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Industry News

CLIMATE CHANGE TOPS COMMONWEALTH MEETING AGENDA Food security and climate change will take centre stage when President Jacob Zuma leads a delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of State and Government Meeting (CHOGM) this week. The meeting will be held in Perth, Australia this week under the theme "Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience. [All Africa News, 24 October 2011](#)

'IT'S TIME TO STOP BLAMING RENEWABLE ENERGY' says Nicolas Molho, head of energy policy at WWF-UK, who sets out the case for 60% renewable electricity by 2030. [Nicolas Molho, Business Green, 25 October 2011](#)

MINISTER BALOYI CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION TO COMBAT THE SCOURGE OF CORRUPTION At the 3rd annual Anti-Corruption Business Forum at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg last week, Minister for the Public Service and Administration, Mr Richard Baloyi, reiterated government's call for collective action to combat corruption in all its manifestations. [All Africa News, 21 October 2011](#)

SETBACK FOR GREEN CLIMATE FUND The Green Climate Fund, which developing countries are relying on to support their actions against global warming, suffered a setback when a committee designing the fund could not agree on recommendations to give to the United National Climate Convention. [Martin Khor, The Star, 24 October 2011](#)

WORLD'S LARGEST INVESTORS, WORTH \$20 TRILLION, STEP UP CALL FOR URGENT POLICY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE In a joint statement made last week, the world's largest investors, representing more than \$20 trillion in assets, stressed the urgent need for policy action which stimulates private sector investment into climate change solutions, creates jobs and is essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability and stability of the world economic system. [CSR Wire, 20 October 2011](#)

WHY ARE WE STILL DEBATING WHETHER TO EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY? In the business world the sustainability debate is more often centred on questions relating to risk, reward and return on investment; in politics the conversation is all too often focused on whether or not climate change is real. [Mike Bellemante, GreenBiz, 20 October 2011](#)

FISHING FOR SUSTAINABILITY Fisheries create work for 180 million people and \$500 billion a year in economic activity. They are under pressure. [McKinsey Quarterly, October 2011](#)

SECOND GENERATION BIOFUEL ON CUSP OF BREAKTHROUGH: DSM Dutch life sciences group DSM said the development of second-generation biofuels is nearing a major breakthrough with commercial production just a couple of years away that could open up a market worth \$5 billion a year. [Aaron Gray-Block, Reuters, 19 October 2011](#)

'END FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES' So says the International Energy Agency (IEA); according to them, global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from energy production reached the highest level ever recorded in 2010, yet investment and spending in low-carbon and clean energy systems are falling far short of what's required to address climate change. [All Africa News, 24 October 2011](#)

SOUTH AFRICA FACES TOUGH COP17 BALANCING ACT At a national government level, International Relations and Cooperation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane is the COP17 president and her department are handling the logistics arrangements of the conference, as well as facilitating a successful outcome at COP17. [Brindaveni Naidoo, Engineering News, 18 October 2011](#)

CLEAN POWER: BACK TO BASICS For many years solar energy efficiency was the poor relation to cutting-edge clean technology initiatives like wind and solar. But now the more workaday strategies are getting a new look-in. Efficiency measures can often save as much power as the more glamorous efforts can produce, at a fraction of the cost. [The Economist, 22 October 2011](#)

Notices, Reports & Surveys

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP AWARDS OPENS FOR ENTRIES This is the third year of the Climate Change Leadership Awards (CCLA) competition and the CCLA is hoping to reach out to an even greater number of people and companies to widen the circle of climate change responsibility. Individuals, schools, local municipalities and companies are encouraged to enter on www.ccla.co.za. Entries close **30 January 2012**.

