

CSEAR Newsletter – September 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 30th International Congress of Social & Environmental Accounting Research and Emerging Scholars Colloquium (CSEAR 2018) will be held on 28 – 31 August 2018. Full details will be provided as soon as possible. 	<p>contact csear@st-andrews.ac.uk</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to CSEAR North-Asia Hong Kong Conference on 4-5 December 2017: First Call for Papers (an IIDS Project funded by RGC) "From Social and Environmental Accounting to Sustainability Accounting and Responsible Investment: Emerging Research Agendas". School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED), College of Professional and Continuing Education, at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, in collaboration with Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) at the University of St Andrews, invite submission of an extended abstract of 500 words or a working paper to csearhk2017@speed-polyu.edu.hk by 15 August 2017. The Conference is free of charge for local participants. The registration fee for overseas participants is HK\$800. We look forward to welcoming you at this international conference. 	<p>See attached pdf Artie Ng spartie@speed-polyu.edu.hk</p> <p>https://csear2017.speed-polyu.edu.hk/index.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Australasian CSEAR conference will be held in Fiji December 2017, at the University of the South Pacific. A 2nd call for papers has now been issued 	<p>Enquiries to Nacanieli Rika nacanieli.rika@usp.ac.fj</p> <p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first call for papers for the 2018 North American Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research (7th CSEAR Summer School In North America) June 21-22, 2018 Ted Rogers School Of Management, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada and CPA Ontario Symposium (And Best Paper Contest) On Public Sector And Not For Profit Accounting June 20, 2018 Ted Rogers School Of Management, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, has been released 	<p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 csear@st-andrews.ac.uk The information submitted will be regularly uploaded to a dedicated page on the website which will be accessible by all members. 	<p>See attached document for completion</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/reaaj and submit their manuscripts to the SEAJ online submission system (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/reaaj) 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). 	<p>please see attached calls for papers http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/calls-for-papers/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/contents/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Hannele Makela hannele.makela@uta.fi Michelle Rodrigue Michelle.Rodrigue@fsa.ulaval.ca Lies Bouten lies.bouten@ugent.be seaj@st-andrews.ac.uk http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>http://csearweb.blogspot.co.uk/ colin.dey@stirl.ac.uk</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 purchase a subscription. 	<p>http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaaj20#.VIWbETGsW5L http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaaj20#.VGtW3PmsW5K</p>

Call for Papers and Conferences

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spanish Journal of Finance and Accounting is publishing a Special Issue on “Social and Environmental Accounting Research” and has issued a Call for papers. 	<p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Scotland Network annual conference Edinburgh, 5 October 2017 	<p>https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/sustainable-scotland-network/ssn-conference-2017/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCOUNTING, SOCIETY & THE ENVIRONMENT (ASE) SPECIAL FORUM Wednesday, 11 October 2017 from 08:30 to 18:00 (BST) Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Campus Riccarton EH14 4AS Edinburgh 	<p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/accounting-society-the-environment-ase-special-forum-tickets-33043505013?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTE3MjQ4NzMvbGMxNoBzdC1hbmRyZXdzLmFjLnVrLzA%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=eventpage</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Official Integrated Reporting Convention 2017 will take place on 12-13 October 2017 at the RAI Conference Centre in Amsterdam 	<p>https://finance.knect365.com/iirc-integrated-reporting/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SAN Gathering - Friday 20th October 2017, at 54 St James Street, Liverpool. L1 0AB 	<p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/good-news-fake-news-and-the-need-for-social-audit-tickets-36231256664</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call For Papers: Conference on Globalization, Development, and Economic and Financial Stability 11-12 December 2017, Tokyo, Japan. Paper submission deadline: 15 October 2017 	<p>environ.adbi@gmail.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference on Accounting for the Public Sector at a Time of Crisis (and Special Issue of Abacus), Centre for Not-for-profit and Public Sector Research (CNPR), Queen’s University Belfast (Sponsored by BAFA’s Public Services and Charities Special Interest Group) Wednesday 17th /Thursday 18th January 2018 	<p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for Papers: Meditari Accountancy Research Special issue on The disruptive and transformative potential of new technologies for Accounting, Accountants and Accountability Submissions Due 31 March 2018 	<p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Accounting and Reporting Special Interest Group (FARSIG) have two forthcoming events: The first forthcoming event is the FARSIG Symposium which is hosted by ACCA to be held at the Adelphi 1-11 John Adam Street London, WC2N 6AU, on the 12th of January 2018. The second forthcoming event is the Financial Reporting and Business Communication (FRBC) Conference to be held at University of Bristol on Thursday 5 & Friday 6 July 2018. 	<p>See attached calls for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can your research teach us something about how the accounting function affects the interests of alternative communities or constituencies in business, government or society at large? 	<p>See attached call for papers http://aaahq.org/Research/Journals/Section-Journal-Home-Pages/Accounting-and-the-Public-Interest</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special issues calls for papers from Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal. 	<p>http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6992</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contesting Organisational Controversies: Critical Case Studies in Communication and Accountability a Special Issue of SAMPJ Guest Editors: Markus J. Milne, Helen Tregidga, Matias Laine. 	<p>http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6778</p>

