
Human resource management — Guidelines for internal and external human capital reporting

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Foreword

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Introduction

Human capital includes the cumulative knowledge, skills and abilities of an organization's people and the impact on an organization's long-term performance, as well as competitive advantage through optimizing organizational outcomes.

The measurement of human capital facilitates the ability of an organization to manage one of its most critical resources and risks, people. Research shows that organizations that do not manage their human capital may damage the ability and opportunity for the business to create long-term and sustainable value achieved through their people^[1].

This document is guided by the principles of human rights at work^[2], and coupled with the human governance standard (ISO 30408^[3]), it establishes guidelines on human capital data capture, measurement, analysis and reporting.

The benefits of a standardized approach to human capital reporting (HCR) include

- the use of standardized and agreed data, which describes organizational value in a broadly comparable sense;
- the improvement of HRM processes that support good practice in establishing and maintaining positive employment relations;
- greater understanding of the financial and non-financial returns that are generated as a result of investments in human capital;
- accessible and transparent reporting of human capital data and insights that enhances internal and external understanding and assessment of an organization's human capital and its present and future performance.

HCR is following guiding principles which are outlined in [4.2](#).

