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INDUSTRY NEWS

HOW SOUTH AFRICA CAN ALIGN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH THE SDGS Creating coherent national policies is a challenge for most countries. And now the adoption of the **UN's 2030 Agenda** and its sustainable development goals (SDGs) has presented governments with an additional challenge: aligning national policies with expansive global development goals. *[Willem Fourie, BizCommunity, 28 March 2018.](#)*

OUR WATER, OUR FUTURE How women are pushing national change in one of Africa's smallest nations. *[Responsible Business, 28 March 2018.](#)*

SCIENTISTS IDENTIFY KEY ACTIONS FOR RHINO SURVIVAL It is more urgent than ever that the best science is used to manage Africa's most important rhino populations. To this end, 50 international rhino scientists, game reserve managers and key government, private sector and NGO representatives from rhino range state countries gathered near Pretoria recently to share lessons and identify gaps in knowledge about rhino conservation. *[WWF-SA, 28 March 2018.](#)*

SOUTH AFRICA: PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA - LAUNCH OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE INITIATIVE

The Youth Employment Service is designed to be a business-led initiative, supported by the government, which aims to empower one million unemployed young people by offering them a chance at skills development, through three-year internships. [AllAfrica, 27 March 2018.](#)

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO BENEFIT 1M YOUNG PEOPLE President Cyril Ramaphosa on Tuesday launched the Youth Employment Service (Yes) initiative – a business-led partnership with government, labour and society, that aims to empower one-million young South Africans between the ages of 18 and 34 through paid work experiences over the next three years. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 27 March 2018.](#)

MASTER BUILDERS SOUTH AFRICA TACKLES THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLS IN CONSTRUCTION Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) hosted an industry-wide Construction Sector Skills Development Colloquium on 08 March 2018, at the offices of the Master Builders KwaZulu-Natal in Durban. [South African Builder, 27 March 2018.](#)

EARTH HOUR 2018: SOUTH AFRICANS SAVE 410MW South Africans joined the rest of the world when they switched off their lights for Earth Hour from 20:30 to 21:30 on Saturday night together saving 410MW. [ESI Africa, 27 March 2018.](#)

AFRICA NEEDS PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO MEET ENERGY NEEDS – RADEBE The cost of meeting sub-Saharan Africa's power demand has been estimated at about \$14-billion a year and cannot be met by public funding alone. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 27 March 2018.](#)

THREE SOUTH AFRICAN CITIES ARE FINALISTS IN ONE PLANET CITY CHALLENGE Cape Town, eThekweni and Tshwane have been chosen as national finalists in WWF's One Planet City Challenge (OPCC) for 2017-2018. Launched in 2011, the OPCC (previously the Earth Hour City Challenge) highlights the crucial role cities play in the transition toward a low-carbon and sustainable future. [WWF-SA, 27 March 2018.](#)

CEO INITIATIVE REACTION TO MOODY'S RATINGS DECISION The CEO Initiative welcomes the decision by Moody's to retain the investment grade rating of South Africa's government debt denominated in local currency, as well as the change in the outlook to stable. [CEO Initiative, 26 March 2018.](#)

FINANCIAL PLANNING KEY TO NARROWING SA GENDER GAP According to the [World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap Report](#), South Africa features among the top 20 of 144 countries in terms of gender equality. Worryingly, however, the country is ranked at just 89 for economic participation and opportunity, and a shocking 114 for wage equality for work performed in similar positions. [Cover Magazine, 26 March 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA LAUNCHES YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE [Read here.](#)

APPROACHES TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION Read NBI's latest Quick Brief: [26 March 2018.](#)

ANDILE SANGQU, EXECUTIVE HEAD, ANGLO AMERICAN SA: SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA: WHAT ROLE DOES THE NBI PLAY? [Watch video here.](#)

AN UPDATE ON THE UNGC FROM THE NBI Click [here.](#)

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.](#)

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 blog article entitled: "*Why forests and water are key to our sustainable future*", [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: "*Reflections from World Water Forum: Water Stewardship is Business' Contribution to Sustainable Development Goal #6?*", [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 March progress report article entitled: "*The renewable revolution is delivering jobs and growth*", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest Report released this week, *revealing opportunities for harmonization in sustainability and corporate governance reporting*, [here.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

