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GLOBAL IMPACT INVESTING NETWORK APPOINTS SEAN GILBERT AS DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

GILBERT WILL STRENGTHEN THE GIIN'S NETWORK ENGAGEMENT, ENHANCE PROGRAMMING, AND DRIVE REGIONAL GROWTH

NEW YORK, November 15, 2018 – The [Global Impact Investing Network \(GIIN\)](#) today announced the appointment of Sean Gilbert as its Director of Membership. Gilbert will be responsible for overseeing the GIIN's Membership of over 280 member organizations from across over 40 countries around the world and guide the strategic direction and growth of programming initiatives and member engagement across regions. He will be based in Washington, D.C.

“To drive meaningful progress in the advancement of impact investing, we must connect a diverse set of participants to engage in collective action and collaborative idea generation, problem solving, and knowledge sharing,” said Amit Bouri, CEO and co-founder of the GIIN. “This is a key objective of our membership program, and Sean possesses the global experience and skills needed to unite and energize stakeholders from across sectors and geographies. He is a tremendous addition to our team.”

In his role, Gilbert will facilitate the growth of GIIN membership and expand engagement, particularly among institutional investors. In addition, he will oversee the creation and delivery of high-quality programming and other services that align with areas of need within the industry and interests of members.

Over his career, Gilbert has had extensive experience working with the finance sector around the integration of sustainability and ESG into investment processes, including the development of standards and indicators. He is uniquely poised to contribute to engagement around the GIIN's Impact Measurement and Management (IMM) and Research teams and will engage members as such into the GIIN's wider activities.

Gilbert comes to the GIIN from the World Resources Institute (WRI), where he was Head of Partnerships and Outreach for the NDC Partnership, leading on the global initiative to support countries to increase the flow of finance and assistance to deliver on national climate and development commitments. For over twenty years, he has worked in both the private and non-profit sectors on integrating sustainability into business and finance. Prior to his leadership at WRI, he oversaw Sustainability Advisory Services for KPMG in China, and before that was a Director at the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) in Amsterdam, where he led the development of a pioneering set of standards, which have become the most widely adopted sustainability reporting framework in the world. Gilbert began his career in Asia as a market research consultant for the chemical and environmental technology sectors.

Gilbert commented: “Impact investing is approaching an inflection point as a practice. Investors are showing an increasing interest in understanding how their portfolios relate to global challenges and contribute to solutions. There is a need for bringing the industry together behind a set of shared and consistent approaches to enable investors to embed concepts of impact into their investments and processes. The GIIN has a catalytic role to play and I am excited to join the team and to have the opportunity to work with members.”

About the Global Impact Investing Network

The Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) is the global champion of impact investing, dedicated to increasing the scale and effectiveness of impact investing around the world. Impact investments are investments made with the intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return. Impact investments can be made in both emerging and developed markets and target a range of returns from below market to market rate, depending upon investors’ objectives. The GIIN builds critical infrastructure and supports activities, education, and research that help accelerate the development of a coherent impact investing industry. For more information, please visit www.thegiin.org.

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