Call for Papers and Conferences (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Journal of Environmental Accounting and Management, a peer-reviewed publication that aims at linking environment and ecological science with complex system theory. 	http://lhsscientificpublishing.com/journals/JEAM-Default.aspx
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Journal of Human Resource and Sustainability Studies is an international journal dedicated to the latest advancements related to topics of human resource, work, and ecological sustainability. 	http://www.scrip.org/Journal/AimScope.aspx?JournalID=2421&utm_source=E&utm_medium=cpJHRSS20130617&utm_campaign=aimScope
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal of Accounting & Marketing is an academic journal providing an opportunity to share information amongst scientists and researchers. 	http://www.omicsgroup.org/journals/accounting-marketing.php
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future of Carbon Accounting, Management & Policy Special issue call for papers from Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal. 	http://emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6637 http://emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6637#sthash.tEluwocr.dpuf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy in France Special issue call for papers from Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal. 	http://emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6638 http://emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6638#sthash.uo7ZiTVo.dpuf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2017 Cross Country Perspectives in Finance (CCPF) Conference is hosting a Special Issue of the Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money (JIFMIM). 	Please send proposals and inquiries to ccpf@umanitoba.ca .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSE SU Alternative Investments Conference 2017, the world's largest student-run conference on Hedge Funds and Private Equity. 	www.lseaic.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FutureLab 2017 will take place on 12th of October. The topic of oikos Conference is “Sustainable Investment” and it is going to be held on 13th of October. 	https://oikos-international.org/programmes/futurelab/?utm_content=Lynn&utm_source=VerticalResponse&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=Apply%20Now%21&utm_campaign=oikos%20Newsletter%20May%202017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th November 2017: Symposium “Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability”, Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom. 	https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/events/4anterbury.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting (JLFA) 2017 Conference Announcement and Call for Papers, November 17-18, at London Business School. 	https://hq.ssrn.com/login/pubSignInJoin.cfm?conflink=JLFA-2017

Call for Papers and Conferences (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Equity and Diversity Conference GED 2017: Thursday 30 November, The Crowne Plaza Docklands Hotel, London E16 	http://www.gedconference.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Crucible 2017 – call for applications is now open. 	http://www.scottishcrucible.org.uk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

**** NEW**** Funding Opportunities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining excellence awards Wellcome Trust, GB. These support organisations that the trust has already funded, to increase the impact of their public engagement projects, develop new ways of working, help them plan for the future and become more resilient. Awards typically range between £90,000 and £1 million over three to five years. Maximum award: £1,000,000 Closing date: 13 Oct 17 (recurring) 	https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/sustaining-excellence-awards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming soon: Global Challenges Research Fund – decent work for all Economic and Social Research Council, GB. This call supports research addressing goal eight of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals which aims to ensure that sufficient employment is created, that work is productive, fairly remunerated and meets minimum standards of security and prospects for personal development. Maximum award: £500,000 Closing date: Not known 	http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/gcrf/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming soon: Global Challenges Research Fund – transitions towards sustainable and inclusive societies Economic and Social Research Council, GB. This call supports research in the potential offered by new models of production, with a strong emphasis on locally based, small-scale enterprises, appropriate policies to encourage sustainable patterns of consumption, reform of trading relationships to encourage sustainable production patterns and analysis of the opportunities offered by new digital technologies to improve access to finance and radically change models of production and distribution in low income countries. Maximum award: £5,000,000 Closing date: Not known 	http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-events-and-publications/news/news-items/global-challenges-research-fund-pre-announcement-of-new-calls/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming soon: Green talents competition German Federal Ministry of Education and Research Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, DE This competition enables young scientists, working on sustainable development, to visit Germany for a two-week science forum followed by a research stay for up to three months to conduct research on sustainable development, especially with respect to threshold and developing countries. Both visits to Germany are fully financed by the BMBF. Maximum award: Not known Closing date: 23 May 18 (forecast, recurring) 	http://www.greentalents.de/competition.php

