# CSEAR Newsletter – March 2017 FROM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING RESEARCH

Welcome to the latest CSEAR E-Newsletter, which is sent out to all members regularly throughout the year, providing you with up to-date SEA news and contact information. If you would like to use these pages for publicising any conferences or events that you think would be of interest to other CSEAR members just let us know by emailing us.

#### **CSEAR NEWS**

•	4th French Conference on Social and Environmental Accounting	http://csear-france.essec.edu/2017-congress
	Research (4th CSEAR France Conference) May 15-16, 2017	
	Toulouse Business School, France Professor Carlos Larrinaga,	please see attached calls for papers
	Professor of Accounting at the University of Burgos, will be the	
	plenary speaker. For the practitioner forum <b>Eva Von Alvensleben</b> ,	
	Sustainability Manager of Kering who will present their E-P&L. There	
	will also be a Special Issue of Sustainability Accounting,	
	Management and Policy Journal on "Sustainability Accounting,	
	Management and Policy in France".	
•	The 29 <sup>th</sup> International Congress of Social & Environmental	csear@st-andrews.ac.uk
	Accounting Research (CSEAR 2017) will be held on 28 – 30 August	http://www.st-
	<b>2017.</b> Full details are now available on the conference website. The	andrews.ac.uk/csear/conferences/csearuk20
	first call for papers for the ESC and the Main Conference have now	1729thicsear/
	been released. The closing date for abstract submissions is 15 May	
	2017. Registration will be open at the beginning of April. An early	see attached calls for papers
	registration fee applies up to 30 June 2017. Early registration is	
	recommended. Full details can be found on the conference website.	
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	The CSEAR Teaching Case Study Competition is running again this	Email submissions to <u>csear@st-</u>
	year. The aims of this competition are: (a) to develop a database for	andrews.ac.uk
	CSEAR members of high quality Accounting and Sustainability	
	teaching cases; (b) to encourage the development of high quality	
	teaching cases and promote effective case writing Strategies; (c)	
	facilitate the exchange of ideas leading to the improvement of case	
	research, writing, and teaching; (d) assist with the distribution and	
	publication of cases.	
	The Deadline for submission by email to csear@st-andrews.ac.uk	
	is 22 June 2017.	
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•	11 <sup>th</sup> CSEAR Spain Conference — XI Reunión de Investigación en	Contact Fernando Llena for further details
	Contabilidad Social y Medioambiental CICSMA. The 11th CSEAR	fllena@unizar.es
	Spain conference will be held on the <b>7-8 September 2017 at</b>	
	Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza (Spain). A first call for papers	See attached pdf
	has now been <b>released</b> and is attached here for you.	
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•	From Social and Environmental Accounting to Sustainability	See attached pdf
	Accounting and Responsible Investment: Emerging Research	Artie Ng spartie@speed-polyu.edu.hk
	Agendas - 1st CSEAR North Asia Conference will be held in Hong	<del> </del>
	Kong from 4 - 5 Dec 2017. An updated call for papers has now been	
	released.	
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The next Australasian CSEAR conference will be held in Fiji     December 2017, at the University of the South Pacific. Full details     will be provided in due course.	Initial enquiries to Nacanieli Rika nacanieli.rika@usp.ac.fj
<ul> <li>The next CSEAR North America has been tentatively booked for 13         <ul> <li>15 June 2018 and will be hosted by Thomas Schneider at School of Accounting and Finance, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. Details will follow as they emerge.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
The next Italian CSEAR Conference will be hosted by the University of Urbino, Thursday 20th to Friday' 21st of September 2018.  Details will follow as they emerge.	
We are delighted to announce that The Reg Mathews Memorial Prize 2016 has been won by Monciardini, D. for his paper 'The 'Coalition of the Unlikely' Driving the EU Regulatory Process of Non-Financial Reporting' in Vol. 36, Iss. 1,2016, p.76-89	http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/contents/
The CSEAR Council continues to roll out its Research Bulletin initiative. This is a service where by members can publicise their recent publications via the CSEAR website. All that is required is a simply summary submitted via the research bulletin form (see attached document) to <a href="mailto:csear@st-andrews.ac.uk">csear@st-andrews.ac.uk</a> The information submitted will be regularly uploaded to a dedicated page on the website which will be accessible by all members.	See attached document for completion
• SEAJ Special Issue call for papers: SEAJ 39 (1), January 2019 Special issue: Sustainability Governance Special Issue Editor: Leonardo Rinaldi (Royal Holloway, University of London). The special issue aims at increasing our understanding of the role that accounting play in sustainability governance (Hopwood & Miller, 1994; O'Dwyer & Unerman, 2016). All sorts of contributions are encouraged, including insights into theories, practices and dilemmas within the field of sustainability governance and the mechanisms (including technologies, rules, and structures) that organizations may have put in place to govern sustainability. Authors interested in contributing to this Special Issue of SEAJ should follow the 'Instructions for Authors' at www.tandfonline.com/reaj and submit their manuscripts to the SEAJ online submission system (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/reaj) selecting this special issue no later than 31st October 2017. Authors are encouraged to contact the Guest Editor to discuss proposed topics: Leonardo Rinaldi (Leonardo.Rinaldi@royalholloway.ac.uk).	please see attached calls for papers http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/calls-for-papers/

