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Important CDP Workshops Not to be Missed

The National Business Initiative (NBI) would like to inform our members, in particular all those responding to CDP, about the upcoming series of exciting workshops. These workshops are hosted and subsidized by our international partner **CDP**, meaning attendees can participate for free.

Due to COVID-19, the CDP has moved their Global 2020 workshops online and have opened the registration portal on their **website**. NBI member companies can register for the following set of workshops:

- 1) **The Global Stakeholder Forum: key global updates and thought leadership**
(June 2: 10:00 to 12:00 and 17:30 to 19:30)
- 2) **Regional workshops in Europe, the UK, and/or North America**
(June 3 and 4: various sessions)

The CDP encourages interested stakeholders to register for any of the above sessions.

In order to attend for free, participants need to register under the following ticket: **Companies > Investors > Cities, States and Regions > Policymakers Ticket**.

The NBI advises South African participants to attend The Global Stakeholder Forum, as this is likely to be most relevant for our members. However, members have the option of also joining any of the regional workshops for Europe, the UK, and North America. CDP has advised that the dates for the CDP technical workshops will be announced at a later stage - please keep an eye on the CDP registration page for more details.

The write-up for the Global Stakeholder Forum is below along with the very impressive speaker list. There will also be an event write-up and speaker list for each of the regional workshops, which participants can access when they register.

- 1) **The Global Stakeholder Forum: key global updates and thought leadership**

CDP's Global Stakeholder Forum will feature thought-provoking keynotes from Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland, and Nigel Topping, UK High-Level Climate Action Champion, COP26 as well as a panel featuring a diverse set of leaders from corporate sustainability, finance, policy and government, including speakers from the SUEZ, Mahindra Group, City Developments Limited and the City of Amsterdam. We'll focus on mobilizing for the decade of ambition ahead and driving continued action – in the face of environmental risk, societal disruption and economic uncertainty.

Key updates on CDP's strategic direction will be provided by Paul Simpson, Chief Executive Officer, Paul Dickinson, Executive Chair and Dexter Galvin, Global Director of Corporations & Supply Chains.

The current global health crisis shows resiliency in supply chains and business models, hence the ability to adapt to and survive shocks and disruptions, is more essential than ever. Measuring and managing environmental risks through disclosure helps companies to build resiliency and plan for the future.

We understand that companies' sustainability goals remain important, and we will support the companies we work with in our mutual goal of addressing the global challenges of climate change, deforestation and water security.

Speakers include:



Mary Robinson

Former President of Ireland,
United Nations Commissioner for
Human Rights, The Elders



Nigel Topping

UK High Level Climate Action
Champion, UNFCCC COP26



Daniel Klier

Global Head of Sustainable
Finance, HSBC



Frank Tazelaar

Head of Sustainability, City of
Amsterdam



Esther An

Chief Sustainability Officer, City
Developments Limited (CDL)



Anirban Ghosh

Chief Sustainability Officer,
Mahindra Group



Pierre-Yves Pouliquen

Chief Sustainability Officer, SUEZ



Paul Simpson

Chief Executive Officer, CDP



Paul Dickinson

Executive Chair, CDP



Dexter Galvin

Global Director, Corporations &
Supply Chains, CDP

2) Regional workshops in Europe, the UK, or North America

Each of the regional events has their own event description available when you register, along with their own speakers' list.

The NBI looks forward to seeing our sustainability members online for these engaging and dynamic discussions.

For more information on how to register for these events, please contact Geeta Morar: GeetaM@nbi.org.za or follow this link to the CDP registration page: <https://www.cdp.net/en/events/workshops>



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