COCA-COLA SA COMMITS TO R3.9BN SPEND WITH BLACK-OWNED COMPANIES Coca-Cola Beverages SA (CCBSA) on Wednesday announced its commitment to divert R3.9 billion to assist black-owned and black women-owned organisations over the next three years. [IOL Business, 28 March 2018.](#)

ABB WINS \$30 MILLION ORDER TO UPGRADE TWO CRITICAL AUSTRALIAN HVDC LINKS Upgrades of historic Murraylink and the Directlink transmission connections will secure future power reliability and energy exchange. [ABB, 27 March 2018.](#)

OLD MUTUAL ZIM REPORTS 139% GROWTH IN PAT Zimbabwe's biggest financial services group, Old Mutual Zimbabwe, reported a strong set of results for the year ended December 31 2017 that showed significant growth across the board. [FIN24, 23 March 2018.](#)

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.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM COMMITS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY WATER PROVISION AT MOGALAKWENA MINE Anglo American Platinum is pleased to announce that the company has embarked on a plan to address some of the water challenges in the Greater Mapela Region. [Anglo American, 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.](#)

FNB TO ENTER SHORT-TERM INSURANCE MARKET The Financial Services Board has awarded FirstRand, the parent company of First National Bank, a short-term insurance license. [FIN24, 19 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.](#)

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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE EMSS AWARDS THEIR TOP GRADUATES Engen's Maths and Science Schools (EMSS) held an awards ceremony held at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology on Saturday, March 3rd to celebrate the outstanding results of their top graduates. [Engen, 3 March 2018.](#)

FOR INFORMATION ON NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

CAPE TOWN WATER TO DOUBLE IN PRICE BY 2020, COURTESY OF THE DROUGHT The drought is about to hit Capetonians in the pocket, doubling the price of water in the next two years. [Business Live, 28 March 2018](#).

CAPE TOWN WATER CONSUMPTION DROPS BY 43M LITRES Capetonians have managed to get water usage down to 522-million litres per day over the past week – 43-million litres less than the previous week's water usage. [Engineering News, 28 March 2018](#).

DROUGHT WORRIES PROMINENT IN WESTERN CAPE AGRICULTURE BUDGET It is impossible to speak about the budget for the Western Cape Department of Agriculture without mentioning the drought, Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities Alan Winde said on Tuesday. [Carin Smith, FIN24, 28 March 2018](#).

SILVER LINING IN CAPE TOWN'S DROUGHT Moves to save water and boost supply by Cape Town businesses would help in the future, Cape Chamber of Commerce president Janine Myburgh said this week. [Cape Town - ShowMe, 27 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](#).

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO:

- [How to save water in your business or organisation](#): includes building water use poster and guide.
- [Water Saving Toolkits](#): water and drought-related materials e.g. posters and guides.
- [Summary Guidelines for Alternative Water Installations](#) and [apply here](#) to install and use such systems.
- [Safe Use of Greywater booklet](#): how to use greywater safely at home or work.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

CALLING ALL WOMEN IN BUSINESS TO ENTER FOR CAPE AWARDS The Businesswoman's Association (BWA) is on the hunt for nominees for its annual Regional Business Achievers Awards. [Cape Talk, 26 March 2018](#).

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURAL BUSINESS DAY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS where we recognize and celebrate businesses committed to building thriving, inclusive and transformed supply chains. The Business Day Supplier Development Awards welcomes entries from corporates, parastatals, government institutions and smaller QSE businesses. Please note that applying to the Supplier development Awards is free. [Website](#).

WBCSD CEO GUIDE TO WATER: Water is not only key to the world's stability, prosperity and peace, but is also essential for business to operate. WBCSD's new [CEO Guide to Water](#) makes the case for executive business action on water and outlines key steps for business to take.