### **CSEAR NEWS (continued)**

•	General Invitation to Submit Articles and Article and Book Reviews for SEAJ: For each issue of SEAJ the review team publish a range of book and article reviews covering the broad area of interest to SEAJ readers. We welcome contributions from both senior and emerging academics. Additionally, the Journal is always looking for paper submissions to publish. Please see our website for how to submit your articles.	Hannele Makela hannele.makela@uta.fi Helen Tregidga helen.tregidga@aut.ac.nz Michelle Rodrigue Michelle.Rodrigue@fsa.ulaval.ca seaj@st-andrews.ac.uk http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/
•	Invitation: CSEAR Blog seeking guest bloggers: Do you write blogs or tweet about your research? Would you like to share short overviews or updates with others in the CSEAR communities? The CSEAR Blog is looking for guest contributors to write up to 500 words on their research. If you have something to contribute or would like to find out more about the CSEAR blog, please contact Colin Dey.	http://csearweb.blogspot.co.uk/ colin.dey@stirl.ac.uk
•	We thought that you might be interested to hear about subscription options available for the Social and Environmental Accountability Journal (SEAJ), the official journal of CSEAR. As a personal member of CSEAR you receive access to the journal either through print copies or online access, but does your institution take access to the journal for your colleagues and students? Do you think that SEAJ would be the perfect addition to your library's collection? If yes, then please recommend that your library purchases a subscription.	http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaj 20#.VIWbETGsW5L http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaj 20#.VGtW3PmsW5K
•	John Ferguson and the University of St Andrews' School of Management Ethics, Sustainability and Accountability thematic group host a blog. Their latest posting Scotland's National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights is well worth a read.	https://esa.wp.st- andrews.ac.uk/2016/11/08/scotlands-national- baseline-assessment-on-business-and-human- rights/
•	An Opportunity for PhD funding has arisen in the realm of Environmental and Social accounting with Skanska UK, a leading construction and development company with expertise across a variety of building, civils and infrastructure projects. The PhD would focus on enabling embedding natural and social capital accounting within strategic decision making and reporting processes.	Please contact Jake.Atkinson@skanska.co.uk for further information or to submit a potential proposal

### **Call for Papers and Conferences**

	d the Environment Research Workshop 7 from 09:00 to 17:30 (BST) Heriot-Watt	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/accounting-society-and-the- environment-research-workshop-tickets- 29814808896?ref=enivteforoo1&invite=MTExNzk1NTMvbGMx NoBzdC1hbmRyZXdzLmFjLnVrLzA%3D&utm_source=eb_ema il&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_ term=eventpage
-	Finance and Accounting is publishing a and Environmental Accounting Research" papers.	See attached call for papers

### Call for Papers and Conferences (continued)

Special issues calls for papers from Sustainability Accounting,     Management and Policy Journal.	http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journa ls/call_for_papers.htm?id=6992
Biodiversity 2020 and Beyond Measuring Progress, Overcoming Challenges and Considering Next Steps at the National and Local Levels Strand Palace Hotel Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017.	http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/?ss =em&tg=1b
• 4th Symposium on Ethics and Social Responsibility Research 2017 Biblioteca Municipal Almeida Garret, Portugal, 8-9 of June, 2017. •	<a href="http://www.iscap.ipp.pt/conferencias/iirh/vii/index.ph">http://www.iscap.ipp.pt/conferencias/iirh/vii/index.ph</a> p/pt/informacoes/turismo>
PRI Call for Papers – deadline 1st April 2017 Academic Network Conference, Berlin.	www.unpri.org/prian2017
Contesting Organisational Controversies: Critical Case Studies in Communication and Accountability a Special Issue of SAMPJ Guest Editors: Markus J. Milne, Helen Tregidga, Matias Laine.	please see attached calls for papers
Critical Accounting stream of The 10th International Critical     Management Conference – CMS 2017, Edge Hill University,     Ormskirk, Liverpool, UK 3-5 July 2017.	https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/business/cms20 17/
• 12th Annual London Business Research Conference Dates: 10 - 11 July 2017 Venue: Imperial College, London.	www.conferencebulletin.org Email: wbilonpaps@gmail.com
Call for Submissions: As the AAA begins its second century; the theme of the 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego is "Imagining Our Future," exploring the roles we can take to help shape the future.	http://aaahq.org/Meetings/2017/Annual- Meeting/Submissions
Special issue of Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal (SAMPJ): "The future of Carbon Accounting, Management & Policy" Guest Editors: Delphine GIBASSIER, Giovanna MICHELON, Mélodie CARTEL. Deadline: March 31st 2017.	please see attached calls for papers
International Journal of Innovative Studies in Sociology and Humanities Submission open for Volume 2, Issue 1-2017.	www.ijissh.org E-mail: editor@ijissh.org
<ul> <li>Special issue of Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal (SAMPJ): "Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy in France" Senior Editor: Charles H. Cho, Guest Editors: Delphine Gibassier, Jonathan Maurice. Deadline: September 15th, 2017.</li> </ul>	please see attached calls for papers
Special Issue of Meditari Accountancy Research on Intellectual Capital and Big Data: A managerial revolution or reality? Deadline: 31 May 2017.	http://www.saaa.org.za/Downloads/CALL% 20FOR%20PAPERS%20Intellectual%20capi tal%20and%20big%20data.pdf
The Social Impact of Research Infrastructures at the Frontiers of Science and Technology.	http://www.journals.elsevier.com/technological- forecasting-and-social-change/call-for-papers/call-for- paper-the-social-impact-of-research-infrastructures/

