

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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INDUSTRY NEWS

AFRICA URGED TO INVEST IN ITS YOUTH The African continent needs to make the most of its youthful population by providing them with the education and skills they need to compete on the global stage, says Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Buti Manamela. [*Knowledge Bylanes South Africa, 15 June 2017.*](#)

AFRICA FOCUS AT G20 AFRICA SUMMIT IN BERLIN The G20 Africa Summit in Berlin this week will explore new investment opportunities in Africa and how new incentives for more private sector investments, sustainable investments in public infrastructure and economic participation can be created through employment. [*BizCommunity, 14 June 2017.*](#)

SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE PROUD OF WIND ENERGY ACHIEVEMENTS South Africa has, in three years, become the largest wind power producer on the continent, generating 1.4 GW of electricity from 600 wind turbines. [Megan van Wynqaardt, Engineering News, 14 June 2017.](#)

\$300M TERM LOAN FACILITY TO BOOST AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA Standard Chartered Bank and the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa (Land Bank) has signed a \$300m Term loan facility, backed by a guarantee from the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. [BizCommunity, 14 June 2017.](#)

WESTERN CAPE GOVT EARMARKS R75M FOR KNYSNA, STORM-DAMAGED AREAS The Western Cape government has earmarked R75 million for rebuilding fire-ravaged Knysna, as well as other areas damaged by last week's Cape storm. [The Citizen, 14 June 2017.](#)

TRUMP CLINGS TO COAL AS WORLDWIDE DEMAND PLUMMETS President Donald Trump has made reviving the long-struggling US coal mines the bedrock of his administration's energy policy. But new data show market demand for the dirtiest of fossil fuels is plummeting worldwide. [FIN 24, 13 June 2017.](#)

APPLE'S NEW \$1BN GREEN BOND WILL HELP IT FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING Apple, which issued the biggest green bond ever sold by a US corporation in 2016 to finance projects fighting global warming, is doing it again. [Business Live, 13 June 2017.](#)

STATEMENT FROM THE CEO INITIATIVE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE The CEO Initiative has reiterated its commitment to continuing the collaboration with government and labour in an effort to create sustainable, inclusive growth that benefits all the citizens of South Africa. This follows a meeting on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Finance, as well as the Director-General and other members of the National Treasury. Read [here.](#)

LEARNING ABOUT GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES IN GREEN ENERGY South Africa reaffirmed its commitment and contribution towards global climate change goals at the recent Clean Energy Ministerial Conference in China. [Infrastructure News, 13 June 2017.](#)

TSHWANE: GREEN CITY TSHWANE has positioned itself as a leading city in terms of green building space. The metro has the most certified green buildings in South Africa. [Pretoria News, 13 June 2017.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN TO LEAD WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION Former Agri SA deputy president Dr Theo de Jager has become the first South African to be elected president of the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO), in [Helsinki, Finland.](#) [Engineering News, 13 June 2017.](#)

STORMS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPE FAIL TO STEM WATER SHORTAGES South Africa's tourist capital Cape Town remains gripped by critical water shortages despite being lashed by torrential rains last week in the region's worst storm in 30 years, officials said on Tuesday. [CNBC Africa, 13 June 2017.](#)

SOLAR TOWER POWER IS ON THE RISE Solar generation systems can now produce electricity and store it for hours, using solar tower power without any need for batteries. [Climate News Network, 11 June 2017.](#)

STATEMENT FROM THE CEO INITIATIVE IN REACTION TO MOODY'S RATINGS DECISION South Africa's poor economic growth outlook – amid recessionary conditions – will be weakened even more following the downgrade of the country's sovereign debt ratings to Baa3 by Moody's. [10 June 2017.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Read their latest press release entitled: *"Leaders in U.S. Economy say "We Are Still In" on Paris Climate Agreement"*, [here.](#) You can also follow them on [Twitter.](#)

UN GLOBAL COMPACT (UNGC) The UN Global Compact is a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. The NBI hosts the Local Network of the UNGC. Read their Executive Update entitled: *"UN Global Compact statement on US decision to withdraw from Paris Agreement"*, [here.](#)

UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE NBI partners with the CEO Water Mandate to encourage water stewardship in South Africa. Established by the UN Global Compact in 2007, and rooted in the belief that cross-sectoral collaboration on shared water goals is the most effective path to more sustainable water management, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative that mobilizes business leaders for water stewardship. Explore their newly launched Water Action Hub 2.0 [here.](#) The revitalized Hub promotes more effective collaboration by organizations interested in working together to address water challenges in any region of the world by enabling users to more quickly and easily find potential partners with similar interests.

