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**Welcome to the February 2018 issue of the National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) newsletter**

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## ONGOING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA

**DAY 1: Barriers to the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business in South African businesses – panel discussion with Brent Corcoran (Mondi), Ian Cruickshank (South African Airways), Thulani Kuzwayo (Green Building Council of South Africa) and Vicky Beukes (Nedbank)**

1. Companies often find themselves within complex socio-economic and political contexts highlighting the need for a clear business case for biodiversity.
2. South Africa faces the triple challenge of inequality, poverty and unemployment. A pragmatic approach to mainstreaming sustainability will be more successful than idealism if we are to successfully mainstream sustainability issues into the built environment.
3. There cannot be a disconnect between organisational strategy and culture if we are to effectively drive the mainstreaming of sustainability into business.
4. Strong leadership is key to driving a sustainability agenda within an organisation.

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## National events, publications & news



**Centre for Environmental Rights has developed an online resource that provides a good overview of South Africa's strategic water sources areas and their status.** For more information on the legal toolbox (which outlines a range of potential legal tools and measures that are available to protect our water source areas, as well as the benefits and challenges associated with each legal mechanism), interactive map and other resources (documents related to our water source areas, as well as applicable legislation and regulations and useful websites) [click here](#).



**The Minister of Environmental Affairs appoints EAPASA as the single Registration Authority for EAPs in SA.** The Chairperson and Board of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) are pleased to announce its appointment as Registration Authority for Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) in South Africa. To read more [click here](#).



**Enter your organisation or nominate another worthy eco-champion for an Eco-Logic Award.** The Eco-Logic Awards, hosted by The EnviroPaedia, recognise and promote those individuals, organisations, products and services that are helping to create a sustainable environment and society. To read more [click here](#)



**New report shows that our world is just 9% circular.** With more than 90% of the raw materials used globally not cycled back into the economy, our planet is left with a massive strain on its natural resources and climate that needs to be urgently relieved. This is according to the first “Circularity Gap Report” launched by Circle Economy at the World Economic Forum in Davos. To read more [click here](#).



**WMO Confirms Three Warmest Years on Record, Ocean Temperatures at Record Levels.** The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has confirmed that 2015, 2016 and 2017 are the three warmest years on record, with 2016 holding the global record at 1.2°C above preindustrial levels. The Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IAP CAS) has found that 2017 was the hottest year ever recorded for the world’s oceans. To read more [click here](#)



**Natural capital, a short film series.** During the World Forum on Natural Capital in Edinburgh in November 2017, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development released a short film series, designed to underscore how important it is for companies to value their relationship with nature. The film illustrates what happens when businesses don’t take the sustainability warning seriously. To watch the film [click here](#).



**SDG Compass: more indicators available to improve your sustainability reporting.** This tool shows companies how they can align their strategies, measure and manage their contribution to reaching the SDG, and put sustainability at the heart of their business strategy. It also helps companies see which GRI Standards can be used to show a company's work on the SDGs. To read more [click here.](#)



**Sustainability reporting is a virtuous circle.** On the one hand, it improves credibility with target audiences, raises awareness among employees and stimulates actions in favour of corporate social responsibility. For instance, by reporting greenhouse gas emissions and related information, we have set up action plans to reduce the environmental impacts of our buildings and data centres. On the other hand, reporting helps to better monitor objectives about value creation for clients, by producing sustainable products and services. To find out how Worldline has benefited from reporting using the GRI framework [click here.](#)

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