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INDUSTRY NEWS

SMART CITIES: TAPPING INTO INNOVATION NETWORKS Many cities - an increasing number of major African metros among them - are beginning to outgrow themselves. Ageing populations, increasing urban density, resource issues and mobility constraints - these are among the primary issues faced by urban areas. [Wayne Hull, BizCommunity, 12 April 2018.](#)

ACCELERATING THE WORKFORCE THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT The skills shortage in South Africa spans every sector and industry, but the technology space is under incredible pressure to deliver the right skills, right now. [Dr. Kevin Lubbe, ee Publishers, 12 April 2018.](#)

WE NEED LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE The Paris Agreement sets a vision to transform the global economy; now it is time for countries to draw their roadmaps for the coming decades to make it reality. [Patricia Espinosa, Climate Change News, 12 April 2018.](#)

DOE SAYS OVERDUE IRP WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON The Department of Energy (DoE) says it is about to publish the updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) having just signed the outstanding power producer agreements with independent power producers. [ee Publishers, 12 April 2018.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S RENEWABLES ECO-SYSTEM ALL SET FOR GROWTH Following the signing of the outstanding power purchase agreements last month, South Africa's manufacturing and construction industries in particular, will see benefit. [Cape Business News, 11 April 2018.](#)

RESEARCHERS DEVELOPING DROUGHT-TOLERANT AFRICAN CROPS Researchers at the Centre of Excellence in Food Security (CoE) are looking into the drought resistance properties of maize, sorghum, soybean and cowpea crops. [Bizcommunity, 11 April 2018.](#)

MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION TO BENEFIT FROM RENEWABLES South Africa's manufacturing and construction industries stand to benefit from renewed momentum of the renewable energy programme, following the recent conclusion of power purchase agreements (PPAs) for 27 projects procured under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP). [Engineering News, 10 April 2018.](#)

WOMEN TURN TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO BRIDGE GENDER PAY GAP [CNBC Africa, 10 April 2018.](#)

POLICY INTERVENTIONS, SKILLED JOBS CAN REDUCE INEQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA Better education and spatial integration crucial for reduced inequality, job creation. [Tralac, 10 April 2018.](#)

THE NEXT GREAT WATER CRISIS MAY BE UNDER OUR FEET Every day we awaken to new headlines depicting a world in crisis: storms, floods, droughts, refugees, diplomatic conflict, and war. [Karen G Villholth, BizCommunity, 10 April 2018.](#)

EXTREME INEQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS CONSTRAINING GROWTH AND INVESTMENT New analysis by the World Bank has confirmed that South Africa is not only the world's most unequal country, but that extreme inequality has become a major constraint to higher levels of economic growth, because it is undermining policy certainty and depressing investment. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 10 April 2018.](#)

SCIENTISTS EXAMINE THREATS TO FOOD SECURITY IF WE MEET THE PARIS CLIMATE TARGETS Even with aggressive climate policies to limit global warming, food security in some areas will be threatened. [John Abraham, The Guardian, 3 April 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

THE UMHLATHUZE WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIP (UWASP) convenes key government, private sector and civil society stakeholders to actively collaborate on water security solutions for the uMhlathuze catchment in KwaZulu-Natal. Read update [here.](#)

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: *“Cement companies must more than double efforts to meet Paris climate goals”*, [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: *“Collective Action Toward Water Security in Brazil?”*, [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 CEO’s article entitled: *“Three keys to transforming business for the low-carbon transition”*, [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: *“Cement technology roadmap shows how the path to achieve CO2 reductions up to 24% by 2050”*, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

TSGO SUN’S JAMES KHOZA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SA CHEFS ASSOCIATION The SA Chefs Association is a non-profit industry body that represents the interests of chefs, cooks and caterers at all levels, with a focus on skills development, the celebration of culinary professionals, and transforming the industry. [Joburg Tourism, 12 April 2018.](#)