### Call for Papers and Conferences (continued)

The new Journal of Environmental Accounting and peer-reviewed publication that aims at linking envi ecological science with complex system theory.	onment and Default.aspx
<ul> <li>The Journal of Human Resource and Sustainabilit international journal dedicated to the latest advanc topics of human resource, work, and ecological su</li> </ul>	ements related to urnalID=2421&utm_source=E&utm_medium=cpJ
Journal of Accounting & Marketing is an academic an opportunity to share information amongst scient researchers.	' marketing php
<ul> <li>The Future of Carbon Accounting, Management 8 issue call for papers from Sustainability Accounting and Policy Journal.</li> </ul>	ng, Management  for_papers.htm?id=6637   http://emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6637#sthash.tEluwocr.dpuf
<ul> <li>Sustainability Accounting, Management and Poli Special issue call for papers from Sustainability A Management and Policy Journal.</li> </ul>	7   naners.htm/id=6628
Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Global Research Forum, third international confe University of Sussex on 27-29 June 2017.	
The 2017 Cross Country Perspectives in Finance (Country is hosting a Special Issue of the Journal of International Markets, Institutions and Money (JIFMIM).	
LSE SU Alternative Investments Conference 2017 largest student-run conference on Hedge Funds a Equity.	
6th International Conference on Business & Econo Development (ICBED) 10-11th April 2017, New York	P. 0.1
The 1st IESE-LUISS Conference on Responsibility and Social Entrepreneurship Hybrid organizations edge between economic performance and social simpact April 18-19, 2017, Rome, Italy.	:: walking at the
22nd April 2017, Lahore International Conference Work and Society "Challenges, Opportunities and Women's Economic Empowerment".	
CABS LTSE Annual Conference 6th annual confe April, Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel the UK's leadin business and management education.	An analysis of the second and the second and the second
40th Annual Congress of the European Accountin which will be hosted by the University of Valencia 2017.	5

### Call for Papers and Conferences (continued)

2nd BEE Conference – Business & Entrepreneurial Economics that will be held in Brijuni National Park, Croatia, from May 24-26, 2017.	www.bee-conference.com Or contact us via: info@bee-conference.com
Transformations 2017: Transformations in Practice Centre for Environmental Change and Human Resilience (CECHR) University of Dundee, Scotland, UK.	http://www.transformations2017.org/call-for- papers
7th Annual International Conference on Accounting and Finance 2017, 5th – 6th June 2017, Singapore.	http://www.acc-finance.org/call-for- papers/en/cfp.html
EURAM Glasgow on the 21, 22, 23 and 24 June for the 2017.	http://www.euram-online.org/annual- conference-2017.html
Accounting, Economics and Law - A Convivium: SASE Network Conference, Lyon, France, June 29 – July 1, 2017.	http://yuri.biondi.free.fr/downloads/SASE2017Pr ogram.pdf
3rd July 2017, 7th International Conference on Restructuring of the Global Economy (ROGE), 2017 University of Oxford, UK.	https://www.bam.ac.uk/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id =3174&utm_source=nov16- newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=New sletter
• 2017 China Financial Research Conference (CFRC 2017) will be held from July 10 to July 11, 2017 in Beijing, China.	http://cfrc.pbcsf.tsinghua.edu.cn/login.php/index
"Critical Accounting" stream, The 10th International Critical     Management Conference 2017, Edge Hill University, Liverpool,     UK, 3-5 July 2017. Deadline is 1 March 2017.	https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/business/files/2016/1 1/28-final-CAS-proposal-october-2016.pdf
7th Annual International Conference on Business Strategy in the Age of Disruption BizStrategy 2017, 21st – 22nd August 2017, Singapore.	www.biz-strategy.org secretariat@biz-strategy.org
7th oikos Young Scholar Finance Academy from September 4 to 6, 2017, in Zurich, Switzerland.	https://oikos-international.org/events/oikos-young- scholars-finance-academy-2/
British Academy of Management 2017 University of Warwick, taking place from the 5th - 7th September.	https://www.bam.ac.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=3178
Scottish Crucible 2017 - call for applications is now open.	http://www.scottishcrucible.org.uk

- Greenbiz 17: February 14-16, JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix, Ariz; VERGE 17: September 18-21, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, Calif.
- Greenbiz 18: February 6-8, JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix, Ariz.; Greenbiz 19: February 26-28, JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix, Ariz.
- https://www.greenbiz.com/events/greenbiz-forum/phoenix/2016/speaker-nomination

### **Accounting and Reporting**

UN Environment has launched its combined Annual Report and Programme Performance Report for 2016. The report describes the organization's accomplishments for the year, highlighting successes and detailing performance against targets.	http://web.unep.org/annualreport/2016/index. php
<ul> <li>Meeting Sustainability Goals: Voluntary Sustainability Standards and the Role of the Government - 2nd Flagship Report of the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards</li> </ul>	http://web.unep.org/publications/
A Guide for the Assessment of the Costs and Benefits of Sustainability Certification United Nations Environment Programme.	http://web.unep.org/publications/
Government needs to show stronger support for voluntary measures which improve corporate governance rather than impose a legislative mandate, according to ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).	http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/news/2017/february/corporate-governance.html
EU and global stakeholders discussed the vital next steps to further embed natural capital and social considerations in business decision making during ACCA's President Debate.	http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/news/2017/february/presidents-debate.html
<ul> <li>As the Education Secretary commits to improving social mobility and addressing inequality in the UK through education and training, ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) has outlined four core principles for social mobility.</li> </ul>	http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/news/2017/j anuary/education-social- mobility.html?from=XX
<ul> <li>The EAA (European Accounting Association) is pleased to announce the launch of its Accounting Research Center (ARC). Motivated by the EAA's key priority of stimulating the research productivity of doctoral students and junior faculty, their goal is for ARC to develop into the EAA's one-stop place for research resources and networking opportunities.</li> </ul>	http://arc.eaa-online.org
Join the GRI and UN Global Compact partnership to shape the future of SDG-reporting.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/Join-the-GRI-and-UN-Global- Compact-partnership-to-shape-the-future-of-SDG- reportingaspx
The GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) works with IIRC (International Integrated Reporting Council) and leading companies to eliminate reporting confusion.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/GRI-works-with-IIRC-and- leading-companies-to-eliminate-reporting- confusion.aspx
GRI and international think tank and strategic advisory firm     SustainAbility have published the latest insights from the GRI     Corporate Leadership Group on Reporting 2025.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/Future-Trends-in- Sustainability-Reporting.aspx
Harmonizing sustainability reporting practices in India: Companies based in India can now easily link GRI Standards and disclosures with the business responsibility reporting requirements set by the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI).	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/Harmonizing-sustainability- reporting-practices-in-India.aspx