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nevin Scrimshaw mid-career award in global nutrition American Society for Nutrition, US. This recognises a mid-career professional who has done innovative work to advance the of global nutrition and is a current member of American Society for Nutrition’s Global Nutrition Council. Maximum award: Not known Closing date: 31 Oct 17 (recurring) 	<p>http://asn-cdn-remembers.s3.amazonaws.com/obb1b2ca88ba3203f9adc2c68cob5a82.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for longer term sustain farming and future of longer term sustain crop production in Scotland, Scottish Government, GB. The tenderer will review existing evidence and use innovative methodologies to gather up-to-date evidence of Scottish citizens’ knowledge and attitudes towards sustainable farming practices and the potential role of new breeding technologies. The contract is for six months. Maximum award: Not known Closing date: 03 Oct 17 	<p>https://news.gov.scot/news/future-of-farming</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural protection fund – large grants, British Council, GB. These support projects that help create sustainable opportunities for social and economic development through building capacity to foster, safeguard and promote cultural heritage in conflict-affected countries. Grants are worth between £100,000 and £2 million. The total budget is worth £30 million. Maximum award: £2,000,000. Closing date: 03 Nov 17 (recurring) 	<p>https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/culture-development/cultural-protection-fund</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable agriculture for sub-Saharan Africa initiative Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, GB. This supports research addressing the challenges relating to the sustainable intensification of agricultural systems in sub-Saharan Africa. The total budget is worth £10 million. Between 10 and 15 projects worth up to £2m each will be funded. Maximum award: £2,000,000. Closing date: 08 Nov 17 	<p>https://www2.fundsforngos.org/agriculture/bb/src-call-for-proposals-sustainable-agriculture-for-sub-saharan-africa-sassa-program/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-India platform for social sciences and humanities call for collaborative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections, Economic and Social Research Council, GB. This supports excellent and innovative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connection, with the emphasis on Indian and European dimensions, in both contemporary and historical contexts. Funding available is worth €5.5 in total, and it aims to fund six projects over three years. Maximum award: Not known. Closing date: 30 Nov 17 	<p>http://equipproject.eu/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National taxonomy research grants, Australian Department of the Environment and Energy, AU. These enable postdoctoral fellows and established career researchers to undertake research relevant to the taxonomy and systematics of the Australian biota. Grants are worth between AUD 10,000 and AUD 90,000 per year for a period of three years. Co-funding is required. Maximum award: AUD 270,000. Closing date: 02 Nov 17 	<p>https://www.environment.gov.au/science/abrs/grants/research-grants</p>

Accounting and Reporting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on ground-breaking historical research, CDP's new Carbon Majors report has been launched, in collaboration with the Climate Accountability Institute. The report links 71% of recent global emissions to just 100 major fossil fuels producers – highlighting the powerful leverage their investors hold. 	https://www.cdp.net/en//articles/media/new-report-shows-just-100-companies-are-source-of-over-70-of-emissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountancy Europe responds to European Commission public consultation on whistleblower protection. 	https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/consultation-response/european-commission-whistleblower-protection/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) has called on G20 leaders to "embrace Integrated Reporting" as a vehicle for building trust and confidence in business and government. 	http://mailchi.mp/theiirc/iirc-newsletter-690225?e=923d618304#IFAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) has welcomed the release of the European Commission's Guidelines on Non-Financial Reporting, which references the leadership and knowledge the IIRC provided in the development of the guidelines. 	https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/170627-communication-non-financial-reporting-guidelines_en.pdf http://mailchi.mp/theiirc/iirc-newsletter-690225?e=923d618304#Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IIRC released its 2016 Integrated Report with compelling new evidence of global progress. They have now released their 2016 integrated report, demonstrating how significant international progress is being achieved to make Integrated Reporting the global norm in corporate reporting. 	http://integratedreporting.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/IIRC_IR2016_IntegratedReport.pdf http://mailchi.mp/theiirc/iirc-newsletter-690233?e=923d618304#2016 http://integratedreporting.org/news/international-integrated-reporting-council-releases-2016-integrated-report-compelling-new-evidence-of-global-progress/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia: At the vanguard of sustainable business . 	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/asia-at-the-vanguard-of-sustainable-business_us_593bc3e4b014ae8c69e0aa?dm_i=4J5,50R5M,HU5A8R,J5H30,1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three ways to streamline ESG reporting: Outcomes from WFE and GRI's recent roundtable. 	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Three-ways-to-streamline-ESG-reporting-outcomes-from-WFE-and-GRI's-recent-roundtable.aspx?dm_i=4J5,50R5M,HU5A8R,J5H2X,1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the new GRI Standards Exam: Showcase your knowledge of the global best practice in sustainability reporting! 	https://www.globalreporting.org/services/preparation/GRI_Standards_Exam/Pages/default.aspx?dm_i=4J5,50R5M,HU5A8R,J5H2X,1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comprehensive guide to national laws under the EU Directive on Non-financial and Diversity Information: Seeking guidance on how to navigate national laws when complying with the EU Directive? CSR Europe and GRI have launched a new project in collaboration with Accountancy Europe to help with this. The final publication, due in fall 2017, will provide further information on the EU Directive within the context of the different EU Member States. 	https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/754j59b-2429q612?dm_i=4J5,50R5M,HU5A8R,J7RJ9,1 https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/good-governance-sustainability/upcoming-project-nfi-directive-collaboration-gri-csr-europe/

