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TRUMP, WORLD LEADERS IN FOR TENSE SUMMIT All eyes will be on US president at G-20 meeting. *Business Day, 6 July 2017.*

NEW PLAN FOR AFRICA CALLED 'BEST EU INITIATIVE EVER' Members of the European Parliament are expected to pass on Thursday, 6 July the new European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD), a key element to a plan to raise as much as €88 billion, blending EU funds with national and private financing, bringing African development to a new level. *Tralac, 6 July 2017.*

NEW FINANCIAL REPORTING ON CLIMATE CHANGE WILL EXPOSE HIGH-RISK COMPANIES The G20 Task force has issued the new Climate-Related Financial Disclosure Framework, which will allow investors to identify and reward organisations with good climate change risk management strategies. [*Sharon Snell, BizCommunity, 5 July 2017.*](#)

MERKEL TAKES AIM AT U.S. 'WINNERS AND LOSERS' POLICY BEFORE G20 German Chancellor Angela Merkel sharply criticised U.S. policy under President Donald Trump on Wednesday, two days before they are due to meet at the G20 summit, for being based on a "winners and losers" view of the world rather than on cooperation. [*Sharenet, 5 July 2017.*](#)

HUGE ANTARCTIC ICE BLOCK POISED TO SNAP OFF A chunk of ice bigger than the US state of Delaware is hanging by a thread from the West Antarctic ice shelf, satellite images revealed Wednesday. [*Times LIVE, 5 July 2017.*](#)

REFORMING AFRICA EDUCATION SECTOR African policy makers are seemingly growing more aware of the need to reform the education sector, as deadlines to meet SDGs and the African Union's 2063 agenda close in. [*CNBC Africa, 5 July 2017.*](#)

HARSH SUMMER PREDICTED FOR 2018 – CAPE TOWN City of Cape Town on Monday warned residents to conserve more water as a harsh summer is predicted for the city in 2018. [*Engineering News, 5 July 2017.*](#)

TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COMMENDED Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande says the latest statistics, showing that more than two-thirds of students studying at the country's higher education institutions are black Africans, is a cause for celebration. [*The Skills Portal, 5 July 2017.*](#)

ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE MAY CHANGE AS CLIMATE WARMS As the ice retreats, there's more room for Antarctic wildlife to grow. But that may not be good news for the life already there. [*Tim Radford, Climate Change Network, 3 July 2017.*](#)

PACIFIC ISLANDERS: SHIPPING MUST COMPLY WITH PARIS CLIMATE GOALS Representatives of four Pacific island nations join today at the IMO in London to ask the shipping industry to do its part to cut carbon emissions. [*Climate Change News, 3 July 2017.*](#)

DROUGHT IN NORTHERN CHINA IS WORST ON RECORD, OFFICIALS SAY Officials governing a large area of northern China say their region is suffering from the worst drought on record, leading to crops wilting and farmers and herders growing desperate to get water to farmlands, grasslands, animals and their household. [*The New York Times, 29 June 2017.*](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. View a video of **Paul Simpson, CEO of CDP** speaking on: The Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures is critical because it makes a direct link between climate change impacts and financial stability, [*here.*](#)

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. Assess your company's gender equality performance with the WEPs Gender Gap Analysis Tool [here](#). See what the UNGC has to say on [Twitter](#).

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 article entitled: "*Trump's Withdrawal from Paris Invigorates Climate Action*", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their Insider Perspective entitled: "*2017 Sustainability and Circular Economy Summit, From Aspiration to Implementation*", [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S 2016 GLOBAL RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT ranks failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation as the highest impact risk facing business and yet there is a danger that business and investors may be misdiagnosing climate risk. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#) and download the NBI's latest report just released: *A New Climate of Risk: How South African Businesses are Adapting to Climate Change*, [here](#).

