

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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INDUSTRY NEWS

SEA LEVEL FEARS AS MORE OF GIANT ANTARCTIC GLACIER FLOATING THAN THOUGHT More of a giant France-sized glacier in Antarctica is floating on the ocean than previously thought, scientists said on Tuesday, 20 March, raising fears it could melt faster as the climate warms and have a dramatic impact on rising sea-levels. *[BizCommunity, 22 March 2018.](#)*

HERE'S HOW WE AIM TO CLOSE THE LOOP ON OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION Around 8 million tons of plastic waste is dumped in the ocean annually. That equates to emptying a garbage truck of plastic into the sea every minute, most of it single-use products, such as plastic bags, candy wrappers, sachets and soda bottles. *[Rob Kaplan and Susan Ruffo, Greenbiz, 22 March 2018.](#)*

WORLD WATER DAY: WWF SOUTH AFRICA today called for increased investment in South Africa's strategic Water Source Areas in the face of the country's uncertain water future with climate change projected to bring more droughts and extreme weather to the region. [WWF-SA, 22 March 2018.](#)

CARBON EMISSIONS FROM ENERGY ROSE IN 2017, SAYS INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY Harmful carbon emissions from energy rose in 2017 for the first time in three years, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Thursday, proof that the world's efforts to fight climate change are falling short. [Business Live, 22 March 2018.](#)

FIVE PROVINCES IN FOR HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING Heavy rains are expected to fall across five provinces bringing with them the risk of flash floods on Thursday and Friday. [Times Live, 22 March 2018.](#)

SA'S GENDER PAY GAP IN THE SPOTLIGHT ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY Women earn 27 percent less than their male counterparts in South Africa. That's according to a new Ipsos survey. [ENCA, 21 March 2018.](#)

ELECTRIC BLACK CABS HIT LONDON ROADS Production of electric black cabs is being ramped up as London Electric Vehicle Company (LEVC) has received 600 pre-orders. [Priyanka Shrestha, Energy Live News, 21 March 2018.](#)

ONLY HALF OF PLASTIC BAG LEVY HAS GONE TO SUPPORT RECYCLING Only about half of the nearly R2bn raised through the plastic supermarket bag levy has been officially allocated to recycling. [Guy Rogers, BizCommunity, 20 March 2018.](#)

IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Women play an essential role across agricultural value chains in Southeast Asia as producers, consumers, investors and employees. [Caterina Meloni, Responsible Business Forum, 20 March 2018.](#)

MANDELA BRIDGE TO BE IN TOTAL DARKNESS FOR EARTH HOUR The lights on Johannesburg's iconic Nelson Mandela Bridge, Metro Centre and a host of other buildings will be switched off to mark Earth Hour at the weekend. [Penwell Dlamini, BizCommunity, 20 March 2018.](#)

55 MUNICIPALITIES ARE DYSFUNCTIONAL – MKHIZE No fewer than 55 municipalities have been identified as distressed or dysfunctional, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Minister Zweli Mkhize says. [Engineering News, 20 March 2018.](#)

NORWAY'S ELECTRIC CAR DEMAND IS OUTSTRIPPING SUPPLY – WITH LESSONS FOR THE EU Thousands of Norwegians are on waiting lists for electric cars, showing the success and limitations of policy incentives. [Steffen Kallbekken, Håkon Sælen, Erlend Hermansen and Elisabeth Lannoo, Climate Home News, 16 March 2018.](#)

WWF PUSHES FOR MORE AMBITION AT THE CARBON TAX HEARING Last week, the Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance held public hearings on the carbon tax committed to in the Minister of Finance's 2018 budget speech, co-chaired by the Environmental Affairs Portfolio Committee. [WWF-SA, 16 March 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

ATLAS TO HELP SOUTH AFRICANS RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE The second edition of an atlas showing South Africa's vulnerability to climate change has been launched in Johannesburg, to help the country's economic and social sectors take informed decisions to avoid risks related to climate change. [EE Publishers, 15 March 2018.](#)

NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI): PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYABILITY The NBI in partnership with Harambee Youth Accelerator, held a debriefing session with mentors and company owners of medium size companies providing workplace-based learning in basic plumbing and the installation and maintenance of solar water heaters for 25 graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training. The session took place at the end of six months of workplace-based learning and provided a platform for mentors and company owners to reflect on their experiences in hosting candidates. The companies applauded the placement of women as a way to diversify participation in the sector; 14 women out of 25 candidates took part in the initiative. Companies stated their commitment to hosting the second cohort by also offering them technical support and guidance on how to start and manage their own businesses. Employers were given the opportunity to reflect on their experiences in mentoring solar water heater candidates and one made the following profound comment: *"We need diversity in our industry and having ladies on this programme was one of the best ways we could demonstrate this and also start diversifying our company."* Please contact [Cecil Macheke](#) for further information.

MASTER BUILDERS SOUTH AFRICA HOSTED A CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COLLOQUIUM ON 8TH MARCH 2018 IN DURBAN. Speaking as a panellist at the Colloquium under the theme, making construction a career choice, **Makano Morojele, Head of Social Sustainability at the National Business Initiative (NBI)** said employers play a vital role in defining demand and influencing youth career choices. Employers and schools must jointly find creative ways of exposing pupils to the world of work. She added that, non-mandated stakeholder platforms constituted by companies, research agencies and industry associations and bodies offer opportunities for innovation and coordinated effort and thus they can continually shape demand. Makano contended that public funding regimes in turn must be alive to shifting demands brought about by the 4th Industrial Revolution and adapt swiftly to respond to these demands. Please note that Makano's input drew on NBI's youth employability projects in construction and solar water heating sectors. Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to contact her.

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. They have built the most comprehensive collection of self-reported environmental information in the world. Over the past 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest press release entitled: *"New research shows clear gap between companies' awareness of climate risks and actions for tackling them"*, [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. Read their blog article entitled: *"Crowdsourcing the First Water Management Database-With a Little Help from Companies?"*, [here](#).

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 latest blog article entitled: "*Construction is building a low-carbon future by embracing innovation*", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest Insider Perspective: *World Water Forum*, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

AB INBEV WILL INVEST \$100M IN NEW BREWERY IN TANZANIA Global brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) will invest \$100million (R1.2billion) in a new beer plant in the Tanzanian city of Dodoma, the government of Tanzania said on Tuesday. [IOL Business, 22 March 2018.](#)

PICK N PAY AND ABSA LAUNCH NEW STOKVEL SOLUTION The move, which allows for stokvels to earn interest on savings, may prompt other retailers to follow suit. [Moneyweb, 20 March 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT SEES GAUTENG EAST RAND AS HOTSPOT FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES Gauteng's East Rand was a hotspot for industrial property leasing in 2017, says Growthpoint Properties, which concluded 70 deals – 40 new and 30 renewals – in the area during the year. [Engineering News, 20 March 2018.](#)

NEDBANK LAUNCHES SA INVESTMENT INITIATIVE Nedbank has launched the Investing in South Africa initiative to woo investment into the country on the back of the renewed business confidence. [IOL Business, 15 March 2018.](#)

R2.1BN TOP-UP DEAL TAKES PPC SA BEE SHAREHOLDING TO 30% Cement producer PPC on Thursday announced details of its R2.1-billion top-up black economic empowerment (BEE) scheme that, together with the BEE shareholding from two previous transactions, will result in an effective 30% BEE shareholding at the PPC South Africa level. [Engineering News, 15 March 2018.](#)

NEW STOKVEL SAVINGS TOOL LAUNCHED BY PICK N PAY With South African consumers widely using stokvels as a savings tool and the concept continuing to grow in popularity, Pick n Pay has partnered with Absa to launch a new stokvel account, providing a safer and easier way to save. [IOL Business, 15 March 2018.](#)

SHELL AWARDS £120K TO THREE LOW CARBON START-UPS Three businesses have won funding totalling £120,000 to further develop their low carbon technologies. [Energy Live News, 14 March 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT GOES GREENER TO ATTRACT SPECIALISED INVESTORS Growthpoint Properties has become the first South African company to issue a green bond programme on the JSE as it looks to attract specialised investors wanting exposure to environmentally friendly projects. [BizCommunity, 14 March 2018.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN LAUNCHES NEW SUSTAINABILITY GOALS Anglo American on Tuesday announced new goals to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent, improve energy efficiency by 30 percent and cut freshwater withdrawal by 50 percent in arid regions, all by 2030. [Sharenet, 13 March 2018.](#)

