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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**RAMAPHOSA TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ROUNDTABLE** President Cyril Ramaphosa was due on Thursday to participate in a roundtable of the World Economic Forum (WEF) with South Africa to shape an inclusive and sustainable agenda for economic growth and address the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment, his office said. [Engineering News, 28 June 2018.](#)

**MEN, WOMEN SHOULD LEAD FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** A recent Statistics South Africa report revealed that at least one in five South African women have experienced some form of gender-based violence. Sadly, most perpetrators of this crime get away unpunished as their victims suffer in silence. [South African Government News Agency, 28 June 2018.](#)

**NEW FUEL FROM CO2 CAN SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE** North American scientists may be one step nearer the dream solution to low-carbon energy, new fuel from CO<sub>2</sub>, if they can suck it straight from the air and convert it directly into gasoline, diesel or jet fuel. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 27 June 2018.](#)

**SADC MINISTERS ATTEND WATER AND ENERGY SUMMIT** Water and Sanitation Minister Gugile Nkwinti on Wednesday welcomed the Southern African Development Community (SADC) ministers to a water and energy summit taking place at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. [The Citizen, 27 June 2018.](#)

**THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN SHAPING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE AGENDA** President Cyril Ramaphosa, ministers and business leaders from across the world will convene for the World Economic Forum roundtable today, high on the agenda for South Africa will be the role of business in shaping an inclusive and sustainable agenda. [CNBC Africa, 27 June 2018.](#)

**WHERE 3 MILLION ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES WILL GO WHEN THEY RETIRE** The first batches of batteries from electric and hybrid vehicles are hitting retirement age, yet they aren't bound for landfill. [David Stringer and Jie Ma, Bloomberg, 27 June 2018.](#)

**HOW STRATEGIC PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ARE SHAPING UP IN CITIES** Public-private partnerships (PPPs) fall into four key types: operating partnerships, advisory committees, project partnerships and strategic partnerships. Of these, the most potent and long-ranging partnerships are strategic. [Sue Lebeck, GreenBiz, 26 June 2018.](#)

**WEST ANTARCTICA'S ROCKS' RISE MAY SLOW ICE MELT** The southern continent is changing fast. West Antarctica's rocks are on the rise, something which could slow the rate of ice melt. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 26 June 2018.](#)

**DEFORESTATION IS ACCELERATING, DESPITE MOUNTING EFFORTS TO PROTECT TROPICAL FORESTS. WHAT ARE WE DOING WRONG?** The 2017 tree cover loss numbers are in, and they're not looking good. Despite a decade of intensifying efforts to slow tropical deforestation, last year was the second-highest on record for tree cover loss, down just slightly from 2016. [Frances Seymour, WRI, 26 June 2018.](#)

**LOCAL BUSINESS MUST LEAD ON INVESTMENT, SAYS JABU MABUZA** Jabu Mabuza, the chair of Eskom and Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA), said on Monday that local businesses needed to affirm their confidence in the country's economy for international investment to take hold. [Engineering News, 25 June 2018.](#)

**TURNING PROMISES INTO ACTION: GENDER EQUALITY IN THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Turning promises into action: Gender equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", UN Women's new flagship report, provides a comprehensive and authoritative assessment of progress, gaps and challenges in the implementation of the Sustainable Development. [UN Women, 2018.](#)

**TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REMAINS A CHIEF VEHICLE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH** For any country, transport infrastructure networks are some of the most important assets it can have – not only in pure monetary value, but also the socio and economic gains that the transportation of people, goods and services brings. [Herbert Phahlane, Business Media Maqs, June 2018.](#)

**TRUDI MAKHAYA ON DEVELOPING THE SA ECONOMY** Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) in collaboration with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted a business engagement this morning in Sandton. Trudi Makhaya, Economic Adviser for South Africa's presidency spoke to CNBC Africa after the close of proceedings. [NBI Website](#).