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world's most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read their: *"Statement on United States Government Withdrawal from Paris Agreement"*, [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news article entitled: *"35 leading businesses bring FReSH momentum to address food systems challenges"*, [here.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

JULY 2017: CALL FOR COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLACEMENT OF TVET COLLEGE GRADUATES IN CONSTRUCTION, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY: The National Business Initiative (NBI) has secured funding from the National Skills Fund to provide workplace-based learning (WBL) for 60 civil engineering and building construction and 50 tourism and hospitality graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges in Gauteng. The initiative aims to enhance the employability of graduates so as to increase their chances of employment in entry-level jobs. The NBI is inviting companies in these sectors to offer WBL for graduates for a period of 12 months. The NBI will provide monthly stipends and insurance cover for the candidates. Please e-mail [Cecil Macheke](#) or [Shavilla Harpal](#) or call them on: **011 544 6000** should you be interested in participating in this initiative – **COMPANIES ONLY**. Please click on the appropriate link for further details: [Placement of Graduates in Tourism and Hospitality](#) or [Placement of TVET College Graduates in the Construction and Building Sector.](#)

WE ARE STILL IN: AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO TRUMP'S WITHDRAWAL OF THE US FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT It has been almost two weeks since President Trump made his announcement that “we are getting out” of the Paris Agreement: a statement of his decision to withdraw America from the now 146 nation strong ratified and fully enforced Paris Agreement. The response to this statement from within America has been a resounding “we are still in” with more than 900 businesses and investors, in addition to hundreds of cities, states and universities signing an online statement developed by the We Mean Business (WMB) group of partner organisations to indicate united support for the Paris Agreement. Click [here](#) to read NBI's latest Quick Brief.

US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT As you will have heard, through formal and social media, President Trump announced his intention for the United States to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. While this is clearly an unfortunate setback for hard fought progress on climate change, it is worth keeping things in perspective. [Read NBI's Quick Brief.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

GENERAL ELECTRIC BETS BIG ON DIGITAL While the industrial ecosystem lags the productivity gains seen in the consumer economy as a result of digital disruption, General Electric ([GE](#)) is betting its future on digital industrial transformation and the powerful gains that will emerge from fully leveraging what the Internet of Things (IoT) has to offer. [Engineering News, 13 June 2017.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN CEOS 'DISRUPTING' TO GROW IN UNCERTAIN CLIMATE Audit, tax and advisory services firm KPMG's '2017 CEO Outlook', released on Tuesday, has revealed that South African CEOs see the positive side of “disruptive forces” facing their respective companies, and are feeling the urgency to “disrupt and grow” amid new challenges and uncertainties. [Engineering News, 13 June 2017.](#)

MMI HOLDINGS TO PARTNER WITH AFRICAN BANK Life insurer MMI Holdings entered into a mutually beneficial partnership with African Bank on Monday in which it would extend banking services to its clients by offering loans and take deposits. [IOL Business, 12 June 2017.](#)

VODACOM SETS UP R20M DISASTER RELIEF FUND Telecommunications giant Vodacom has set up a R20-million disaster recovery fund to provide support to those hit by the fires and storms in the Western and Southern parts of the Cape. [Engineering News, 12 June 2017.](#)

MTN DONATES R1.5 MILLION TO #KNYSNA FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS Local telecoms company MTN has contributed to helping those affected by the fires in Knysna which started last Tuesday. The company has allocated R1.5 million to fund relief efforts. [htxt.africa, 9 June 2017.](#)

WASTE TO FOOD: PNP CUTTING DOWN ON FOOD WASTE THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROJECT According to the CSIR, food waste cost the South African economy more than R61 billion annually - accounting for an astounding 2.1% of the country's GDP - with a large portion of this cost going toward the disposal of the waste, most of which ends up in landfills across the country. [BizCommunity, 8 June 2017.](#)

DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF - JUNE 2017 In this issue of the Dolphin Bay Brief our member company shares tips for successful shipping and advises its customers on how to manage their businesses during the drought. They also welcome new customer, Lourensford. Read [here](#).