Accounting and Reporting (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and UN Global Compact’s new publication, lays out the first steps to get started. 	<p>https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/754j59b-a52kfc2f?dm_i=4J5,54RfK,HU5A8R,JPIL,1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 GRI advance corporate reporting on these impacts. Take a look at the proposed changes to GRI Standard 303, and visit their public consultation platform to give them your feedback. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/GRI-Standard-303-Water---now-under-review.aspx?dm_i=4J5,54RfK,HU5A8R,JPoUX,1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical committee established on topic of tax and payment to government: The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB), GRI’s independent standard-setting body, has approved a seven-member technical committee of global experts in tax transparency and reporting, to evaluate the topic of tax and payment to government. The committee will consider and consolidate recommendations to establish and integrate disclosures on this topic into the GRI Standards. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/standards/work-program-and-standards-review/disclosures-on-tax-and-payments-to-government/?dm_i=4J5,54RfK,HU5A8R,JPoUX,1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New guidelines: EU Commission further champions corporate transparency on social and environmental matters. The EU Commission endorsed guidelines for disclosing environmental and social information. These will make it easier for companies to disclose comparable, relevant, non-financial information in the future. 	<p>http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-1702_de.htm</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCA survey finds need for improved ethics in digital age 	<p>https://www.accountingtoday.com/news/acca-finds-need-for-improved-ethics-in-digital-age</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sustainability Leaders, the longest- running survey of its kind, marks 20 years of tracking expert opinions on the evolution of the sustainability agenda and perceptions of leading organizations most responsible for driving it forward. This year, more than 1,000 qualified experts in 79 countries submitted responses to their questions. The results reinforced several distinct trends that they have observed unfolding in recent years. 	<p>http://sustainability.com/our-work/reports/2017-sustainability-leaders/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Out%20Now%20Results%20from%20The%202017%20Sustainability%20Leaders%20Survey%20Report%20Webinar%20and%20more&utm_content=Out%20Now%20Results%20from%20The%202017%20Sustainability%20Leaders%20Survey%20Report%20Webinar%20and%20more+CID_25b4ad4ad3coe011d292b7639a7f03ca&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Download%20report</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global economic stability and transparency and the rebuilding of public trust will be greatly enhanced by a determined G20 push for stronger governance across all sectors, according to IFAC—the International Federation of Accountants 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/ifac-calls-on-g20-governments-to-embrace-integrated-reporting/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realising the potential of the circular economy: Business models which involve recycling, refurbishment and remanufacturing could mean €1.8tn in benefits. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-electricals-with-wrap/2017/jul/21/can-uk-businesses-truly-realise-the-potential-of-the-circular-economy?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>