### **Accounting and Reporting (continued)**

• GRI Annual Report covering the period 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016. The report provides detailed insights into the inner workings of GRI, mapping out the organizational and sustainability progress against their goals and ambitions over the past reporting period.	https://www.globalreporting.org/resourcelibrary/GR I-AnnualReport2015- 2016.pdf?dm_i=4J5,4O7SJ,HU5A8R,HG1EQ,1
Global target-setting and new gender disclosure requirements raise hopes for faster progress on closing the gender gap. GRI contributes to this goal by driving better business reporting.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/Tackling-gender-inequality- with-data-and-transparency-0307- 8433.aspx?dm_i=4J5,4T023,HU5A8R,I3UYQ,1
Richard Howitt (Chief Executive Officer of the International Integrated Reporting Council), spoke to Economic Times about the recent SEBI circular calling on top Indian companies to adopt the Integrated Reporting format.	http://integratedreporting.org/news/the-economic- times-richard-howitt-talks-about-the-importance- of-integrated-reporting-for-india/
• IIRC welcomes significant endorsement of Integrated Reporting by IFAC: The International Federation of Accountants has released a paper stating that "Integrated Reporting is the way to achieve a more coherent corporate reporting system, fulfilling the need for a single report that provides a fuller picture of organizations' ability to create value over time".	http://integratedreporting.org/news/iirc- welcomes-significant-endorsement-of- integrated-reporting-by-ifac/
Businesses, Governments and Civil Society Join Forces to Promote Women's Economic Empowerment Geneva: Over 150 business leaders, civil society representatives, government officials and UN agencies gathered to underscore the importance of multistakeholder collaboration to bring down legal barriers to women's economic empowerment.	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/3911- 01-16-2017
The Accountancy Europe Annual Report 2016 is now available.	https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/publications/an nual-report-2016/
Sense making - Time to start a governance revolution? How citizen innovation for sustainability could transform policy and management practices, and vice versa.	https://www.thefuturescentre.org/articles/10695/ti me-start-governance-revolution
If you keep resources in the economy, rather than letting them slip off the edge of a supposedly flat world into landfill and other waste streams, then they should bring value back into circulation.	https://www.thefuturescentre.org/new-search?search_api_views_fulltext=waste
7 pillars of the circular economy This could be our greatest opportunity to repair the functioning of the global system.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/7-pillars-circular-economy?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-08&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107222&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTlRabEstSXHZemRoTnpnNSIsInQiOil3RSs1ToRGVUUyRGJPQVdsTilORml2NztwdlVuazZabkd5bGJseVFVVTdsR3BYcjJlekgGZotzd2gBaUVcLoh6WG5uVmRoOGVCRWhCVnhoUnZtYjJMcStmajhyNEdWKsZFUjNlbEVHVmNRbllaQW5YXCgZUodSY1MwS2toQTRUMmUolno%3D
• Ethical Consumer launched the latest version of its flagship Ethical Consumer Markets Report, this year sponsored by Triodos Bank. It was more good news for ethical markets with the value of all ethical spending in the UK growing to a robust £38 billion in 2015 up 8.5% from last year.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/portals/o/downloads/ethical%20consumer%20markets%20report%202016.pdf?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=a798fecceo-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_01_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9856040c29-a798fecceo-268537329

## **Accounting and Reporting (continued)**

The International Energy Authority has a whole list of new, recently	http://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/en
published reports. Some more significant ones include: Energy Efficiency Market Report 2016; Global Gas Security Review 2016; Global EV Outlook 2016; Next Generation Wind and Solar Power - From Cost to Value - Full Report; Energy, Climate Change and Environment 2016 Insights.	ergy-efficiency-market-report-2016.html http://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/glo bal-gas-security-review-2016.html http://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/glo bal-ev-outlook-2016.html http://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/ne xt-generation-wind-and-solar-powerfrom-cost-to-valuefull- report.html http://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/en
EthicalCorp's CSR Reporting and Communications briefing: If you missed it, you can still access your complementary analysis.	ergy-climate-change-and-environment-2016-insights.html  http://www.ethicalcorp.com/whitepapers/state-csr- reporting-and-communications-2016
Forum for the Future, work with organisations to tackle complex sustainability challenges through systems change. They constantly tracking trends, analysing challenges and signalling opportunities where a shift to a sustainable future is possible. The nine trends listed are already shaking things up this year.	https://www.forumforthefuture.org/sites/defa ult/files/files/LQbusiness_outlook_2016_new_a rtwork_lr.pdf
Take a look at the www.corporateregister.com home page – they have a new interactive map showing reporting by country around the world.	http://www.corporateregister.com
"State of Green Business 2017," published by GreenBiz Group in partnership with Trucost, is the 10th annual assessment of the progress by companies around the world in addressing their energy, waste, water, greenhouse gas and other impacts, and increasing their sustainability investments, transparency and other leadership activities.	https://www.greenbiz.com/report/state-green-business- 2017?mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWW1SaE5HSmpaREkwTkRabClsInQi OiJ2anM2RTIwNzA2QjN4NjNuSHNsNE5iSkJkWXcwXC93Q VFcLzhRNXU2TG5MMFIJbIBcL3RuazFcLoltTHA1QzhzNEVx dWVWTjgxbox3NotnZm1mUIZuVmRoVytRU3R2QjVpTlhO dHIoZWp4WGhzTE92QlwvTTZCaWVUVIVrcTdlNkIUYjZvIno %3D
Ethical Consumer have published a new, ground-breaking report which has lifted the lid on the National Farmers' Union. In a study conducted over 2 years, researchers found that the National Farmers' Union was not really national, not just for farmers and not really a union.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/commentanalysis/corporat ewatch/thenfureport.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Ne wsletter&utm_campaign=249f17b501- NFUsubEMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_01_12&utm_medium=em ail&utm_term=0_9856040c29-249f17b501-268537329
For SustainAbility's annual trends report, they have identified 10 issues that they believe have the greatest sustainability influence right now, calling out implications for the private sector in particular.	http://radar.sustainability.com/annual-trends- report/
SustainAbility and GRI have published insights on four key trends fundamental to the future of sustainability reporting: climate change, human rights, wealth inequality, and data and technology.	http://sustainability.com/our-work/reports/future-trends- sustainability- reporting/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GRI%2oLa unch%2o%2oTrends%2oFollow%2oup&utm_content=GRI% 2oLaunch%2o%2oTrends%2oFollow%2oup+CID_e3da6odef dff1e3e356132od3fcc3ffe&utm_source=Campaign%2oMonit or&utm_term=Download%2oReport
For the latest iteration of The GlobeScan / SustainAbility Survey (GSS), they have focused on the progress made by the global community on the Sustainable Development Goals.	http://sustainability.com/our-work/reports/evaluating-progress-towards-sustainable-development-goals/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GSS%2o-%2oSDGs%2oSurvey%2oLaunch&utm_content=GSS%2o-%2oSDGs%2oSurvey%2oLaunch+CID_e5796ef570889d459f4889791783218d&utm_source=Campaign%2oMonitor&utm_term=Download
• The SAN (Social Audit Network) guest blog has been written by Sean Smith – A Flexible Approach to Reporting on Social Impact.	https://socialauditnetwork.wordpress.co m