CLASS CONTROL: THE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE CHALLENGE IN SOUTH AFRICA In 2000 the South African education system consisted of 26 789 public and 971 independent schools, accommodating almost 12 million pupils. Given its size and the diverse population it caters for, it is an extremely complex system. [Eldis](#)

CSRWIRE RELEASES SECOND ANNUAL UNITED NATIONAL GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS

CSRwire has released its second annual United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Communication on Progress, the largest corporate responsibility initiative in the world that asks companies and organisations to honour UN goals including the Millenium Development Goals. [CSRWire](#)

PAPER OFFERS OPTIONS TO SCALE UP CLIMATE ACTION GLOBALLY IN DURBAN, RIO AND BEYOND A new paper published by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the United National Environment Programme (UNEP), with the support of the Government of Ireland, entitled *Building the Climate Change Regime: Survey and Analysis of Approaches*, reviews more than 130 proposals put forward by governments, non-governmental organisations (NGO's) and academics to design a climate regime capable of delivering adequate mitigation action. [WRI](#)

NOT JUST WHERE WE LIVE, BUT HOW WE LIVE: ADDRESSING URBAN FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY By 2020 the number of people in the developing world will grow to 7 billion with 90% of this growth occurring in urban settings. The volume of people will compromise the ability of cities to meet basic needs, resulting in an increase of urban poverty, hunger and malnutrition. Previous urban development strategies focused on building infrastructure – yet improving lives for the urban poor is not just about where they live, but how they live. [Eldis](#)

GLOBAL EDUCATION DIGEST 2011 (OCTOBER 2011) Governments are struggling to meet the rising demand for secondary education, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where there are enough school places for just 36% of children of age to enrol, according the latest edition of the *Global Education Digest*, published by the Unesco Institute for Statistics. [Polity](#)

SAP AND UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA) UNVEIL INTERACTIVE ANALYTICS AS POPULATION GROWS BEYOND 7 BILLION Released at the first day of the '7-Day Countdown to 7 Billion', the UNFPA population dashboards allow an analysis of the impact of population increases on key areas – including education, healthcare, literacy and age and gender development – by compiling UN data from multiple agencies. The analysis, which can be done instantly on a laptop or mobile device anywhere in the world, allows fact-based decision-making for policy-makers, academics, business people and citizens to develop and adjust policies and initiatives. [CSR Wire](#)

DEADLY SILENCE : BARRIERS TO COMMUNICATING HIV/AIDS IN SCHOOLS An estimated 11.8 million 15 to 24-year-olds are living with HIV worldwide. Schools are the obvious place to teach young people about the risks of infection. But what is the best way to do this? [Eldis](#)

NBI COP 17 WEB PORTAL The hosting of COP 17 by South Africa in Durban later this the year is likely to attract many companies to attend and experience being part of this important event. Visit [National Business Initiative](#) website for more information.

GREENHOUSE GAS PROTOCOL CORPORATE VALUE CHAIN (SCOPE 3) ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING STANDARD This standard (also referred to as the Scope 3 Standard) provides requirements and guidance for companies and other organisations to prepare and publicly report a GHG emissions inventory that includes indirect emissions resulting from value chain activities. [WRI](#)

South African Events

GREENING YOUR BUSINESS – FREE COURSE Register now for the updated Business Day-Nedbank Greening Your Business. Map your carbon footprint, build your strategy, learn innovation techniques, find out where the funding is and more including a dozen new case studies. Free from October 10 to November 25 for the first 2 000 people to register. Click [here](#) for more information.

THICKET FORUM ANNUAL MEETING 2-3 November 2011, Rhodes University, Grahamstown. For more information please contact thicketforum@gmail.com or 086 549 3095.

9TH CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER SEMINAR Diemersfontein, Wellington, Western Cape, 7–9 November 2011, for managers in the private or public sector who have responsibility for the sustainability, environmental, social, corporate affairs or supply chain dimensions of their organisation. For more details, please go to www.cpsl.co.za or contact Magda on +27 21 469 4765.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SEMINAR 8 November 2011, Indaba Hotel, Fourways, Johannesburg. The Swedish Trade Council (STC), with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), will launch a CSR programme aimed at helping companies identify areas of possible improvement within CSR in their companies. For more information please email maria.nordstrom@swedishtrade.se or sibongile.ngubane@swedishtrade.se or contact on 011 300 5600.