ANGLO AMERICAN APPOINTS STUART CHAMBERS AS CHAIRMAN Anglo American has named Stuart Chambers as its replacement for Sir John Parker as the leader of the organisation effective November 1. [Moneyweb, 7 June 2017](#).

TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN CHANGE CAN SEE AFRICA BENEFIT MORE FROM ITS ENERGY New disruptive technologies are changing the ways energy generation and distribution is being understood and funded in Africa, says Rentia van Tonder, head of power at Standard Bank. [Infrastructure News, 6 June 2017](#).

TELKOM EYES GROWTH THROUGH FIT-FOR-PURPOSE OPERATING MODEL After four years of an aggressive turnaround, JSE-listed Telkom is now on stable ground and has been left with a fit-for-purpose operating model, housing five entities that are expected to be self-sustaining. [Engineering News, 5 June 2017](#).

CARBON TRUST-LED JOINT INDUSTRY PROJECT SELECTS PARTNERS TO TACKLE FLOATING WIND CHALLENGES The Carbon Trust has kicked off a series of studies to address future challenges for the emergent floating offshore wind sector. The studies have been commissioned through a joint industry project (JIP) between the Scottish Government and eight industry partners, including DONG Energy, ENGIE, Eolfi, E.ON, innogy, Kyuden Mirai Energy, Statoil and Vattenfall. [The Carbon Trust, 1 June 2017](#).

ENTREPRENEUR SCOOPS OLD MUTUAL FUNDING TO DEVELOP BIOFUEL ENTERPRISE At an event held on 27 May 2017, Old Mutual Foundation, in partnership with Red Bull, announced Thabang Mabapa as the winner of their “business pitch challenge”. [BizCommunity, 1 June 2017](#).

WORLD’S LARGEST FLOATING PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT TEST-BED FEATURES ABB TECHNOLOGY ABB drives the energy revolution with newly emerging use of solar power in Singapore. [African Petrochemicals, 31 May 2017](#).

TONGAAT DELIVERS DOUBLE-DIGIT EARNINGS GROWTH FOR FY17 JSE-listed Tongaat Hulett on Monday reported double-digit earnings growth for the year ended March 31. [Engineering News, 29 May 2017](#).

NEDBANK WATER AWARENESS 2017: South Africa’s Economic, Social and Environmental wellbeing depends on a Sustainable Supply Of Fresh, Healthy Water. As such, water is everyone’s responsibility and all South Africans must step up to ensure a water-secure future. Nedbank recognises its responsibility to contribute towards water security and became a proud participant of the **WWF Water Balance Programme** in 2011. Click [here](#) for further information and [here](#) to view their video.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

IMPROVING THE SUPPLY CHAIN Logistics is an integral, but often overlooked, part of food security. [Megan Ellis, Business Media Mags, 14 June 2017.](#)

WBCSD has recently released its [CEO Guide to the Circular Economy.](#)

WBCSD also announced its [Factor10 initiative in this space.](#) Factor10 brings companies together to reinvent how business finds, uses and disposes of the materials that make up global trade. It's an initiative that will help to identify and remove the barriers that exist, while creating solutions that businesses all around the world can implement. Any company interested in implementing the circular economy is welcome to join.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REACTS TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT Read [here.](#)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE REVISED STANDARDIZED BASELINE FOR THE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OF SOUTHERN AFRICA [Promethium Carbon, 6 June 2017.](#)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS KEY The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) regularly forms partnerships with other entities on a regional, continental and global scale, in order to share innovations and experiences as widely as possible, writes Rodney Weidemann. [Business Media Mags, 6 June 2017.](#)

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICIES TO SOON BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Water quality management challenges are being tackled, the department of water and sanitation said. [Infrastructure News, 5 June 2017.](#)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA) NATIONAL CARBON SINKS ATLAS is now accessible via the following link: <http://carbon-atlas.dirisa.org/>. You can also access and download other reports [here.](#)

CDP LAUNCHES REPORT ON 24 MAY 2017 "[OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO CORPORATE WATER RISK MANAGEMENT](#)". A report resulting from 2+ years of work between CDP's water programme and IWaSP, the International Water Stewardship Programme of GIZ which has been commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. This report explores why corporate engagement in collective action remains confined to only a few leading companies - rather than mainstream activity. Collective action is critical component to water risk management; since water is a shared resource, advancing its sustainable use requires cooperation of all water users in a river basin, including corporations, government entities, NGO's, and local communities. The report identifies six barriers to corporate engagement in multi-stakeholder water risk management, and outlines possible solutions to overcome them. It offers clear steps for companies, water management authorities, investors, and NGO's to take.