Accounting and Reporting (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centre for Sustainability and Excellence (CSE) announces its second annual research of Sustainability Reporting Trends in North America 2017. This report presents 2015-2016 trends from 551 companies from the United States and Canada, many from the Fortune Global 500. 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/surprising-trends-in-sustainability-reporting-in-na/#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSR at 25: What businesses need to succeed. Three lessons on collaboration, communication and resilience, based on a quarter century of fostering corporate leadership. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/bsr-25-what-businesses-need-succeed?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-09-12&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108713&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkdRME5qazVnREl3WkdVNCIsInQiOiJMQTh6SHNsNHZwUoJyQ21LcXpaNXdoeGlxEP4ZmFIUHhCSk1KR3pxWlGxZko1OUVYUjBDZGFic3NsHMOOVIXMXR5QWxcLoswVfWvWmJScVJETHFNcnVzbEhEeXE2K1RU1hnVzhcL25Xb2NLWDBGMGoZnK44K3hzOW83UnpLVWZoWSJ9</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How P&G, Wells Fargo finance the circular economy: Here are three approaches to harness the business opportunities in radically rethinking materials and waste. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-pg-wells-fargo-finance-circular-economy?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-08-28&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108632&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiUdOAE5UUXINemxrTodRMSIsInQiOiJtZ1c3VoNEYmIXUTlAdEWEwY29yQ3g5WxpIK2dxZCtzaXk2MDByVW9sSlhiN1J3cTN6dkdFaFayekR5c21oVTBWZ1wvS1wvZXEoUGMza3FGSXZzUhfEjNMUnVuWkZDTVhwcUREZVU1R2UzSDRoRHdODBTWlVJdGNwMjBajVBZDA3Ino%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How CSR execs redefine the future of the workforce: Putting the well-being of your workforce at the core of CSR strategy is key to winning talent — and the right to conduct business. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-csr-exec-redefine-future-workforce?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-07-18&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108392&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRaaE1ETXpaVFUyWW1JeSIsInQiOiJoemVockx5WVFvmlEdDc3MtlVcTViVU8rQ25tcWoyXC81eWNPQohQZHZzamRMXC94WEQ1dnZsaVhwboJYMFVIK2JWZjNHV3dLZk4xcHF3K2hFWitxaEUrXC95Y3BndogSZU1paek1ub3kyQ2MxdFZuRDhsOHJZNm4rY2F2KolXVGdFVCJ9</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lesson from Hurricane Irma: capitalism can't save the planet – it can only destroy it 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/13/hurricane-irma-capitalism-growth-economics-environment-financial-crisis?CMP=share_btn_fb</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability reporting has evolved drastically over the past few years; with the increasing legislation, opportunities from the SDGs as well as plethora of options that a connected digital world presents. Well you can now get insight into how leading professionals from the likes of, SAB Miller, GRI, Arcelor Mittal and BT are innovating their reporting strategies to leverage the new opportunities and meet the new regulations. 	<p>http://1.ethicalcorp.com/LP=17580?utm_campaign=4829-19JUL17-WK13-TA&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=e88149d2339e4a6db95d5245686ec628&elq=9037e84f193040b68e514cc7f675a51c&elqaid=29324&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=14104</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRI-coordinated engagement on corporate tax responsibility: PRI invites signatories to join a global collaborative engagement on corporate tax responsibility. 	<p>https://www.unpri.org/group/pri-coordinated-engagement-on-corporate-tax-responsibility-2827</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants welcomes the UK Government’s proposals and its continued efforts to improve corporate governance, and strike the right balance between business, workers, society and investors. 	<p>https://www.cimaglobal.com/Press/Press-releases/2017/response-to-the-governments-white-paper-on-corporate-governance-reform/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Foundation announces Integrated Thinking & Reporting project for higher education: With funding from Hefce, Hefcw and Northern Ireland, the Leadership Foundation will be working during the academic year 2017-18 to investigate how this emerging methodology to develop integrated thinking and integrated reporting can be applied in higher education, as it has in many other sectors of the economy and across the world. 	<p>http://integratedreporting.org/news/leadership-foundation-announces-integrated-thinking-reporting-project-for-higher-education/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIRC welcomes strengthened focus on value creation in UK FRC Guidance on Strategic Report: The International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) welcomes the updated guidance on the Strategic Report issued for consultation by the UK Financial Reporting Council, which provides the potential for a step-change in the quality of corporate reporting. 	<p>http://integratedreporting.org/news/iirc-welcomes-strengthened-focus-on-value-creation-in-uk-frc-guidance-on-strategic-report/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report: Building a more sustainable economy in Europe: Following an ACCA, Aviva, Barclays and IIRC event in Brussels, which focused on building a more sustainable economy in Europe, a draft report has been released sharing the findings from the session. 	<p>http://integratedreporting.org/news/report-building-a-more-sustainable-economy-in-europe/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the future of corporate reporting? A blog by Hilde Blomme and Ben Renier. 	<p>https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/blog/future-corporate-reporting/</p>

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

“Despite new rules the UK will continue to be a haven for money laundering, here’s why” draws attention to pitiful practices and regulatory structures.