**JASON MORRISON AND TIEN SHIAO OF THE PACIFIC INSTITUTE TO ATTEND WATER SECURITY MEETINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA** Pacific Institute President Jason Morrison and Senior Researcher and Corporate Water Stewardship Co-Lead Tien Shiao will attend national multi-stakeholder dialogues on solutions to water insecurity in South Africa in June. The United Nations Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate and the National Business Initiative are hosting these events on June 25th in Johannesburg and June 27th in Cape Town, South Africa. [EnvironmentGuru, 26 June 2018](#).

**BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF TVET COLLEGES TO DEVELOP GREEN SKILLS** The Nedbank/NBI Solar Water Heaters Installation and Maintenance Project: Nedbank Foundation extends SWH project by a further 6 months. [NBI News Update, 21 June 2018](#).

#### NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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**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: *"Retailers go green, as purchasers with over US\$3.3trillion spend scale up supply chain sustainability"*, [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 latest blog article entitled: "Communication 101: Fostering Dialogue, Trust & Accountability With Key Stakeholders"*, [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 *In Depth* news article entitled: *"How circular innovation is creating business opportunities"*, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their article entitled: *"Sustainability reporting in Australia: jumping into the mainstream"*, [here](#).

#### NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**TELKOM APPOINTS SUCCESSOR TO CFO** JSE-listed Telkom has appointed Tsholofelo Molefe as CFO and executive director, effective July 1, 2018, succeeding Deon Fredericks, who has been appointed chief investment officer to enhance the group's investment strategy. [Engineering News, 27 June 2018](#).

**OLD MUTUAL RETURNS TO AFRICAN ROOTS WITH JOHANNESBURG LISTING** Old Mutual Plc returned to its South African roots on Tuesday when it listed its \$11 billion African financial services business in Johannesburg, a move which largely completes a major overhaul of the company. [IOL Business, 26 June 2018.](#)

**PAMPERS & PICK N PAY RAISE R1M FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NEWBORNS** This partnership dates back to 2017 and sees the baby brand and retailer joining forces to help raise funds for UNICEF's First 1000 Days initiative. [Retail Brief Africa, 25 June 2018.](#)

**ABB TO POWER NEW VIRGIN VOYAGES CRUISE SHIP FLEET WITH HIGHEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY** ABB to supply the complete electric power and propulsion package for the Virgin Voyages' new fleet. [ABB Website, 25 June 2018.](#)

**ARUP PRESS RELEASE: RETHINKING CITIES IN ARID ENVIRONMENTS** Cape Town's prolonged water shortage has thrown into sharp relief the need for the city and its residents to be proactive in the long-term management of its water demand and consumption, and to build a more water resilient future. [Arup, 21 June 2018.](#)

**OLD MUTUAL GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS LOOKS TO BRAZIL AND MEXICO** Old Mutual Global Emerging Markets is looking at investment opportunities in Brazil and Mexico rather than SA, which has become one of the least attractive emerging markets. [BusinessLIVE, 21 June 2018.](#)

**TOYOTA INTRODUCES 'NO TIME LIMIT' SERVICE PLANS** Toyota has been including a service plan in the price of its cars for many years, starting with the Corolla in 2002, and has always followed the industry standard of limiting both time and distance. [IOL Business, 21 June 2018.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS TEAMS UP WITH FOODFORWARD SA TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE** Woolworths has partnered with national non-profit organisation (NPO), FoodForward SA to increase access to food across the country. [BizCommunity, 20 June 2018.](#)

**GOLDMAN SACHS HIRES VETERAN DEALMAKER FOR CHINA INVESTMENT BANK** Goldman Sachs Group Inc. hired veteran dealmaker Wei Cai as co-head of its China investment banking business, making him a partner in a rare move as the firm seeks to capitalize on the nation's financial-market opening. [Bloomberg, 20 June 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK AND MERCHANT CAPITAL PROVIDE SME LENDING SOLUTION** Standard Bank has joined forces with Merchant Capital to provide an innovative working capital solution for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by enabling them to access upfront cash advances which are repaid via their incoming point-of-sale receipts. [Money-Marketing, 20 June 2018.](#)