ROUND TWO OF THE IMVELISI "ENVIROPRENEURSHIP" IDEATION BOOTCAMP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: This training programme is funded by the Department of Science and Technology, an initiative that supports young people interested in running water and biodiversity related businesses, through the creation of an early ideation training programme that enables participants to develop their business idea, understand their market, conceptualize a business plan and refine their pitching skills. Click [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2017

THE BUSINESS OF ADAPTATION A framework for businesses to act on, enable and influence climate resilience on Tuesday, 20 June 2017 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton and on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at The Radisson Blu Hotel, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town. Climate change is a material risk to business. For the last two years the World Economic Forum (WEF) has identified climate risk within the top two concerns for those businesses surveyed, while a recent CDP report found that only 50% of surveyed companies are currently managing their climate risk. Co-hosted by BSR, NBI and Kudos Africa. Click on the appropriate link: [RSVP Johannesburg, 20 June 2017](#) and [RSVP Cape Town, 22 June 2017](#).

EXECUTIVE DINNERS: NBI SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCENARIO AND ENERGY PATHWAY EXECUTIVE The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting 4 high level discussions, based on the successful model used in the NBI National Development Plan (NDP) Programme, on the role of business in shaping South Africa's future for its member companies. We will be using the tried and tested socio-economic scenarios and energy pathways developed by the NBI to help structure the conversation. The dinners' will use the tangible and urgent requirement to act now towards a transition to a lower carbon economy over the medium to long term as a basis for this discussion and as a starting point for taking action. In addressing the issue of a low carbon transition and our future energy mix we will establish collective business processes that will allow us to address a range of specific development topics in a robust way. Dates are as follows: **Johannesburg - 22 June and 20 July 2017. Durban - 22 July 2017 and Cape Town - 13 July 2017.** Please send your executive nomination from your company and their preferred date to [Gillian Hutchings](#).

2ND ROUNDTABLE FOR SOCIAL & ETHICS COMMITTEES Thursday, 29 June 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Sandton. Established now as an on-going platform for board committee members to build a community for sharing knowledge and experiences on implementation, with a view to enhancing best practice on the requirements. Please contact [Makgotso Komani](#) should you wish to attend this roundtable session.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SESSION ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH RT HON LORD MARK MALLOCH-BROWN KCMG Wednesday, 26 July 2017 at Investec, Sandton. The National Business Initiative and Investec are hosting an afternoon session on opportunities for business to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to further their core business interests and support development. A report by the Business Commission on Sustainable Development entitled [Better Business Better World](#), estimates that the SDGs will open up business opportunities to the tune of US\$ 12 trillion globally through four economic systems of Food and Agriculture; Cities; Energy & Minerals; and Health & Well-Being. Please click [here](#) if you wish to attend this event.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

LEADERSHIP ENGAGE: DRIVING ETHICS, TRUST AND SUCCESS DURING TURBULENT TIMES 19 June 2017 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. Liberty Holdings CEO, Thablo Dloti; Vice President of the Chamber of Mines, Andile Sangqu; Nic Kohler, Group CEO of Hollard Insurance and Investec CEO, Stephen Koseff, chat to Professor Nicola Kleyn, Dean of GIBS, for a discussion under the auspices of the GIBS Ethics and Governance Think Tank. [GIBS](#).

TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 20 to 22 June 2017 in Durban. Whether you are a major water user, a regulatory body, a natural resource manager or a civil society group; AWS's training

can give you what you need to advocate for and implement responsible water stewardship. Please contact **Mark Dent** for further details or to register for the Foundation, Advanced or Specialist Courses being run in 2017. **Website.**

THIRD ANNUAL VISION 2030 SUMMIT 21 to 22 June 2017 at Birchwood Hotel & Conference Centre, Gauteng. Hear from and network with thought leaders in both the private and public sectors, to be part of a new phase of socioeconomic acceleration and transformation in South Africa. **Information.**

MANUFACTURING INDABA 27 to 28 June 2017 Emperors Palace, City of Ekurhuleni. All nations require and rightly aspire to efficient industrial bases to meet changing needs in a globalised world. South Africa has developed an established and diversified manufacturing base that has shown its resilience and potential to compete in the global economy. Collaboration and investments by both the public and private sectors in manufacturing is essential for regional and continental growth. The aim of the annual Manufacturing Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together business owners, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. Manufacturing Indaba is the leading manufacturing event in Sub-Saharan Africa. The two-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. **Website.**