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) recently produced a series of business climate action videos featuring some of South Africa's leading CEOs and Sustainability Executives. View the first 3 interviews which were launched last week: **Joanne Yawitch**: CEO, NBI, **Mike Brown**: CEO, Nedbank and **Brigitte Burnett**: CSO, Nedbank and NBI Board Member; and the following one which was released yesterday, **Bongani Nqwababa**: CEO, SASOL, [here](#).

NBI'S STEVE NICHOLLS: THE IMPORTANCE OF CLIMATE ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA As Africa develops and transitions to similar standards of living as elsewhere in the world, the potential for additional carbon emissions is enormous. This is at a time when it's vital to reduce global carbon emissions; that's the dichotomy that has to be solved. [The Huffington Post, 6 July 2017](#).

DWS AND PARTNERS CLEANING UP OUR RIVERS FOR MANDELA DAY 18 July 2017 is Mandela Day. The need for water security, particularly in the face of global climate change and a multitude of anthropogenic impacts affecting our rivers, calls for a national and unified approach to protect our rivers, wetlands and broader catchments, such that all people can benefit from the added-value products of healthy rivers and have access to clean water for basic human needs. [Plumbing Africa Online, 29 June 2017](#).

NBI OFFERING GUIDANCE FOR WORKPLACE-BASED LEARNING FOR YOUTH Business organisation the National Business Initiative (NBI) is using its construction industry youth internship project to determine best practice in establishing effective youth training initiatives in other industries. [Engineering News, 16 June 2017](#).

NEWS UPDATE FROM THE NBI Pointers for Scaling up Workplace-Based Learning (WBL) – June 2017 Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey puts the unemployment rate at 27.7% in the first quarter of 2017 and notes that 'this is the highest unemployment rate observed since September 2003.' In the same quarter, the unemployment rate increased by 1.6 percentage points to 38.6% for young people aged 15 to 34. Read [more](#).

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](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

PROJECT BUILD is celebrating 40 years of bringing good school infrastructure to the education sector of KZN, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and the Free State. As part of their celebration an excellent journal has been produced and printed by Top Business KZN reflecting the value we have added to society in these years. View [here](#).

PICK N PAY, FOODFORWARD SA PARTNER FOR NATIONAL MANDELA DAY FOOD DRIVE This Mandela Day, Pick n Pay and FoodForward SA have partnered for a national food drive with a goal to provide one million meals to beneficiaries of FoodForward SA. [BizCommunity, 5 July 2017](#).

MTN APPOINTS PROCUREMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT HEAD Telecommunications group MTN has appointed Dirk Karl to head up group procurement and supply chain management, effective 1 November 2017. [Engineering News, 4 July 2017](#).

COCA COLA'S APPLTISER PLANT TO DOUBLE YEARLY PRODUCTION Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa's (CCBSA's) Elgin-based Appletiser plant, in the Western Cape, is set to double its yearly production by October, owing to the beverage's integration into the CCBSA supply chain grid. [Engineering News, 27 June 2017](#).

DELOITTE CREATES MILLENNIAL BOARD Globally, companies seeking to be at the forefront of innovation are inviting young people on their boards. Deloitte Africa has taken this strategy a step further by creating a Millennials Board. [CNBC Africa, 27 June 2017](#).

BMW UNVEILS NEW X3 THAT WILL BE BUILT IN SA AND THE US German carmaker BMW on Monday lifted the veil on its 2018 X3 sports-utility vehicle (SUV) at its factory in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in the US. [Engineering News, 27 June 2017](#).

ARUP EDUCATION TRUST'S TOP ACHIEVER FOR 2016 PARTICIPATES IN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S IDBE PROGRAMME

The Arup Education Trust's (AET) top final year achiever for 2016, Comfort Matlakala, recently visited the University of Cambridge to take part in the Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment (IDBE) programme. [Press release.](#)

PWC TOWER COMMENDED AT 2017 FULTON AWARDS

The iconic 'twisty' PwC Tower in Midrand, together with its slip form, received a Commendation in the buildings greater than three-storeys category at the 2017 biennial Fulton Awards hosted by the Concrete Society of South Africa in June 2017. The PwC Tower is the 24th tallest twisted building in the world and the only twisted building in Africa. [Concrete.TV, 23 June 2017.](#)