**GRINDROD SHIPPING ON THE JSE FROM TODAY** Grindrod Shipping will today make its secondary JSE listing after successfully making its primary listing on the Nasdaq yesterday. [IOL Business, 19 June 2018.](#)

**SOUTH32 AGREES TO BUY REMAINING ARIZONA SHARES** Diversified and metals company South32 yesterday announced that it had agreed to acquire the remaining 83percent of outstanding shares of Arizona Mining through a plan of arrangement for a fully funded all-cash offer of \$1.3billion (R17.43bn). [IOL Business, 19 June 2018.](#)

**DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF** In this newsletter, we outline an inspiring new vision for capitalism, one that is fuelled by a positive sense of purpose and can create unprecedented opportunities. We also explain important aspects of our services. [Dolphin Bay, June 2018.](#)

**CARBON TRUST:** US Department of Energy announces selection of winning consortium led by NYSERDA, the Carbon Trust and the Renewables Consulting Group to administer \$18.5 million for offshore wind research. [The Carbon Trust, 19 June 2018.](#)

**OFF GRID INVESTMENTS IDEAL FOR AFRICA'S ENERGY SECTOR** Stephen Barnes, Standard Bank Global Head of Power and Infrastructure: With recent reports estimating that six hundred million people are without access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa, significant and sustained investment is required across Africa's entire energy generation and supply value chain. [BizNis Africa, 13 June 2018.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT HEALTHCARE LAUNCHES WITH R2.4BN PORTFOLIO** Growthpoint Properties has launched South Africa's first unlisted healthcare real estate investment trust (Reit), Growthpoint Healthcare Property Holdings, which already holds five assets valued at R2.4-billion. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018.](#)

**MTN AIMS TO LAUNCH MOBILE SERVICE IN NAMIBIA AROUND AUGUST** MTN Group, Africa's biggest mobile telecoms firm, is aiming to launch a mobile service in Namibia around the end of August, a company executive told Reuters. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018.](#)

## WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

**NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE:** The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 11 July 2018 at Investec's offices in Cape Town. For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

**NO DAY ZERO FOR 2019 – CITY OF CAPE TOWN** The City of Cape Town has announced that the dreaded Day Zero – the day when most of the taps will be turned off – will not happen in 2018 or 2019. [Engineering News, 28 June 2018.](#)

**COLLABORATIVE EFFORT NEEDED TO DEAL WITH WC DROUGHT** This was according to experts at the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) Conference in Cape Town. [EWN, 27 July 2018.](#)

**VISIONARY LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO HANDLE THE EMERGING LONG-TERM WATER CRISIS** The panic that emerged after Day Zero was announced was instrumental in getting Capetonians to cut water consumption substantially - but a water-saving programme driven by fear is not sustainable. [Engineering News, 27 June 2018.](#)

**CAPETONIANS WILLING TO SAVE EVEN MORE WATER, SURVEY SHOWS** An astonishing 82% of Cape Town households already in the grip of stringent water restrictions said they would be willing to save even more water – but only under certain circumstances, a survey has revealed. [News24, 26 June 2018.](#)

**CAPE TOWN DAMS FILLING UP, BUT DROUGHT NOT BROKEN** The recent winter rains pushed the overall level of the City of Cape Town's supply dams up to 42.7% full on Monday, higher than it was at this time in 2017 or 2016. [Engineering News, 26 June 2018.](#)

**CAPE TOWN SHARES ADAPTATION TIPS FROM WATER CRISIS** It was appropriate that last week's Adaptation Futures conference was hosted in Cape Town, a city that has had to learn so many lessons about adaptation to climate change. [Legalbrief Today, 26 June 2018.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**MANDATORY RECYCLING BEGINS SUNDAY IN JOHANNESBURG – HERE'S HOW TO DO IT!** Mandatory recycling has been introduced in Joburg – we have had many questions about exactly how to go about it, where to buy the necessary bins, what to put in each bin, when to put the bins out – hence our quick guide with everything you need to know! [Morningside News, 28 June 2018.](#)