INTEGRATING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT EQUITY AND B-BBEE "Effective Skills Development, Employment Equity and Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) based transformation are three key business imperatives for companies doing business in South Africa. This fact sheet discusses the inter-relatedness of these three transformational groups of legislation and strategies and presents several

practical and innovative approaches and guidelines that companies should consider adopting to gain competitive advantage from the successful implementation of a sustainable and effective skills development, Employment Equity and B-BBEE transformation strategy in your organisation. [Download Fact Sheet.](#)

2018 MARCH EDITION OF THE WE MEAN BUSINESS COALITION NEWSLETTER [Read here.](#)

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.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

CDP CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER WORKSHOPS 2018 – JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN IN APRIL 2018 The CDP workshops will provide companies with feedback on key outcomes from the 2017 CDP reporting round and give companies an update on what to expect for 2018. The workshops will focus on: The past performance of CDP responding companies, updates on the CDP process this year, including the scoring methodology and common errors in responding, an update on Science Based Targets and TCFD requirements; and CDP's 'Reimagining Disclosure' project, including the introduction of sector-based questionnaires. RSVP for either the Johannesburg, Cape Town or Durban workshops by clicking on the following links. You are welcome to attend both the CDP Climate Change and CDP Water workshops or to attend only the CDP Programme that is most relevant to you. [Johannesburg: Tuesday, 17 April 2018](#), [Cape Town: Wednesday, 18 April 2018](#) and [Durban: Thursday, 19 April 2018](#). Should you require further information on the workshops, please contact [Sindile Dlamini](#). Note that venues are still to be advised but the workshops will run each morning from 10:00 to 13:00. In addition, the NBI continues to provide support with regards to the activation of the online response system (ORS) for companies to access the CDP information request. Please direct any enquiries to [Hemal Bhana](#).

APPLYING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET METHODOLOGY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT taking place in **Cape Town on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at the Westin Hotel** and in **Johannesburg on Thursday, 26 April 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton**. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with WWF and We Mean Business, is hosting an exclusive seminar that will assist South African companies in implementing science based targets. The Science Based Targets initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, WWF and World Resources Institute that aims to provide companies with a platform to set emissions reduction targets that are in line with the level of decarbonisation required to keep the global temperature increase below 2° C. Whilst the content of this seminar will be largely technical in nature, the introduction will include a quick refresher on the rationale behind setting science based targets and the methodologies available. This is an NBI member only event. Click [here](#) if you wish to attend the Cape Town workshop and [here](#) for the Johannesburg one.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

ABB CUSTOMER WORLD 2018 AFRICA DRIVING AFRICA'S GROWTH BY MASTERING THE ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTIONS 10 to 11 April 2018 Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg. ABB Customer World brings together professionals from utilities, industries and infrastructure for a premier educational and collaboration event in South Africa. We have built an experience to deliver you an innovative look at new ideas, trends and technologies that will impact the way your company moves forward in a rapidly changing business landscape. [Further information.](#)

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.](#)

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REPORTING COURSE 2 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

CARBON TAX 101 COURSE 3 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

ISO 14064 FOUNDATION COURSE, 14 to 18 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE FOLLOWED BY THE WORKSHOP ON GRI DISCLOSURES (Performance Indicators) 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**.

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

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.](#)

CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: AN INTRODUCTION TO CARBON FOOTPRINTING – GREEN BUSINESS FUND TECHNOLOGY 12 April 2018. This webinar is for small businesses interested in understanding how they can measure their carbon footprint and look to reduce greenhouse gas emissions no matter their size, sector or available capital. [Register here.](#)

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.**

INVITATION TO WEBINAR: A SCENARIO TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT 17 April 2018 11:00 BST. The Paris Agreement has sent a signal around the world: climate change is a serious issue that governments are determined to address. Shell has published its latest energy-system scenario, called Sky, which illustrates a technically possible, but challenging pathway for society to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. Join a webinar with Shell's Executive Director Harry Brekelmans and Head of Shell Scenarios, Jeremy Bentham, to learn more. [Register now.](#)

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.](#)

SUSTAINABLE APPAREL: HOW BRANDS CAN TRANSFORM SUPPLY CHAINS 25 April 2018 Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The forum will look at major issues such as: Circular economy in the apparel industry: How close is circularity to gaining real traction in the industry? Can brands work together successfully to implement circular solutions at scale? Supply chain transparency: What's the best way for brands to collate, monitor and use supplier data in an age of transparency and disclosure? Better factory engagement: How can brands and factories work together more effectively for improved performance, energy efficiencies and cost-savings? [More information.](#)

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.](#)

2018 NORTH AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT 9 to 10 May 2018 Casablanca, Morocco. NARES 2018 will not only focus on the Solar power and Wind power development in North Africa, but also involve the energy storage future application in the North Africa region. The summit will attract more than 300 leaders to share the latest progress of the renewable industry in Northern Africa. Click [here.](#)

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