SA FIRM INVESTS IN AFRICA’S YOUTH THROUGH DIGITAL TECH FACILITY This week, ABB opened the Customer World Africa 2018 conference at the Sandton Convention Centre where bridging the gap between digital technology access and skills development amongst the youth was of focus. [ESI-Africa.com, 12 March 2018.](#)

WOOLWORTHS INVESTS R1.5M IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCHOOLS Following the ongoing drought in South Africa being declared a national disaster, Woolworths has announced a R1.5m investment in water infrastructure for schools via the newly launched MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet LoveH2O Water Fund. [BizCommunity, 10 April 2018.](#)

STANDARD BANK EYES WEST AFRICA GROWTH AFTER IVORY COAST OPENING Standard Bank Group is seeking a banking license in Senegal after opening in Ivory Coast as the lender expands in West Africa’s French-speaking countries. [Moneyweb, 10 April 2018.](#)

MTN GROUP'S 2017 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT: MTN Group's digital dividends and responsibilities report on digital inclusion, innovation and enterprise transformation, and environmental, digital human rights, talent and workplace management was released on 29 March 2018. Click [here](#) to download the report with accompanying UN GRI 4 and UN Global Compact COP reports.

SOUTH32 TAKES STEPS INTO PERU Diversified miner South32 has signed an earn-in agreement with ASX-listed junior Inca Minerals over its Greater Riqueza project, in Peru. [Mining Weekly, 5 April 2018.](#)

CLICKS OPENS 500TH PHARMACY Health and beauty retailer Clicks said on Thursday it had opened its 500th pharmacy at Park Station in central Johannesburg, underlining its position as South Africa's largest retail pharmacy chain. [ENCA, 5 April 2018.](#)

TRAFIGURA SIGNS COBALT OFFTAKE DEAL WITH SHALINA RESOURCES SUBSIDIARY Commodities trader Trafigura has signed an offtake agreement for cobalt hydroxide until December 2020 with Shalina Resources and its subsidiary Chemaf based in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chemaf said in a statement on Wednesday. [Mining Weekly, 5 April 2018.](#)

ABB TECHNOLOGIES TO ENABLE EXPANSION OF SOLAR PARK IN DUBAI Substation at Mohammed Bin Rashid solar park will strengthen Dubai's power grid and lower carbon footprint. [ABB, 3 April 2018.](#)

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.](#)

VODACOM FOUNDATION PIONEERS SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH EDUCATION The Vodacom Foundation is emulating Madiba's legacy by pioneering social transformation through education. [The Sowetan Live, 27 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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: WATER SAVING EFFORTS MUST CONTINUE This is the key message from the City of Cape Town. Every drop saved now can help avert Day Zero in 2018 and 2019. As summarised by the Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG) at UCT: "The approaching autumn and winter season in Cape Town is being keenly awaited to see if it will bring sufficient rain to end, or at least alleviate, the drought. If the rains are above average, the city should be able to avoid Day Zero next year. But if they're below average, it will be very hard to do so." (CSAG, March 2018). Unfortunately seasonal forecasts are currently unable to accurately predict the likely rainfall levels in the coming winter, making planning more difficult. As it stands the Western Cape dam levels sit at just 22%, and the agricultural sector has already taken a huge knock as a result of the drought. Water saving remains the best form of resilience at the Western Cape's disposal. You can also read the full CSAG article [here](#). For more information please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

KAAP AGRI MANAGES TO LIFT REVENUE DESPITE CAPE DROUGHT The growth in the value of business transacted was driven mainly by a 17% increase in the number of transactions. [Andries Mahlangu, BusinessLIVE, 12 April 2018](#).

WESTERN CAPE BUSINESSES ASKED HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WATER CRISIS How will your company be affected if the taps run dry for three months this year or next? [BusinessLIVE, 11 April 2018](#).