#### Accounting and Reporting (continued)

A new report by the House of Commons Environmental Audit     Committee argues that the government needs to set out new     modelling on air quality following the High Court's latest ruling and     a new approach to air quality post 2019; an emissions reduction     strategy that will allow the UK's carbon budgets to be met; and     effective noise mitigation measures enforced by an Independent     Aviation Noise Authority.	https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm2016 17/cmselect/cmenvaud/840/840.pdf
Three years after publication of the International Integrated Reporting Framework for companies to adopt a forward-looking, broader approach to their corporate reporting aligned to long-term value creation, the global coalition supporting the transition has launched a worldwide call for feedback on its implementation.	http://us4.campaign- archive2.com/?u=b36f6aeef75cea67e62812844&id=3 8co45e559&e=923d618304#Review http://integratedreporting.org/invitation-to- comment/
The emergence of natural capital consciousness Why — and how — the corporate pioneers of the 21st century will account for natural resource scarcity and plan for their impact on the climate.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/emergence-natural-capital-consciousness?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=ne wsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-01-31&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-106999&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWmarkekqazFNVElgWkdVMylsInQiOiJvemZRNn J1QXRXZ85MJ2I6NTAU2gGemx_ADJIkQVCgZFEC.1292YmgISURJOVdvTEJ6d 2ZsNTFkd2w4YkJwREg0YkVIKzV2Z0F5bHkgRVFMY0xRZEhIUJVXaFF2dDZn dWI6UXRkdFIrQWNRaWR2SWJabFZadWdoK3BydDRxdHJaN2QifQ%3D%3 D

There have been several articles from Prem Sikka this quarter. Here is a selection of some of them:

- Banks have been bailed out by taxpayers and the state continues to shower enormous gifts upon them. Despite this banks show no sense of social responsibility and continue to close local branches, leaving many without adequate financial services. This article makes a case for a quid pro quo by arguing that social responsibilities need to be imposed on banks. https://leftfootforward.org/2017/02/banks-closing-branches-need-a-dose-of-social-responsibility/
- The authoritarian populism of US President Donald Trump is making headlines. Inevitably, it is full of contradictions and these are highly visible in his promise to simultaneously deregulate and reregulate the financial sector. Whilst he has taken action to repeal some of the post 2007-08 banking crash laws, he is silent on his promise to force a statutory split between retail and investment banking even though investment banking is engaged in huge gambles through derivatives.

#### http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/prem-sikka/authoritarian-populism-of\_b\_14638286.html

Tax Haven increasingly attracts dirty money and the UK government does little about it. The latest episode is that it has
delivered a calculated snub to a EU Parliamentary Committee investigating the fallout from Panama Papers which showed
complicity of UK organisations (and UK sponsored tax havens), accountants, lawyers and other intermediaries in tax
avoidance, tax evasion and money laundering.

#### https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/21/british-snub-eu-investigation-panama-papers-treasury-hmrc

• An article that draws attention the never-ending UK austerity and the erosion of social infrastructure and hard won social rights.

#### https://leftfootforward.org/2017/02/never-ending-austerity-is-a-threat-to-our-social-rights/

• The collapse BHS, a major UK retailer, has been one of the biggest scandals in recent years. The collapse left the pension scheme with a huge deficit and has been investigated by parliamentary committees). It has also been the subject of intense media scrutiny. Last month one of its former owners coughed-up a substantial sum. The episode raises some questions about corporate governance, employee welfare and accountability

#### https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/mar/o1/philip-green-rich-game-system-stop-another-bhs

• The UK is locked into a spiral of never-ending austerity and the budget by the government offers little relief. I have a comment on the budget with the title "As wages stagnate and working people suffer, Philip Hammond offers dogma instead of hope. It is available here

https://leftfootforward.org/2017/03/as-wages-stagnate-and-working-people-suffer-philip-hammond-offers-dogma-instead-of-hope/.