PRE-COP 17 SUMMIT MEETING 8 November 2011 Auditorium Phase One, Nedbank, 135 Rivonia Sandown, Johannesburg. A high-level event with representation from emerging economies to identify shared perspectives on opportunities and challenges for a common vision, practical strategies and priorities for COP17 and beyond. For more information contact Dunbar.christine@nbi.org.za or 011 544 6000.

CLIMATE CHANGE & RENEWABLE ENERGY LAW WORKSHOP 8 November 2011 in Rosebank, Johannesburg. This workshop is aimed at providing a strategic understanding and analysis of the policy and legal frameworks relating to climate change and renewable energy in South Africa. For more information or to book your seat at this workshop, please contact Lulu Dutton : lulu@imbewu.co.za or +27 11 214 0660/1.

THE BUSINESS OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION CONFERENCE 14-16 November 2011, Cape Town. In this conference we will seek to connect and cross-fertilize various narratives on the business of social and environmental innovation, and to share and distil lessons from across academic disciplines and from successful initiatives in Africa and beyond. The conference will ask whether some form of research network would be of value, and if so, in what form. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

DURBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION 2 – 4 December 2011, Durban, South Africa. Durban is hosting this conference to mobilise the participation of local governments in the UN climate talks. For more information please contact ICLEI Africa convention team at Igconvention@iclei.org or iclei-africa@iclei.org.

SA CARBON DISCLOSURE PROJECT 2011 REPORT LAUNCH 6 December 2011, Durban, South Africa. The National Business Initiative and the Carbon Disclosure Project London office will release the 2011 South African Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) report on submissions of the Top 100 JSE listed companies. For more information contact Dunbar.christine@nbi.org.za or 011 544 6000.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES - TRAINING COURSE 7-9 December 2011, Johannesburg. For further information please contact Bronwyn on 011-582 3222 or reply to this email. Alternatively to download the course brochure go to <http://www.KnowledgeDev23.co.za/courses/Corporate%20Governance/CGV20111207.pdf>. To register online go to <http://www.KnowledgeDev23.co.za/register/default.asp?CourseID=7>

AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2012 21-23 February 2012, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference continues to grow and has become the foremost forum for debating and exchanging solutions to Africa's energy challenges and focuses on: African power suppliers; alternative and renewable energies; oil and gas; the legal and regulatory framework, and investment opportunities in African energy projects, to name a few. For more information, contact Mabel Modipa at mabel@siyenza.za.com.

International Events

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING ESSENTIALS 1 November 2011, San Francisco. This course provides participants with a thorough grounding in the rationale for, and benefits of, sustainability reporting and how it relates to business strategy. [CSRwire](#)

BUSINESS GREEN LEADERS FORUM, 8 November 2011, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA. Half-day event to provide UK's top sustainability leaders with invaluable opportunity to track and shape latest green business trends. [GreenBiz](#)

INTELLIGENT CITIES EXPO 8 – 10 November, Hamburg, Germany. This Expo brings together all urban stakeholders to discuss how to transform today's cities into sustainable, liveable cities through the large-scale adoption of intelligent systems. Click [here](#) for more information.

SMART CITIES WORLD MENA 2011 21 – 23 November, The Address Dubai Marina, Dubai. Brings together developers and stakeholders of urban development to discuss investment, development and innovation in creating a sustainable community. Click [here](#) for more information.

HOW TO ENGAGE SUPPLIERS IN SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE EUROPE 2011 28-29 November 2011, London. A practical 2-day conference on how to engage and sustain supplier performance on Social, Environmental, other Sustainability issues. For more information, go to: [Ethical Corporation](#).

GLOBE 2012 12th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE & TRADE FAIR ON BUSINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT 14–16 March, Vancouver, Canada. Three days of thought-leading sessions presented by world-renowned sustainability experts, and the opportunity to see leading-edge environmental innovations and to participate in global networking opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

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