WESTERN CAPE DAM LEVELS: DOWN TO 17% AS OFFICIALS MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO RESIDENTS The dam levels in the Western Cape continue to creep even further into the dangerous territory. We have all the latest details from across the province. [Nic Andersen, The South African, 9 April 2018](#).

Below some useful resources to assist in the water conservation journey:

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

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

IT'S TIME TO DO MORE TO CLOSE THE GENDER PAY GAP [Watch video here](#).

EXECUTIVE UPDATE: HOW TO PUT HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF YOUR BUSINESS: FOUR KEY STEPS Leading CEOs and investors have realized that sustainable business depends on a sustainable world. [Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, UN Global Compact, 9 March, 2018](#).

SANBI PROMOTES ITS CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS TO ACCESS GREEN CLIMATE FUND RESOURCES VIA A NATIONAL ROADSHOW The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), an Accredited Entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in South Africa has been on the road to promote its call for a Green Climate Fund Expression of Interest (Eoi). The Eoi call invites institutions who wish to register their interest and project ideas to formally request this by way of completing an Expression of Interest application form. **Closing date: 30 April 2018.** [Further information](#).

HOW TO CREATE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE Do you know how your organization can drive gender equality? [Henna Inam, Forbes, 8 April 2018.](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR THE MASTER'S IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE ARE NOW OPEN Africa needs development practitioners in government, business and civil society who understand the complexity of developmental challenges and who have the leadership capacity to design and implement the integrated and multidisciplinary Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The University of Pretoria's **Master's in Development Practice (MDP@UP)** addresses this need by delivering graduates with the knowledge, leadership competence and technical skills needed to implement the SDGs. [Further information.](#)

CAPE TOWN'S FIRST EVER GREEN BOND WINS ITS MAIDEN INTERNATIONAL AWARD As Cape Town increases its efforts to adapt to the threat of climate change, the city's first-ever Green Bond initiative has scooped an international accolade. [The South African, 3 April 2018.](#)

FEMALE TOWNSHIP ENTREPRENEURS EMPOWERED THROUGH GAUTENG ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME A group of women from Soweto, Tembisa and Mamelodi graduated from the Gauteng Township Retail Enterprise Development programme, which aims to empower female entrepreneurs involved within the township retail industry. [BizCommunity, 3 April 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.

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. [Investec, Sandton: Tuesday, 17 April 2018, Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel, Cape Town: Wednesday, 18 April 2018](#) and [uMhlanga Garden Court Hotel, KZN: 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.](#)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE STATE OF TRANSFORMATION Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at FutureSpace in Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a Thought Leadership Series Dialogue on Transformation to unpack where South Africa is in addressing inequality and inequity. This Thought Leadership Series dialogue builds on the previous one that looked at businesses' contribution in driving economic and social transformation. Our contributors will explore the journey South Africa has taken in working towards creating an equitable and inclusive society, and highlight the persisting and existing challenges that remain, looking at the key drivers and factors, as well as unpacking the data and trends. If you are an NBI Member company please RSVP by clicking [here](#).

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

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](#).

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.

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 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](#).

ISO 14064 FOUNDATION COURSE 21 to 25 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), 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

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.](#)

WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINAR 3 May 2018 (15:00-16:00 CET / 08:00-09:00 UTC-5). We will zoom-in on SDG developments and business action in Latin America and advance the conversation around the 2030 agenda. With this webinar we continue our efforts to explore the SDGs through the lens of a particular regional perspective and provide a platform to exchange insight and updates on important initiatives. Experts from the United Nations Development Programme and CEMEX will join us to offer their thought leadership and share their experiences about key SDG developments in the region and beyond. [Register 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.](#)

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](#).

5TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING 23 to 24 May 2018 New York, USA. Climate 2018 is based on the theme: “Abrupt Impacts of Climate Change” and the conference mainly focuses on the Climate change and its effects. Study of Climate change is important in today’s world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. We have to really understand the challenges and together we have to make a pledge for a sustainable environment. [Conference website.](#)

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