SANLAM PURSUES \$1BN AFRICAN DEAL Insurer is on track to becoming Africa's largest non-banking financial service group. [Moneyweb, 8 March 2018.](#)

MONDI JOINS WWF'S CLIMATE SAVING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME Global packaging and paper group Mondi has adopted 2050 science-based targets to help limit the rise in global temperature to under 2 °C above pre-industrial levels by joining nature conservation organisation, the World Wide Fund for Nature's (WWF's) climate leadership programme for businesses – Climate Savers, which aims to transform businesses into low-carbon economy leaders. [Engineering News, 7 March 2018.](#)

SA'S FUTURE 'JUST GOT A LOT MORE POSITIVE' – ANGLO AMERICAN CEO Cutifani says he believes in the future of the country. [Moneyweb, 7 March 2018.](#)

FIRSTRAND CE PINS GROWTH HOPES ON CYRIL RAMAPHOSA Outgoing FirstRand chief executive Johan Burger yesterday became the latest captain of industry to pin his businesses growth hopes on the elevation of Cyril Ramaphosa to the country's head of state. [IOL Business, 7 March 2018.](#)

FNB CEO: IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TECH, ITS ABOUT HEARTS AND MINDS FNB may have shifted its "centre of gravity" from physical branches to the digital space in recent years, but its brains trust is aware that it needs to do more than roll out cutting-edge banking tech to attract and retain customers. [FIN24, 7 March 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

WESTERN CAPE MUST CONTINUE TO RALLY TO PREVENT DAY ZERO The City of Cape Town has managed to bring water consumption down to levels last seen in 2000, but this trend must continue well beyond the winter rainfall period to ensure that Day Zero is avoided. The key message from the **NBI Drought Task Force** is that the job is far from over, and depending on rainfall levels and consumption in 2018, the Western Cape could still face severe water shortages in 2018 or 2019. Businesses are reminded that **Level 6B** restrictions are in place in Cape Town, and that companies must reduce their monthly consumption of municipal drinking water by 45% compared to the corresponding period in 2015. The next meeting takes place today, the 22nd of March 2018 at FirstRand, Tygervalley. For more information on the Western Cape Drought Task Force please contact: [Alex McNamara.](#)

CAPE FARMERS LOSE 25% OF ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS AS RESULT OF DROUGHT Drought-stricken farmers in the Western Cape have had to abandon at least a quarter of their high-value vineyards and deciduous fruit orchards because of a lack of water for irrigation. [Melanie Gosling, M&G, 22 March 2018.](#)

WWF WEDNESDAY WATER FILE #10: NATURE FOR WATER Most of us access water via our taps and, until there's a crisis, don't give much thought to where it actually comes from. [WWF-SA. 21 March 2018.](#)

CAPE WATER CRISIS HIGHLIGHTS LARGER CHALLENGE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS Commercial property owners will need to rethink how they secure sustainable supply to remain competitive. [Gary Palmer, Moneyweb, 21 March 2018.](#)

PETCO, PARTNERS RELIEVE PRESSURE ON WESTERN CAPE RECYCLING CAPACITY Owing to an all-time-high demand for plastic bottles in the Western Cape region, the province's recycling capacity is at maximum production and unable to process the additional influx of bottles. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 20 March 2018.](#)

WWF WEDNESDAY WATER FILE #9: DRY HYGIENE Looking back to our very first Wednesday Water File the message was “the only thing that can really push out Day Zero is if YOU and I use less water and save water NOW”! Most Capetonians have done their part to keep Day Zero at bay. Now what, you may ask? [WWF-SA, 14 March 2018.](#)

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO:

- All drought-related information at www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater
- [All drought-related City of Cape Town media releases](#)
- Subscribe to Day Zero and drought-related information at www.capetown.gov.za/subscribe
- [Day Zero Dashboard](#) – shows date from when we may have to start queueing for water. Updated every Monday.
- [City of Cape Town Water Dashboard](#) showing dam levels and water usage. Updated every Monday
- [Water Outlook 2018 Report](#) and [Water Outlook 2018 Presentation](#) – produced by the City of Cape Town Water and Sanitation Department. Updated regularly.
- [Day Zero and Water-related FAQs](#)
- [Water Rationing Guide](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

