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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 September 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 21 October 2017.

INDABA PROGRAMME ATTACHED!

2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA



Theme: Biodiversity for Better Business

24 & 25 October 2017

Hatch, 58 Emerald Parkway Rd, Greenstone Hill, Johannesburg, South Africa

We are pleased to present the draft programme for the 2017 National Biodiversity and Business Indaba **ATTACHED** to this email. Please note that seats are limited, so get your registration in ASAP!

REGISTRATION: Submit your registration ASAP by filling in the attached registration document and sending to Shelley Lizzio at shelleyl@ewt.org.za. *Registration closes on 20 October.*

2017 Indaba Registration Fee

	Early bird (by end September)	Normal (from 1 October)
Per person	R1400	R1800
Per person +1*	R1200 (each)	R1600 (each)
One day only	R800	R1000

*** attendees who register with second person, who was not at last year's Indaba**

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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.



Advert: IUCN-SSA/BirdLife South Africa position: National Red List Programme Officer

The IUCN SSC & BirdLife South Africa are looking for a dynamic person to fill the position of National Red List Programme Officer. For more information please contact isabel.human@birdlife.org.za. Closing date for applications is 29 September 2017.

International events, publications & news



Earliest-ever Earth Overshoot Day highlights need for sustainable living solutions

August 2 marked Earth Overshoot Day, the date our demand on nature exceeds our planet's annual renewal capacity. This year is the earliest occurrence of Earth Overshoot Day yet. The Global Footprint Network is working with 30 partners to #MoveTheDate of Earth Overshoot Day to later in the year. Learn how you can help this effort by calculating your ecological footprint and exploring the systemic solutions available around cities, food, energy and population. To learn more [click here](#).



UNEP-WCMC and IIED Launch Biodiversity Mainstreaming Toolkit

The UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) have launched a toolkit to help countries integrate biodiversity into development policies and planning strategies. The toolkit aims to enhance understanding of the mainstreaming process; select, analyse and present evidence on the links between biodiversity and national development priorities; and identify approaches that have been successful in Africa. [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.](#)



Business Reporting on the SDGs: An Analysis of the Goals and Targets

Looking to report your business impact on the United Nations SDGs and be part of the global movement to build a better, greener and more inclusive world? GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) and UN Global Compact's new publication, released on 21 September, lays out the first steps to get started. [Click here.](#)



2017 World Forum on Natural Capital

Bookings are now open for the 2017 World Forum on Natural Capital. 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.](#)



Business, biodiversity & natural capital – Ambitions, risks & opportunities

The EU B@B Platform of the European Commission and the Global Nature Fund (GNF) are joining forces in tackling the challenge for businesses in integrating biodiversity and natural capital. Two conferences under the common motto “Business, biodiversity & natural capital | Ambitions, risks & opportunities” will bring frontrunners and newcomers together with leading scientists, government officials and nature conservation organisations in Frankfurt/Main on 4th and 5th October 2017. [Click here.](#)



GRI Standard 303: Water – now under review

Are you an expert on water-related impacts, or do you have experience reporting on the topic? Help the GRI advance corporate reporting on these impacts. Take a look at the proposed changes to GRI Standard 303, and visit the GRI’s public consultation platform to give them your feedback. For more information [click here.](#)



BRICS Commit to Cooperate on SDGs

Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) adopted the ‘BRICS Leaders’ Xiamen Declaration,’ reaffirming their commitment to fully implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, committing to enhance BRICS cooperation on climate change and expand green financing, and agreeing “to take concrete actions to advance result-oriented cooperation in such areas as prevention of air and water pollution, waste management and biodiversity conservation,” among others. [Click here.](#)

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