As always there is more on the AABA website (http://www.aabaglobal.org)

### Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions

•	The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recently published a report, "Fintech and Sustainable Development: Assessing the Implications," exploring how digital finance can be leveraged for environmental gains.	https://www.project- syndicate.org/commentary/green-digital- finance-by-simon-zadek-2017-02
•	PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment) and TIIP (The Investment Integration Programme) are working to build a sustainable financial system.	https://www.unpri.org/news/pri-and-tiip-on- working-to-build-a-sustainable-financial-system
•	PRI seeking consultant to develop private equity reporting and monitoring guidance: The PRI private equity programme aims to enable LPs to drive the responsible investment agenda in an industry-consistent way.	https://www.unpri.org/news/pri-seeking- consultant-to-develop-private-equity-reporting- and-monitoring-guidance
•	PRI responds to growing corporate governance and ESG concerns in Brazil: The report's recommendations address five themes - regulatory action, investor education, corporate reporting, stewardship and engagement.	https://www.unpri.org/press-releases/pri- responds-to-growing-corporate-governance-and- esg-concerns-in-brazil
•	Public Finance: Reporting lines – an interview with International Integrated Reporting Council Chief Richard Howitt	http://integratedreporting.org/news/public-finance- reporting-lines-interview-with-international- integrated-reporting-council-chief-richard-howitt/
•	Sustainable Business Can Unlock at Least US\$12 Trillion in New Market Value, and Repair Economic System 2017-01-16: New report from the UN Global Compact shows next decade critical for companies to open 60 key market "hot spots," tackle social, environmental challenges, and re-build trust with society.	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/3891- 01-16-2017
•	Investors' recommendations on corporate income tax disclosure: The document includes a list of disclosure recommendations of a group of global investors who were brought together by the Principles for Responsible Investment. The intent is to encourage companies to provide information addressing tax policy, governance and performance to the highest degree possible and with increasing quality over time.	https://www.unpri.org/page/new-guidance-helps-investors-engage-on-tax
•	World's largest fund manager demands cuts to executive pay and bonuses: BlackRock threatens to stir shareholder rebellions, warning UK companies they must match boardroom pay rises with that of workers.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/jan /15/blackrock-demands-cuts-to-executive-pay- and-bonuses?CMP=share_btn_link
•	Financial heavyweights call for emissions disclosure – is it enough? The world has changed a lot since CDP began securing climate disclosure from companies fifteen years ago.	https://www.cdp.net/en/articles/climate/financial -heavyweights-call-for-emissions-disclosure-is-it- enough
•	Why 2017 is a big year for investor activists: a Q&A with Brady Walkinshaw of Grist, and the women leading the fight against climate change at the C40 Cities Women4Climate Summit.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/episode-68-women4climate-recap-interview-grists-new-ceo?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=news letter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-16&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107276&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiToRjNFpqa3dObU13TORGailsInQiOiJxZzV tR3FpdUN4b1piMFlhSk1hVkJBSWtXb1wYXA2RHBaYnByMjkzSEl4OGZUZyt1boxkRkxxSVFFb2tsT2lxNG10eFYxQmhxOEpJR3JzZUJV NotpM1pJdEhzV09RUkRNeWRZbzFRYWxiVitSWVRhUkRUYXpBY3JsN3JsR2tcL2hLlno%3D

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Is the finance sector really equipped to assess climate risks? It's 10 years after the sub-prime mortgage crisis and analysts are still largely ignoring long-term financial risks.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/finance-sector-really-equipped-assess-climate-risks?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-09&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107252&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTURJNU5U5mxNbVF5TVdGbSIsInQiOiJmeFp3NVNJSkNCQ3JZdGlyTzZDYkhpVnNcL1VISIpBT2lvRmZEaFwvNEI3Zm5rQnIVdnJWQTRMaoJoejh3SDNvMldqcHkoSURWZjZwTzFnMm5XakaaNWQxUVRSV2RaakpDZEJqV1NDUHY2dUtGZW5aRm5QYmgrQzdJeVZySHo5TDQrIno%3D
A new report from the Business & Sustainable Development     Commission, reveals that sustainable business models could open     economic opportunities worth at least US \$12 trillion and create     up to 380 million jobs a year by 2030.	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/3891-01-16- 2017?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2016-10-03%20- %20January%202017%20Bulletin%20Subscribers&utm_conten t=2016-10-03%20- %20January%202017%20Bulletin%20Subscribers+CID_d13a471 c7346ddo1cd3c6a34fca3oco2&utm_source=Monthly%20Bulleti n&utm_term=Read%20More
How Stock Exchanges Can Advance Gender Equality frames the state of gender equality globally, provides case studies on exchanges in 13 markets and suggests recommendations for further action.	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5141?utm_m edium=email&utm_campaign=2016-10-03%20- %20March%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers&utm_c ontent=2016-10-03%20- %20March%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers+CID_b2 297c555d2d9171fad298eb6fc81610&utm_source=Mont hly%20Bulletin&utm_term=View%20the%20report
As ESG risk takes center stage in the United States and globally, CEOs, CFOs and public company boards examining where ESG risk factors play a role in their investor communications and their long- term strategy, and asking if their disclosures are keeping pace with stakeholders' evolving needs.	https://www.financialexecutives.org/Research/Publicat ions/2017/Disclosure-of-Environmental,-Social-and-Governance.aspx http://www.sustainability-reports.com/disclosure-of-esg-risk-factors-transparency-or-greenwashing/
Better disclosure of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices, increased access to board members, disclosure of a board skills matrix, a robust board evaluation process and pay for performance are among the key areas of concern to global institutional investors.	http://www.sustainability- reports.com/institutional-investors-want- better-disclosure-of-environmental-social- and-governance-esg/
A 'sea change' for environmentally responsible investing:     Investment philosophy is now aligning workers' capital with long-term environmental responsible.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/sea-change-environmentally-responsible-investing?utm_source-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-01-24&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily- 106875&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWTJJek5XUmIPV1l4TodaaClsInQiOJJqdWwzcEZpaWlk UjNVZoxBOXB4SIREMUZtboZQeUgwUGV6dUxjek1ERIVBdGg5NTA25WJFNUd ZYJJhYjkyNVNqa3JpcXNDRFh5VotFeVc3Q1BVY2l5MXJFRm5qZTZ3cHhiRHZKN GJkVnBcLzJueTVxTUF1cXB1ZmpOMForVkgKSUgifQ%3D%3D
Why investors have fiduciary duty for the environment: In 2017, more investors than ever are beginning to incorporate sustainability criteria into equity shareholder issues.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/why-investors-have-fiduciary-duty-environment?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_t erm=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-06&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107221&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWW1FNU5tWmlZVFF6TIdJNCIsInQiOiJOenJVcDhkVWooMxMcjg1Sk5nKolreUJ1OUcwOGZCNjEzMmVLaoEodUgvY2RoWTQyZkgxYmgySVwvZStqRVhORWY1MitWaHVGdlVnSEowREIreWdrdnBBZIE1TVNQNjd&UmJBUVdXUU5QV3RMc3JGOXUwamg1RGxxMmdHdo1wToMifQ%3D%3D
The Ethical Consumer co-operative, with 12 employees, has worked with Castlefield financial advisers to create a fully carbon divested pension scheme. This model could now be used by other organisations from the smallest to the largest employers.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalcampaigns/carbondivestment.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=194b19b2a9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_09+subs&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9856040c29-194b19b2a9-268537329

