## A Snapshot of Sustainability Reporting in Canada



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### **About SRA**

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# Advancing Sustainability Reporting in Canada

2016 Report on Progress

### About Our Research

#### 2016 In-Depth Review:

- 234 companies listed on the TSX Composite Index
- 68 survey respondents
- 1-day symposium

#### 2017 & 2019 Updates

- 245 companies listed on the TSX Composite Index (2017)
- 239 companies listed on the TSX Composite Index (2018)



### **Definition of "Reporter"**

- Minimum of 5 pages (PDF or web pages) or equivalent (1750 words)
- Minimum of 2 topics covered (e.g. EH&S, sustainability, community, employee engagement, ethics, supply chain, etc.)

### **Reporting Trends**

	2016	2017	2019
% TSX Reporters	58%	54%	75%
ARs	40%	71%	60%
GRI Reporters	50%	40%	40%
GRI Standards	n/a	25%	60%
SDGs	n/a	17%	16%

### **Reporting Trends**

6 Integrated Reporters (3% of Reporters):

- -TransAlta
- -Teck
- -CAE Inc.
- -Eldorado Gold
- -Hudbay Minerals
- -Nutrien



### Observations

- Canadian publicly listed companies continue to lag vs international sustainability reporters
- While more companies are providing sustainability information, reporting quality isn't evident
- Real progress is hindered by the lack of reporting on goals/ targets – leads to questions on actual performance
- Companies are still feeling their way around (frequency of reporting; format)
- Length of reports averaging 30-50 pages (some outliers)
- Not a lot of interesting/engaging reporting





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