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Have you registered for the CDP Annual Update Workshops? (NOW ONLINE)

Every year CDP holds a series of workshops in various locations around the world to support their stakeholders with the disclosure process and environmental action. These events usually take place during April-May, when the CDP disclosure platform opens. In South Africa, the National Business Initiative (NBI) has hosted these events but with lockdown restrictions, the CDP global community is meeting online this year.

CDP has announced that its capacity building workshops will be held online between the **9th June and the 10th July 2020**. These are critical workshops to attend, especially if you are a first time or new responder. However, even seasoned CDP contributors will benefit from updates on CDP processes, questionnaires and scoring.

These workshops are available for everyone to attend and participants can register on the CDP [website](#). An overview of the agenda and workshop dates can be accessed [here](#).

Participants wanting to attend any of the CDP Capacity Building Workshops must register as soon as possible on the CDP registration page. Following your registration, you will receive an email from CDP with a link to join the workshops and to add them to your calendar. When adding the event to your calendar, it will automatically schedule the event in the correct time zone that you are in.

Furthermore, the CDP has developed a Community Forum. Participants registering for the workshop series will automatically be entered into this Forum where they can search for and link up with stakeholders from the wide range of participating organisations. The community group can be viewed [here](#).

The workshop series kicked off with the Global Stakeholder Forum on Tuesday, 2 June 2020. The NBI will circulate the recording for the event upon receipt from CDP.

Background on CDP annual workshops

These valuable events welcome participants and speakers from the companies, cities, states and regions, investors, policymakers and partners with whom CDP works, attracting around 50-150 attendees each. As such, the workshops

are an important touchpoint for all stakeholders in the annual CDP disclosure cycle. While they vary according to regional needs, typically the workshops cover updates to the CDP questionnaires and scoring methodologies, updates on CDP's strategic direction, peer-to-peer learning and thought leadership on environmental stewardship more broadly. They also provide a valuable networking and relationship-building opportunity for participants.

In 2020, over 30 workshops have been planned in many locations around the world.

What's happening in 2020 and why

- CDP has decided to move all their 30+ 2020 disclosure workshops online this year. This is in response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) global health crisis. CDP has assessed the situation carefully and decided this is the most responsible action to protect public health.
- Every year, CDP's disclosure workshops are an integral part of the stakeholder engagement process. Through these workshops, the CDP provides valuable support, updates, thought leadership and networking opportunities to our stakeholders so that they can make the most of the disclosure process and take more effective environmental action.
- The CDP is still committed to providing this valuable resource to their stakeholders this year, in a virtual format. Anyone planning to attend one of the in-person workshops will now be able to attend an online version instead.
- The interpersonal value of in-person events cannot be denied. However, as an environmental organization, the CDP also recognize that virtual alternatives have their own benefits. This year's virtual events will have a much lower carbon footprint and will be more accessible for many attendees and speakers. We expect to continue to hold both in-person and virtual events in the future, as each has its own benefits.
- 2020 is the first year of a decade of historic climate action. In the run up to COP26 this year, it's more essential than ever for companies and cities, states and regions to disclose their environmental data through CDP and take decisive action. As always, our disclosure workshops will support you on this journey.

Don't miss out on the CDP Workshop Series 2020. Register [HERE](#) now. For any questions or technical issues during or prior to the event, please reach out to workshops@cdp.net.



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