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•	More banks are increasingly seeing climate change as a financial risk, but, according to a recent report, few are disclosing these risks.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/stress-test-how-banks-are-looking-climate-risk?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=news letter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-02-12&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107053&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWTJObFpqZzFZekV4WmpkbClsInQiOiJLcExWcoN4ZjU4VUJYeTNINFVZZEIOQ3h6dkVhajVIZWZkM2JYR3RKSotLdzc4WStsY2FEOGpDRWR25FpCME1TelJ2VExVbUh1aTdRNXZUOWxcLzIHYzZVSFINTzI3TUICTDNGSU1kWVpxWUk2emhhMldTbUdES1IFMzVXbmhhdUlifQ%3D%3D
•	Green bonds are an important factor in financing investments that can be used to achieve the EU's climate and energy goals and fulfil the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The report "Study on the potential of green bond finance for resource-efficient investments" presents a comprehensive analysis of the development of the green bond market and its internal mechanisms, as well as its main players and areas.	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enveco/pd f/potential-green-bond.pdf
•	Deutsche Bank vows to end new coal lending, in line with Paris Agreement	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/deutsche-bank-vows-end-new-coal-lending-line-paris-agreement?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-02-01&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107005&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWldZeE5qTXdPRFkwT1dJMylsInQiOJJzRFRRTkIReUs3c2RISo5PWkVWZU1VUTITVmwsZll5YkhRU302bmpkdVZJeWlYMWtthDNtTTRnRGtQRzZUelwvZWU2OVB3K0gwSzhVYHJmWll6TodRYXpDSGpDaGdJMWM1OXVCRkpGcUlqKzdMdm8xQ3pCVEF4Zm8rTHFqNFNRRG4ifQ%3D%3D
•	Investing in People and the Planet: Robert Howell has written a compelling and comprehensive argument for responsible investment that deserves widespread acknowledgement. Amy Domini, Author, Founder and Chair, Domini Social Investments, US.	Source: Ray Skinner Sustainability Matters http://www.sustainabilitymatters.co.nz/wp- content/uploads/2017/03/Sustainability- Matters_2017_03_02.pdf

### **Other Issues**

• Innovation abounds in plastic substitutes, but it's behaviour change that will save our seas.	http://web.unep.org/stories/story/innovation- abounds-plastic-substitutes-it's-behaviour-change- will-save-our-seas
<ul> <li>Sweden breaks wind power record by half a million kWh after intense weather and storms.</li> </ul>	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/sw eden-wind-power-record-energy-storm-urd-weather- renewable-farm-a7498511.html
• ICMM (International Council on Mining and Minerals) announces new commitments on water stewardship: ICMM's position statement on water stewardship commits members to support the responsible use of water in operations.	http://www.icmm.com/en-gb/news/water- stewardship
<ul> <li>Supporting sustainable development: Read how ICMM is supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.</li> </ul>	http://www.nridigital.com/mine-digital- magazine/january- 2017.html?wv=s/MINE%2520Magazine/209227db-e351- 4b31-8756- 039f163dc850/MINE%25201701/sustainable.html
<ul> <li>NASA's 3D Visualization Depicts Carbon Emissions: By Climate Reality.</li> </ul>	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=136196299 7178210&id=153278754738777