**OPINION: SA COMMITTED TO FIGHTING OCEAN DEGRADATION** Earlier this month President Cyril Ramaphosa participated in the G7 Leaders Summit Outreach in Toronto, convened by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. [Edna Molelwa, IOI Business, 27 June 2018.](#)

**COMMISSION FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY ANNUAL REPORT 2017 TO 2018** Access [here.](#)

**WE MEAN BUSINESS JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER:** Economic opportunity through bold climate action. Read [here.](#)

**VISION 2030 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WINNERS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED** The annual Vision 2030 Awards honour the achievements and share the success stories of organisations, enterprises and individuals that actively demonstrate alignment to the South African government's Nine-Point Plan to boost economic growth and achieve the milestones set by the National Development Plan (NDP). [BizNis Africa, 26 June 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK'S REPORT TO SOCIETY 2017** Standard Bank's Report to Society 2017 aims to communicate with a broader group of stakeholders about how the business impacts on the societies, economies and environments in which they operate. Download the full report [here.](#)

**POOR PEOPLE MOST VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE – ECONOMIST** An estimated 20-million people will be pushed into poverty because of climate change in 2030, which may possibly rocket to more than 100-million people if speedy social developments are not conducted, an economist said on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 21 June 2018.](#)

**CARON TRUST NEWSLETTER** June 2018. [Read here.](#)

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN** Few initiatives showcase, encourage and reward the positive impact successful women have on their communities in the same wide-reaching, yet inclusive style of the Standard Bank Top Women Awards, that's according to Top Women, South Africa's leading gender empowerment brand. [After 12 Magazine, 13 June 2018.](#)

**AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME - APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN UNTIL 30 JUNE 2018** Your company may be eligible to apply for the Agro-Processing Support Scheme ("APSS") if it is involved in implementing upgrade or expansion projects with a minimum investment value of R1 million in new machinery and equipment; commercial vehicles; buildings; and/ or competitiveness improvement costs. The APSS was launched by the South African

government in 2017 to target support towards agro-processing activities that result in job creation and they have recently reopened a new call for proposals. [Read here.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2018

**WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Tuesday, 3 July 2018 at Durbanville Hills, Cape Town.** The NBI's Transformation Programme explores how we can find effective ways to contribute towards creating an equal and just South African society within and outside of the workplace. The programme engages with both the role of business in addressing our core socio-economic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment and will also address key internal transformation issues in corporates, including inter alia issues of equity in relation to race, gender, age and leadership. Via a series of national workshops, we aim to collectively explore and rethink a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. If you are an NBI Member company we would value your input and experience in this important and timely recommitment to changing South African society. RSVP [here](#).

### **INFORMATION SESSION ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR COMPANIES**

**Friday, 6 July 2018 at The Hilton Hotel in Sandton.** President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as a joint effort between business, government and labour aimed at placing unemployed black youth aged 18 to 29 in companies for twelve months to gain access to work-readiness training and work experience. By creating job opportunities and delivering training for youth, YES seeks to contribute towards achieving social and economic transformation. The NBI cordially invites you to attend an information session which will include inputs on: 1. The requirements, processes and protocols for companies wanting to participate in the YES initiative and the implications thereof. 2. The proposed amendments to the B-BBEE codes with respect to the introduction of YES and the implications for companies wanting to host the YES candidates. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: MASTERING WATER AND ENERGY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Thursday, 12 July 2018 at Clicks Head Office, Woodstock.** Resource efficiency, whether related to energy, carbon, waste or water, has become the new normal and the required standard in a water scarce and carbon constrained world. For companies, ensuring the innovative and efficient use of energy and water in buildings and equipment is often the key step in this journey. This process of strengthened facilities management supports improved technical understanding, enhances credibility when engaging with external stakeholders, reduces operating costs and supports business continuity. If you an NBI Member company, please join us for a TLS seminar focused on the art and science of facilities management by clicking [here](#).

**CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA | WORKSHOP II – JOHANNESBURG Friday, 13 July 2018 at Sanlam, Sandton.** If you are an NBI member company we invite you to join us in collectively crafting a vision of a South Africa where business has transformed by meaningfully and actively addressing inequality and inequity through its value chain to create a thriving society. Over the past few months the National Business Initiative (NBI) and its members have collaboratively worked towards creating a vision for an equal and just South Africa via a number of national workshops. Through in-depth discussion and critical reflection, the workshops have highlighted key barriers to achieving transformation and social cohesion and have identified areas of focus to reduce these barriers and drive inclusion. For further information please contact [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#) or click [here](#) to RSVP.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**IN CONVERSATION WITH CEO OF CLICKS GROUP LIMITED, DAVID KNEALE 25 July 2018 at GIBS, Illovo.** The Clicks Group is a retail-led healthcare group which has been listed on the JSE Limited since 1996. We chat to CEO, David Kneale about the group, its strategy in SA and southern Africa, the key drivers and trends in retail, how technology is changing the consumer experience and customer engagement as well as the 'profitability challenge'. [GIBS Website.](#)

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION WITH WWF** In celebration of 50 years of conservation in South Africa, WWF South Africa is hosting two fundraising gala dinners. These dinners will take place at **the Hilton Hotel in Sandton on 28 July 2018** and at **the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 1 September 2018.** [WWF-SA Website.](#)

**SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: APPLIED ECONOMICS 30 July to 4 August 2018 at The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape.** The aim of this course is to provide course participants with an understanding of South Africa's political economy. This will entail an understanding of four dimensions of this endeavour: (a) the way South African economic history has been understood from a political economy perspective; (b) the dynamics of post-1994 economic policy making and why the challenge of radical economic restructuring has not been adequately addressed; (c) the challenge of state capture from the perspective of the literature on neo-patrimonialism; and (d) potential alternatives, including industrial policy, radical green economy developments, 'radical economic transformation' and Fanonist perspectives on resistance and change. For more information please click [here](#).

**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](#).

**LEADING WOMEN IN BUSINESS POWER BREAKFAST 6 August 2018, GIBS, Illovo.** The 'Leading Women in Business Power Breakfast' in commemoration of Women's Month. The breakfast session is opportunity to find inspiration in the stories of successful women in business. The conversation will focus on business, industry and the economy at large, as well as touch on issues such as gender bias and the empowerment of women. [GIBS Website.](#)

**SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE 20 to 25 August 2018 The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape.** This course will investigate business responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by sustainability and the manifestations of social (sustainable) enterprise, with special emphasis on developing country contexts, particularly South Africa. An overarching question is what role, if any, can enterprise play in the transition toward a 'new economy'? Is social enterprise a legitimate 'new

economy' trend that imbues a genuine shift in attitudes and behaviour, or is it a veil for business as usual? For more information or to apply please click [here](#).

**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](#) to: [Shampton@ioisa.org](mailto:Shampton@ioisa.org) or [Hampton.Shannon@gmail.com](mailto:Hampton.Shannon@gmail.com). Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators), 4 to 6 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING <IR> for Managers: 11 September and <IR> for Practitioners: 25 to 26 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

**CARBON-RELATED TRAINING** over the period **17 to 21 September 2018**. **GHG EMISSIONS REPORTING 17 September 2018; Carbon Tax 101 - 18 September 2018; GHG Emissions Inventory course (ISO 14064-1 and IPPC methodologies) - 19 to 21 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

**WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE'S TRACKING AND STRENGTHENING CLIMATE ACTION (TASCA) INITIATIVE** together with the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement ([PATPA](#)), are pleased to launch a **Climate Tracking and Transparency webinar series** with 12 sessions held throughout 2018. We invite you to join us as we explore critical topics that support domestic transparency systems for NDCs. Webinars will feature presentations and interactive discussion among experts, practitioners and national government representatives. **The series kicks off on June 12th at 9 am EDT with an in depth look at how to measure corporate and facility-level emissions.** This webinar will include the perspective of national policymakers. We welcome your participation and [hope you can join us!](#)

**WBCSD INSIGHTS ON INTEGRATING ESG INTO DECISION-MAKING AND DISCLOSURE WEBINAR 3 July 2018 at 1 to -11 am CEST or 4 to 5 pm CEST.** We will provide the latest updates on projects, tools and resources from our Redefining Value program, including insights into the latest efforts towards integrating ESG information into decision-making and external disclosure. Find further details and register for our webinar [here](#).

**CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: MAKING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SETTING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET 4 July 2018 10am to 11am (BST).** Over 400 corporates from around the world have already signed up to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), committing to set targets on greenhouse gas emissions that are in line with what the science says is necessary to limit global warming to no more than 2°C above pre-industrial levels. [Carbon Trust Website](#).

**WRI WEBINAR: INTRODUCING CLIMATE WATCH: A TOOL FOR RESEARCHERS AND DECISION MAKERS 10 July 2018 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EDT.** Learn how to explore economic and emissions scenarios to identify opportunities for delivering on countries' sustainable development and climate goals. [WRI Website.](#)

**UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 17 July 2018 NY, 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 2018 for the HLPF will be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies." Additionally, a set of seven goals will be reviewed in depth. [More information.](#)

**2018 WORLD WATER WEEK 26 August to 31 August 2018 Stockholm, Sweden.** Since 1991, World Water Week has been a meeting place for scientists, policy makers, and private sector and civil society actors to network, exchange ideas and foster new thinking around the most pressing water-related challenges of today. It inspires collaborative action and bridges science, policy and practice. It provides a unique forum for the exchange of views, experiences and practices between the scientific, business, policy and civic communities. It focuses on new thinking and positive action toward water-related challenges and their impact on the world's environment, health, climate, economic and poverty reduction agendas. [Website and further information.](#)

**GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 12 September to 14 September 2018 San Francisco, CA.** The 2018 Summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change, showcase climate action taking place around the world, and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments — in support of the Paris Agreement. [Summit Website.](#)

**BRAZIL IMMERSIVE LEARNING JOURNEY:** Join the Sustainability Institute's experiential immersion in the Amazon Jungle from **16 to 24 September 2018** to live with, and learn from, this inexplicable rainforest and its people. This encounter, in partnership with South Collective, will take you deep into the Amazon jungle and delve into local knowledge where explorers will learn about biodiversity, how people live *with* a forest and not *from* it, and how regenerative thinking can build greater communities. Topics that will be discussed include socio-biodiversity, forest management, water and agroforestry. [Sustainability Institute's Website.](#)

**THE 7TH WORLD SUSTAINABILITY FORUM 19 to 22 September 2018 Beijing, China.** The World Sustainability Forum (WSF) is an annual sustainability conference organized by MDPI. It is an excellent opportunity for researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to engage with this topic, to expose the urgency of the issues, and to recognize individual, collective, and national opportunities associated therewith. The WSF2018 in China is also an excellent opportunity to sensitize researchers toward national and cultural differences, and how considerable progress can be made in sustainability, despite the multitude of challenges and differences around the world. [MDPI Website.](#)

**CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2018 24 to 30 September 2018 New York City, US.** Climate Week NYC is one of the key summits in the international calendar and has been driving climate action forward since it was first launched by The Climate Group in 2009. In 2018, Climate Week NYC comes at a critical point in the global response to climate change. The summit will take place alongside the UN General Assembly and will bring together international leaders from business, government and civil society to showcase the unstoppable momentum of global climate action. Climate Week NYC is the collaborative space for climate-related events in support of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. [Climate Week NYC Website.](#)

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