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The DEA-NBBN publication entitled “**Overview of current approaches and practices of South African businesses to the mainstreaming of biodiversity: a preliminary baseline assessment**” can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

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Welcome to the December 2017 issue of the National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) newsletter

To distribute any biodiversity and business relevant information to the network in the next newsletter, please forward the information to Shelley Lizzio (shelleyl@ewt.org.za) by the 20 January 2017.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA



DAY 1: Opening address from Ms Nosipho Ngcaba, Director General of the Department of Environmental Affairs

1. The South African Government recognises the role being played by South African businesses in response to the impact that development is having on South Africa's great biodiversity assets.
2. Government welcomes both public and private sectors, seeking to partner to share the responsibility for our current biodiversity, in terms of enhancing it, utilizing it and conserving it.
3. Businesses are starting to recognise that long-term sustainable development requires a strong case for integrating biodiversity considerations into core management systems.
4. Many businesses now emphasize the urgent need to develop tools that support decision-making in relation to the links between the conservation of biodiversity and economic activity.

5. We understand that biodiversity management is more about understanding and managing social activities, therefore we need to make biodiversity for better business a familiar concept since it relates to our day to day activities.

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Energy-intensive Industries Emerge as Drivers of Renewable Energy Expansion. The private sector is becoming an increasingly important actor for renewable energy expansion, not only as a customer of clean power, but also as developer of renewable energy generation projects. Recent announcements by technology companies and other energy-intensive industries provide examples of this trend. [Click here to read more.](#)



IUCN review protocol for biodiversity net gain. The IUCN has published a review protocol for biodiversity net gain. To download the document [click here.](#)



UN Partners with Private Sector Actors to Advance SDGs. The UN is partnering with a range of private sector stakeholders to help advance the SDGs, including an airline company in Nepal and a health and hygiene company. The UN is also working to help leverage funding for the SDGs, including encouraging companies to increase "impact investing." Further, the UN Secretary-General has released a report on



enhanced cooperation with the UN and partners, particularly the private sector. [Click here.](#)

Global database on biodiversity offset policies launched. The IUCN and The Biodiversity Consultancy have launched the first-ever global biodiversity offset policy database. Preliminary analysis shows progress in biodiversity-rich mining countries. To read more [click here.](#)



UN Environment, World Bank Issue Sustainable Finance Roadmap. A report from UN Environment and the World Bank Group finds that sustainable finance requires a strong commitment from business owners and managers to make sustainability considerations a primary component in strategy. It also highlights the relevance of incorporating sustainability targets into businesses' key performance indicators (KPIs) to ensure accountability. [Click here.](#)

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