TODAY IS WORLD WATER DAY World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is ‘[Nature for Water](#)’ – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2018: FORESTS AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES The International Day of Forests is held annually on 21st March to raise awareness of the importance of forests to people and the planet. [Watch video.](#)

NEW WBCSD CEO GUIDE HIGHLIGHTS WHY BUSINESS MUST MANAGE WATER WISELY TO BECOME RESILIENT The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) recently launched the [CEO Guide to Water: building resilient business](#) - a new resource making the case for executive business action on water and outlining key steps for business to take to sustainably manage water.

THE GREEN FUND - CALL FOR PROPOSALS The Department of Environmental Affairs and the Development Bank of Southern Africa have issued a call for proposals for green economy projects in the waste sector. This call is issued under the Green Fund which offers funding in the form of grants, loans or equity. Applications are due by the **5th of April 2018.** [Read here.](#)

WORLD REPORT 2018 Our Annual Review of **Human Rights** Around the Globe. [Download the report.](#)

NEW REPORT SHOWS WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CAN UNLOCK MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES LINKED TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY Gender equality in the workplace is key to unlocking significant business growth, and driving positive social and environmental impacts, according to [Better Leadership, Better World: Women Leading for the Global Goals](#), released ahead of International Women’s Day.

COMMENT: DRAFT CARBON TAX BILL The Standing Committee on Finance invites stakeholders and interested parties to submit written submissions on the [Draft Carbon Tax Bill](#). Please [click here](#) to read more.

CDP AND SMART FREIGHT CENTRE TO COLLABORATE One of the key areas of this collaboration will be the alignment of KPIs between CDP's transportation questionnaire and the GLEC Framework. CDP will organize a webinar for its members on 21 March to introduce CDP's work on transportation, SFC, the GLEC Framework and the link to the Science Based Targets initiative. [Website.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION 23 March 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. This workshop is aimed at assisting senior executives develop strategic skills and insights in order to formulate a mission statement and a strategic plan of action. The workshop will be led by Professor Nick Binedell and Mr Grant Pattison (Chief Executive, Edcon, former Massmart CEO). [GIBS website.](#)

2018 THE WATER SHOW AFRICA 27 to 28 March 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng. A unique conference and marketplace for water professionals to discover the latest services and innovation to improve the delivery of water infrastructure and efficiency in service supply. Reflecting the growth and development in the region for years to come, the show is the most important place to build partnerships for future success. Book tickets [here.](#)

2018 ANNUAL SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 28 March 2018 at the Gallagher Conference Centre in Midrand, Gauteng. The conference will feature an inspirational line-up of speakers including highly successful entrepreneurs, renowned local thought-leaders, Government, mavericks and game-changers in the ESD field. As a specialist in the Enterprise and Supplier Development space, you can look forward to an interactive programme line-up that encompasses a variety of diverse and practical topics. The Keynote Speaker will be Ms Malebo Mabitje - Thompson: Deputy Director General of the DTI. Please contact: Creative Space Media on **011 467 3341** or e-mail: admin@creativespacemedia.co.za.

NEXT GENERATION'S 2018 RESEARCH REPORT LAUNCH 5 April 2018 Durbanville, Western Cape and 12 April 2018 Sunninghill, Johannesburg. Next Generation provides trusted guidance for high-impact social investment, innovation and development. With this year's trend research report release, we're celebrating 15 years of benchmarking trends in the social investment and development sectors. [Register here.](#)

IMBEWU WILL BE HOSTING A FULL-DAY LEGAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT 59 OF 2008 on 10 April 2018 Parkwood, Johannesburg and in Cape Town on 4 May 2018 at Intaka Island Eco Centre, Century City. The workshop will cover: waste management activities and licensing requirements; the implications of on-site storage, sorting, shredding etc of waste; the duty of care and the contaminated land provisions; compliance action taken by government and case studies; offences, including director liability, and what steps must be taken in the event of unlawful action; and the future of waste management in South Africa. [Programme](#) and [Booking Form.](#)