SOUTH32 AWARDS R158M COAL CONTRACT TO 100% BLACK-OWNED MINING FIRM

Diversified mining company South32 has awarded a three-year, R158-million contract at the Wolvekrans Middelburg Complex to 100% black-owned Modi Mining, which aims to source up to 90% of its labour from the nearby communities. [Mining Weekly, 22 June 2017.](#)

OLD MUTUAL FUNDING HELPS PYDA BRING SKILLED YOUTH INTO THE WC WINE INDUSTRY

Companies need to play an active role in bringing about transformation in the Western Cape wine industry, including fostering young, previously disadvantaged and female talent. [BizCommunity, 15 June 2017.](#)

INVESTMENT IN CORRECT INFRASTRUCTURE IS KEY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

"Think big but act small in the early stages," said Arup director Damane Hlalele at the Captains of Construction and Infrastructure Leadership Forum held in May 2017 at Gallagher Estate, Midrand. "Investing heavily in incorrect infrastructure and/or in the wrong place can hinder economic growth and private sector investment. [Engineering News, 15 June 2017.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

STRONG COMPANIES NEED STRONG BOARDS According to a study by the Centre for Corporate Governance at the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa (IoDSA), board composition is probably the single most important governance factor determining an organisation's future success. [FIN 24, 5 July 2017.](#)

CEO SLEEPOUT LAUNCHES DIGITAL PUBLICATION, KIDLANTHROPY The CEO SleepOut, wanting to expand the message of empathy, philanthropy and social entrepreneurship to teens, has launched a new 63-page digital flipbook digital, KIDLanthropy. [BizCommunity, 4 July 2017.](#)

CENTRE FOR RENEWABLE & SUSTIANABLR ENERGY STUDIES (CRSES) has released their [Annual Report](#) for 2016.

WBCSD SDG BUSINESS HUB NOW FEATURES INFORMATION ON G20 COUNTRIES' SDG IMPLEMENTATION PLANS Access information [here.](#)

CAN AFRICA UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF INVESTING FOR IMPACT? Research shows that investments seeking to combine financial returns with positive social, environmental and/or governance outcomes are flourishing on the African continent - but professional investors still have a long way to go in terms of practice and disclosure. [FIN 24, 28 June 2017.](#)

CERES' LATEST REPORT: ENGAGE THE CHAIN TOOL. A new online resource guide to help investors better evaluate impacts like climate change, water stress and human rights that drive business risk in food company supply chains. It's a very comprehensive tool and you can view more of the data in depth on the [website](#) or [Engage the Chain on Twitter.](#)

THE ETHICS INSTITUTE: The King Report on Governance for South Africa 2009 (King III) Recommends that the Boards of Companies "Should Ensure that the Company's Ethics is Managed Effectively." View their Code Assessment & Code Development [here](#) and their Ethics Risk Assessment [here.](#)

ENTRIES FOR 2018 BAYER FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES NOW OPEN The Bayer Foundation Fellowship programme, which enables candidates to undertake international study and research projects in scientific areas related to health and agriculture, is calling for applicants. Closing date is the 18th of July 2017. [BizCommunity, 29 June 2017.](#)

UN GLOBAL COMPACT 2018 TOOLBOX Explore their extensive 2018 Toolbox to see how new tools, resources and activities can help you achieve your sustainability goals and find the right UN Global Compact engagement tier for you. View [here.](#)

THE 5 KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT Engaging stakeholders is a necessary but sometimes challenging process for an organization to undertake and effectively manage on a regular basis. Feedback obtained through the stakeholder engagement process is vital for a balanced and transparent sustainability report. [GreenBiz, 20 June 2017.](#)

2017 SERAS CSR AWARDS NOW OPEN The 2017 edition of The Sustainability, Enterprise, and Responsibility Awards (SERAS CSR Awards) Africa is now open for entries. [BizCommunity, 21 June 2017.](#)

NBI EVENTS 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 remaining are as follows: **Cape Town - 13 July 2017 and Johannesburg - 20 July 2017**. Please send your executive nomination from your company and their preferred date to [Gillian Hutchings](#).