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 13 to 16 August 2017, Intundla Game Lodge, Gauteng. We need to rapidly engineer a sustainable economy, one that meets human needs within natural constraints – within the carrying capacity of the one planet we all live on and depend on. We need organisations that are able to create jobs and increase access to products, services and livelihood opportunities in a resource-constrained and low-trust world. We need to develop leadership at all levels in organisation that understand what is required. This seminar is designed for managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of sustainability. For more information as well as the application form, please have a look at the **website**, or contact **Magda DeKok** on **magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk**.

INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM 21 to 22 August 2017 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton. Africa, with a population exceeding 1 billion people, is well placed as an emerging market and has successfully maintained an average growth rate of 4% for the past few years as a continent. Africa is also urbanising at breakneck speeds, which means the need for infrastructure such as bypasses, bridges, new highways and new technologies need to be deployed in congested areas where traditional methods cannot work. This evolution of infrastructure and the underlying drivers of growth are highlighted at the annual Infrastructure Africa conference and exhibition. With discussions on specific project development opportunities from infrastructure players operating on the ground, the two-day business forum offers businesses the platform to set their regional strategies for long-term growth and the opportunity to unpack the enormous growth potential in Africa's infrastructure sectors. **Website.**

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 22 August 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone **082 395 7582**.

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY IN YOUR ORGANISATION COURSE 23 August 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone **082 395 7582**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

THE 7TH GLOBAL MEETING OF LOW CARBON TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (LCTPI) will take place on **19 to 20 June 2017** during **Sustainable Energy Week** in **Brussels, Belgium**. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with key business leaders and policymakers in climate action. Seats are filling fast so **[sign up now!](#)**

WBCSD WEBINARS: THE THINKING BEHIND “The Good Life 2.0” Playbook AND EXPLAIN HOW WE SEE IT BEING USED, FOLLOWED BY Q&A on 27 and 28 June 2017. Please click on this **[link](#)** to register for the webinars.

WATER GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE MEETING 3 to 4 July 2017 Paris, France. The OECD Water Governance Initiative is an international multi-stakeholder network of members from the public, private and non-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year to share good practices in support of better governance in the water sector. **[Event website.](#)**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BUSINESS FORUM 18 July 2017 New York, USA. Co-hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN Global Compact, the International Chamber of Commerce and the Global Business Alliance for 2030, the SDG Business Forum will bring together leaders from business and government, heads of United Nations agencies, key international organizations and civil society groups. **[Register here.](#)**

UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 18 July 2017 New York, USA. The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the central multi-stakeholder mechanism established by the United Nations for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. The theme for 2017 for the HLPF will be *“Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”*. Additionally, a set of seven goals will be reviewed in depth. **[UNGC website.](#)**

CEO WATER MANDATE WORKING CONFERENCE 27 to 31 August 2017 Stockholm, Sweden. The Mandate's main annual convening will coincide with Stockholm World Water Week from **August 27th to September 1st**. Mandate events will take place both as seminars that will occur within the World Water Week conference, as well as side events that will take place offsite. The latter category will consist of invitation-only, multi-stakeholder facilitated dialogues that will bring together a variety of experts from the private sector, civil society, governments, UN agencies, and others to explore critical issues and that advance particular aspects of corporate water stewardship.

WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM 27 August to 1 September 2017 Stockholm, Sweden. World Water Week in Stockholm is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues. It is organized by **[SIWI](#)**. In 2017, World Water Week will address the theme “water and waste – reduce and reuse”. In 2016, over 3,200 individuals and around 330 convening organizations from 130 countries participated in the Week. To see the full programme, go to the **[Online Programme](#)** or have a look at the programme in a PDF format **[here](#)**. For more information, click **[here](#)**.

WATER LOSS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2018 The IWA Water Loss Specialist Group, together with City Of Cape Town, will host the biennial Water Loss Conference and Exhibit from **7 to 9 May 2018 at the Century City Conference Centre and Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa**. The Water Loss Conference and Exhibition 2018 will be one of the world's largest water loss conferences and is expected to attract over 500 participants from more than 50 countries. **[Website.](#)**

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