•	Google is making the switch because "science tells us that tackling climate change is an urgent global priority."	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=127134786 6265188&substory_index=0&id=153278754738777
•	With the release of the <b>Task Force on Climate Disclosure's much- anticipated recommendations</b> on driving forward <b>climate disclosure</b> , the <b>financial markets</b> got the kind of <b>perspective</b> needed on how to address long-term challenges.	https://www.cdp.net/en/articles/companies/what- carneys-task-force-needs-to-do-next-to-reshape-capital- markets
•	Change is on the way for oil and gas majors: why it's the end of business as usual for oil and gas companies and looks at some of the transition options for the industry.	https://www.cdp.net/en/articles/media/change- is-on-the-way-for-oil-and-gas-majors
•	The missing link for corporate climate action:	https://www.cdp.net/en/articles/supply-chain/supply- chain-the-missing-link-for-corporate-climate-action
•	<b>Statoil</b> releases a "climate roadmap" as <b>Shell warn</b> s that <b>p</b> ublic faith in fossil fuel industry is disappearing.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/oil-giants-are-waking-carbon-bubble-risks?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newslett er-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03- 16&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily- 107276&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiToRjNFpqa3dObU3_TORGailsInGiOiJxZzVtR3FpdUN4bpjiMFlhSk1hVkJBSWtXb1wvYXA2RHBaYnByMjkzSEI4OGZUZytabxkRkxxSVFFbztsT2lxMG10eFYxQmhxOEpJR3JzZUJVNotpM1pJdEhzVogRUkRNeWRZbzFRYWxiVitSWVRhUkRUYXpBY3J5N3JsR2tcL2hLIno%3D
•	A trip down to a California almond orchard to find out what bees mean for Häagen-Dazs, and a report from the first annual Climate Day natural products expo.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/episode-67-salesforces-green-building-strategy-farmer-and-his-bees?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newslett er-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-09&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107252&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTURJNU5USmxNbVF5TVdGbSIsInQiOiJmeFp3NVNJSkNCQ3JZdGJYT2ZDYkhpVnNcL1VISIpBT2lvRmZEaFwvNEI3Zm5rQnIVdnJWQTRMaoJoejh35DNVMldqcHkoSURWZJZwT2FnMm5XakxaNWQxUVRSV2R1akpDZEJqV1NDUHY2dUtGZW5aRm5QYmgrQzdJeVZySH05TDQrIn0%3D
•	CSOs should consider whether they are adequately addressing the unintended social costs of corporate renewables programs.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/why-coal-country-must-be-part-clean-economy?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=ne wsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-09&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily- 107252&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTURJNU5USmxNbVF5TVdGbSIsInQiOiJmeFp3 NVNJSkNCQ3JZdGlyTzZDYkhpVnNcL1VISIpBT2IvRmZEaFwvNEI3Zm5r QnIVdnJWQTRMaoJoejh3SDNvMldqcHkoSURWZjZwT2FnMm5Xak1aN WQxUVRSV2R1akpDZEJqV1NDUHY2dUtGZW5aRm5OYmgrQzdJeVZyS Ho5TDQrIno%3D
•	Municipal recyclers say there is no demand for recycled glass. Glass processing companies say they can't get enough.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/piecing-together-shattered-economics-glass- recycling?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=new sletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03- o8&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily- 107222&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTRabE1tSXhZemRoTnpnNSIsInQiOil3RSs1To RGVUUyRGJPQVdsTIIORmlzNztwdIVuazZabkd5bGJseVFVVTd1R3BYcjJ lekgGZ0t2d2gBaUVcLoh6WG5uVmRoOGVCRWhCVnhoUnZtYjJMcStmaj hyNEdWK1ZFUjNlbEVHVmNRbIIaQW5YXCgZUodSY1MwS2toQTRUMm Uolno%3D
•	The SDGs: How can we sustain our optimism? The email came from an 82-year-old activist in Vermont.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/sdgs-how-can-we-sustain-our-optimism?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=ne wsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-03-018.utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107179&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiTmpkaU16RTBZMIUxTIRkbClsInQiOiJtTHNG WHdoYlwwMHNxZDlxcFdRcoFoM2RvVmh3eWhtNFFUAHJ5OUtQOXF5enJNZloyeWJsOUhsYUIBeWpzVHdPS3lzMGlOdnpaSzQ2NjcoNCtaTlwvOFdxeDksY2YobEwyNkdUXC81Nmk1YIRKTEYrSmsrTzh6U2Qxb3NoSVJtZkV4aiJ9
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In a bid to reduce food waste, two major industry associations have released new guidance to clarify food expiration dates.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/food-industry-moves-remedy-expiration-dating-games?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-02-22&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-107133&mkt_tok=eyJpljoiWW1VMVIUSXIAR1U0WmpsayIsInQiOiJRcVUzcExJbmFmdWFWNGhHNHRvSmFyR3BWVHBaWkFZUkhieW50XC8zaWwrcmVINU95ZTc4Y1RNN2RUN1ZYNTU1XC9HUXZGYWE2MoVHaHFWZFluQotoNWhOcWlhZXhQSEU3VkFxd1FQU3d4bDVCdlNQZo1vaG1hdWtuSUFUMoxjNWtWlno%3D
Good Practice Note - Linking Human Rights and Anti-Corruption     Compliance: Highlights the linkages between human rights and     anti-corruption compliance and how companies can benefit from     integrating these considerations in their compliance programs.	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5011?utm_medium=ema il&utm_campaign=2016-10-03%20- %20January%2020217%20Bulletin%20Subscribers&utm_content=20 16-10-03%20- %20January%202017%20Bulletin%20Subscribers+CID_d13a471c73 46dd01cd3c6a34fca30c02&utm_source=Monthly%20Bulletin&utm_ term=View%20Good%20Practice%20Note
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A series of new guides on cosmetic products: From make-up to shampoo, we reveal what is really going on behind some of the biggest brands and introduce you to some leading ethical companies.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalreports/cosme ticstoiletriesspecialreport.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+M onthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1d3dee277f- EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_23&utm_medium=email &utm_term=0_9856040c29-1d3dee277f-268537329
According to a recent survey on Japanese companies' initiatives to work toward the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs), 38 of the top 100 Japanese companies by aggregate market value included statements concerning the SDGs in corporate social responsibility (CSR) reports or integrated reporting.	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_ido35716.html
I have to try and get at least one Science article into the newsletter and here is this quarter's article, which is particularly close to my heart having worked on the first generation of these batteries over 20 years ago: Newly Discovered Aqueous Electrolyte Expected to Lead to Safe, Low-Cost Li-ion Battery.	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_ido35724.html
Detailed plans begin in Fukushima on world's largest (carbon-free) hydrogen energy infrastructure project.	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_ido3573o.html
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