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: EXPLORING THE NATURAL CAPITAL PROTOCOL Wednesday, 19 July 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with the Natural Capital Coalition, is hosting a Thought Leadership Series seminar on the application of the Natural Capital Protocol in business decision-making for NBI Member Companies. Please contact [Katlarelo Makau](#) if you wish to attend this TLS.

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 RSVP [here](#) if you wish to attend this event.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

HARD TALK WITH TREVOR MANUEL, SIPHO PITYANA AND MIKE BROWN 11 July 2017 at GIBS, Illovo. Poverty and inequality. Unemployment in a low growth economy. Corruption, collusion and compromised institutional integrity. Social polarisation and tension. Populist and inflammatory political rhetoric. In the face of these formidable challenges and moving beyond finger pointing, what is the role of ethical leadership? What is business doing and what more can and should it be doing to secure a successful, sustainable future for South Africa? [GIBS](#).

INTRODUCTION COURSE TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 25 To 27 July 2017, Pretoria, Gauteng. To provide general managers and environmental practitioners with a basic knowledge of the discipline of air quality management and the tools that are used in practising this discipline. Find out more about this course [here](#).

WWF-SA 2017 LIVING PLANET CONFERENCE 27 July 2017 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. At this year's Living Planet Conference, we ask, "What is your junk status?" This thought-provoking yet practical conference presents a rare opportunity to engage rigorously and dynamically in the search for solutions that we can all apply in our daily lives. Join us for our line-up of powerful speakers, including keynote speaker Pravin Gordhan, Hlubi Mboya, Sissie Matela, Tasneem Essop, Andrea Burgener and WWF's own Kholosa Magudu, Pavs Pillay and James Reeler, engage with this challenging topic. RSVP [here](#).

SHORT COURSE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY: DISTRIBUTED GENERATION 27 July 2017, Pretoria, Gauteng. The short course on Renewable Energy: Distributed Generation covers the fast-growing wind and photovoltaic (PV) technology in detail. This course also briefly covers other renewable energy (RE) technology such as small hydro-power systems, concentrating solar power (CSP) technologies, biomass, etc. Delegates will discuss benefits, technical issues, design and use of renewable distributed generation including wind, PV and hybrid systems in the power generation industry. Find out more about this course [here](#).

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 organisations 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 De Kok** 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 [sustainability.co.za](#), e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE 19 to 21 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, Johannesburg followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) based on the new Standards**. Participants receive a GRI certificate. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 27 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in 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 28 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING 12 October 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, Johannesburg. Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. 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 Carbon Trust Green Business Fund Workshop 11 July 2017 Farnborough, England. Workshop to help small companies learn how to identify and implement opportunities to reduce energy costs within their business and make the most of the Green Business Fund. [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.](#)

2017 GLOBAL FORUM FOR RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION 18 to 19 July 2017, New York, USA. The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) initiative of the United Nations Global Compact is convening the 2017 Global Forum for Responsible Management Education — 7th PRME Assembly in conjunction with the United Nations High-Level Political Forum. [Programme.](#)

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](#).

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2017 18 to 24 September 2017, NYC, USA. Following a remarkable year in international politics and climate action, the world is at a critical turning point in its journey to address climate change. Taking place during the UN General Assembly, Climate Week NYC 2017 will gather leaders from business and government to demonstrate how continued investment in innovation, technology and clean energy will drive profitability and lead us towards a net-zero emissions global economy. [NY Climate Week 2017 Website.](#)

2017 UN GLOBAL COMPACT LEADERS’ SUMMIT 21 September 2017 New York, USA. The UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit brings together an international community of leaders from business, civil society, academia, Government and the United Nations to accelerate local and global business action and partnerships to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Request an invitation.](#)

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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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