

The EGRM as a group of volunteer experts, supported by the secretariat of the UNECE, share a set of unique values that guides the work we do to achieve our vision.

Our work is done with *integrity* to find the best solution possible by noted experts across the many disciplines that are needed to meet our vision.

We strive for *innovation* in our work. We work with many partners and we will not look for alternative solutions where a satisfactory solution already exists. All of our products must bring added value or be packaged as a unique workflow in achieving our vision.

Our success relies on solutions and ideas coming from a broad spectrum of individuals, affiliations and backgrounds. *Inclusivity* of our diverse stakeholder community is essential.

We are principally a group of volunteers, and to complete our work, we must rely on their *enthusiasm* and initiative to reach our goals. To maintain this zeal, our teams show respect for people's ideas, beliefs, home-life and time.

# Proposal

## Next Steps

Examine the EGRM working group structure and ensure all stakeholder groups are well represented and promote cross-cutting activities.

- Our focus is moving from focussing on commodities to focussing on our stakeholders' need to implement and achieve Agenda 2030
- We need to expand the range of our experts and work on expanding application