INVITE: CARBON TAX ESSENTIALS BREAKFAST EVENT 12 April 2018 at The Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The Climate Neutral Group is hosting a breakfast-workshop during which it will present all essential carbon tax elements companies and organisations should understand. Participants are then invited to engage in an informal discussion about the topic, allowing them to identify concerns and ask questions on carbon tax-related matters. [CNG Website.](#)

MAKING HR MORE RELEVANT IN THE ORGANISATION'S OF THE FUTURE 17 April 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. As we face the fourth industry revolution - HR and business leaders are compelled to rewrite the rules to how they organize, recruit, develop, manage and engage with the 21st century workforce. [GIBS website](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING (PRACTITIONERS' LEVEL) 18 to 19 April 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, 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**.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF AQUA REPUBLICA 19 April 2018 at the Willows, Pretoria, Gauteng. Join us for an exciting day using serious gaming to improve integrated water resource management. [More information](#).

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. Many of the world's leading experts in the field of Non-Revenue Water Management will be present and will discuss the latest developments, strategies, techniques and applications of international best practices as well as successful case studies. [Conference Website](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS KEY THEMES IN CSI AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS 8 to 9 May 2018 The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg. The keynote address will be presented by the former public protector, Professor Thuli Madonsela, now the chair of social justice at Stellenbosch University's law faculty. Bonang Mohale, CEO of Business Leadership South Africa, will also share insights at this industry-leading event. [BizCommunity website](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) based on the new Standards **29 to 31 May 2018 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**.

SCENARIO PLANNING AND STRATEGIC THINKING 30 May to 1 June at GIBS, Illovo. Are you sufficiently prepared for a range of alternative future scenarios your organisation could face? Learn how to build an effective scenario plan and think strategically in a complex and uncertain environment. [GIBS Website](#).

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE FOR AFRICA 3 to 28 September 2018 at SANBI, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town. The IOI-SA will be running the annual course in Ocean Governance for Africa in collaboration with the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), and other partners in September 2018. E-mail your [application](#) by **13th April 2018** to: Shampton@ioisa.org or Hampton.shannon@gmail.com. Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 5 to 8 August 2018 at INTUNDLA, PRETORIA. Inviting managers in the private or public sector to influence and guide their organisation to take an integrated approach to sustainability across all functions. The programme is widely regarded as the most effective of its kind. Designed for those specifically charged with driving sustainability in their organisation, this programme provides access to the latest data on the global challenges facing us, tools and frameworks for action, and bold business responses from around the world. Participants explore

the strategic implications for their own business, and effective approaches to engage all levels of the organisation. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership online application form and all applicants are subject to a selection panel approval. For more information kindly click [here](#) or download the application form [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT 26 to 27 March 2018 New York, US. Increasingly businesses are working together to deliver the ambitious partnerships that will help deliver the SDGs and more. The Responsible Business Summit New York is USA's must-attend event for CEOs and business professionals looking to shape the future of sustainable and responsible business. [Register here.](#)

SCALING COLLABORATION TO DELIVER THE SDGs 26 to 29 March 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia. The 5th Responsible Business Forum on Food & Agriculture will convene over 500 food, agriculture and nutrition decision makers from companies, governments, investors, NGOs and farmers, to discuss these challenges and agree on scaling collaborative actions to achieve the sustainable development goals in Asia. [Registration.](#)

WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY (WSCCB-2018) 3rd to 5th April 2018 Manchester, UK. The Symposium will be a truly interdisciplinary event, mobilizing scholars, social movements, practitioners and members of governmental agencies, undertaking research and/or executing projects on climate change and biodiversity across the world. [Website.](#)

2018 WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING 16 to 19 April 2018 Montreux, Switzerland. Our [Liaison Delegate Meeting](#) will bring together over 400 sustainability professionals from all sectors and geographies to learn about new trends, explore innovative tools and implement collaborative solutions that will drive performance while delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Password: montreux2018.**

CERES 2018 CONFERENCE 24 to 26 April 2018 Boston, US. Scaling up sustainable solutions to climate change, water scarcity and pollution, and human rights abuses are needed now more than ever to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy. [WMB Website.](#)

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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