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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 October 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](mailto:shelleyl@ewt.org.za)) by the 17 November 2017.

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## 2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA



## Theme: Biodiversity for Better Business

24 & 25 October 2017, Johannesburg, South Africa

Thank you to all the sponsors, presenters and delegates of the 2017 National Biodiversity and Business Indaba for a successful two days! Presentations and proceedings from the event will be made available as soon as possible.

We look forward to hosting you at our 2018 event!

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**National events, publications & news**



**2017 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice, 6 to 10 November 2017, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

This symposium offers a platform for the conservation community to share and explore issues and recent developments in the science and practice of conservation, and in understanding and communicating the value of biodiversity to society. [Click here](#) for more information.



**Woodlands Dairy achieves 100% FSC logo on their products**

Woodlands Dairy a local, Eastern Cape processor of farm fresh milk, who produce and package high quality dairy products has achieved 100% FSC logo on package. To read more [click here](#).



**Technical guidelines for CBA maps launched**

Over the past decade, South Africa has developed maps of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) for all parts of the country. These CBA Maps identify a set of biodiversity priority areas to inform planning, action and decision-making in support of sustainable development. Each of South Africa's nine provinces has a map of CBAs and ESAs, which represent spatial priorities for the terrestrial environment as well as freshwater ecosystems (rivers and wetlands). These maps are accompanied by guidelines on the types of land uses and other activities that are compatible with retaining CBAs and ESAs in suitable ecological condition. To read more [click here](#).



Woolworths, Avery-Dennison and Rotolabel have jointly put the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) seal of approval on labelling material.

Marking an African first, stakeholders in the sustainability chain have come together to help retailers, brand owners and consumers fulfil their preferences for choosing paper products – in this case paper-based pressure-sensitive label stock – sourced from responsibly managed forests. To read more [click here](#).

## International events, publications & news



The European Commission has reiterated the importance of recognising biodiversity-related information in its recent guidelines on non-financial reporting.

These guidelines aim to develop a principle-based methodology relevant to companies across all economic sectors which helps them to disclose relevant, useful and comparable non-financial information. In this communication, the Commission takes into account best practices, relevant developments and the results of related initiatives, both within the EU and at international level. To download the guidelines [click here](#).



UNEP is offering a FREE, two-part, Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) called Introduction to Resilience for Development.

The course is designed for policymakers and practitioners working in the sustainable development and conservation planning sectors, but is open to anyone.

Part 1: Understanding Resilience Thinking runs from 31 Oct. to 27 Nov. 2017.

Part 2: Applying Resilience Thinking to National Biodiversity and Development Plans runs from 23 Jan. to 13 Feb. 2018. To register [click here](#).



### **Key insights on circular water management solutions**

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released eight deep-dive case studies on circular water management, designed to help companies implement water reuse through WBCSD's Business Guide to Circular Water Management. To read more [click here.](#)



### **ESP9 World Conference in Shenzhen, China from 11-15 December 2017**

Registration for the Ecosystem Services Partnership has opened and is possible until 26 November. For more information [click here.](#)



### **Pilot study: Natural Capital Assessment for trenchless Pipe Laying**

In two pilot studies the Global Nature Fund (GNF) and its project partners have gained initial experience in carrying out natural capital assessments. This first pilot study describes the procedure for assessing natural capital for trenchless pipeline construction. [Click here](#) to read more.



### **2017 World Forum on Natural Capital**

Bookings are now open for the 2017 World Forum on Natural Capital, 27 – 28 November. Policy-makers and senior decision-makers from business, finance, government and civil society are expected to descend on the capital of Scotland, to engage in two days of dynamic and interactive parallel sessions and networking. For more information [click here.](#)



**Private capital for nature conservation: Could impact investments be a solution?**

The Tropical Forest Foundation OroVerde and the Global Nature Fund analysed the design and impact of impact investments in the means of the protection of biodiversity. To this end, five existing impact investments in Latin America were examined for their ecological and social impact as well as the associated risks, returns, impact measurement and other aspects by means of local case studies. To read more [click here](#).



**Business reporting on the SDGs.**

UN Global Compact, the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) have launched a report that introduces an innovative mechanism intended to simplify reporting by businesses on their contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The report titled, 'Business Reporting on the SDGs: An Analysis of the Goals and Targets,' takes the first step towards a harmonized set of indicators and methodology and common standard for corporate reporting on SDG progress. [Click here](#).

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