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/07/the-uk-will-continue-to-be-a-world-leader-in-money-laundering-heres-why/>

Prem urges people to be sceptical of the ‘unbiased and neutral’ claims of neoliberal think-tanks and is titled “Labour policy should not be decided by trying to please neo-liberal think tanks”.

<https://labourlist.org/2017/07/labour-policy-should-not-be-decided-by-trying-to-please-neo-liberal-think-tanks/>

Accountancy firms are major players in the international tax avoidance industry and are also aware of possible public backlash. So are busy trying to reinvent their image. The latest is the claim that they pay massive amount in taxes.

“Whitewash: The accountancy sector is trying to gloss over its role in tax avoidance”

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/08/whitewash-the-accountancy-sector-is-trying-to-gloss-over-its-role-in-tax-avoidance/>

It is now a decade since the last banking crash which ushered in never-ending austerity and misery for many. Has there been any substantial change? “Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it’ – Are you ready for the next crash?”.

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/08/those-who-do-not-learn-history-are-doomed-to-repeat-it-are-you-ready-for-the-next-crash/>

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The lack of any corporate governance reforms even though the UK has had major scandals. "Here's how to prevent another BHS-style crisis"

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/08/heres-how-to-prevent-another-bhs-style-crisis/>

Income distribution gap between the rich and the poor. It is titled "Only corporate democratisation can stop the growing polarisation of pay in UK"

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/08/only-corporate-democratisation-can-check-fat-cat-greed-for-the-few-and-low-pay-for-the-many/>

Peculiar UK taxation arrangement which enables foreign millionaires living in the UK to avoid taxes that normal people pay. "The Tories want to enhance non-dom status — it's a colonial relic and should be abolished"

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/09/the-tories-want-to-enhance-non-dom-status-its-a-colonial-relic-and-should-be-abolished/>

Recent UK government proposals for reforming corporate governance and executive pay. "The government's proposals will do little to check fat-cattery or improve corporate governance"

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/08/the-governments-proposals-will-do-little-to-check-fat-cattery-or-improve-corporate-governance/>

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

Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PRI Academy provides industry-leading training for financial services, corporate and other professionals looking to understand how ESG issues impact company performance, shareholder value and investment decision making. 	<p>https://priacademy.org</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PRI publicly committed to strengthening the accountability of its signatories. Accountability is key to their mission and is a core component of the recently published Blueprint for responsible investment. The proposals detailing how the PRI plans to implement these measures are laid out in this consultation paper. 	<p>https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/b51pce4d-682ic2bd?dm_t=0,0,0,0 https://blueprint.unpri.org/?dm_i=1PCE,52U1U,P8O1P4,JGV1M,1 http://mail-unpri.org/1PCE-52U1U-P8O1P4-2QK46R-1/c.aspx</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The oikos-PRME Research Hub is a unique platform for students in economics and management at all levels (Bachelor, Master and PhD) to share research on sustainability related topics within and beyond the oikos and PRME communities. The goal is clear: to encourage more and more students worldwide to write theses that address the sustainability challenges of our time. 	<p>https://oikos-international.org/programmes/oikos-prme-research-hub/?utm_content=Lynn&utm_source=VerticalResponse&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=read%2520more%2Egif&utm_campaign=oikos%20Newsletter%20September%202017</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oekom research statement on the TCFD recommendations for climate related financial disclosures: The Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) published its recommendations on integrating climate-relevant information into companies' financial reports to improve the information disclosed to investors, lenders and insurers. 	<p>https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FINAL-TCFD-Report-062817.pdf</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oekom research endorses the “Accelerating Sustainable Finance” (a.k.a. “Frankfurt Declaration”) initiative: The Frankfurt financial centre’s sustainability initiative, launched with the so-called Frankfurt Declaration by Deutsche Börse AG, has a new signatory: “oekom research decided to ratify the initiative because, in doing so, it gives us the opportunity to play our part in realigning Frankfurt’s financial centre along the lines of sustainability,” says oekom research CEO, Robert Haßler. 	<p>http://deutsche-boerse.com/dbg-de/nachhaltigkeit/unsere-verantwortung/accelerating-sustainable-finance</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oekom research position on the announcement of the UK Corporate Governance Reforms: The UK Government set out a package of corporate governance reforms designed to increased boardroom accountability and enhance trust in business. The current intention is to bring the reforms into effect by June 2018. 	<p>http://uksif.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/UKSIF-Summary-Brief-Corporate-Governance-Reforms.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESG standard for Principles for Sustainable Insurance: The Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) have set up a taskforce to develop an ESG standard for the insurance industry. oekom research will be in the Technical Advisory Group, supporting the taskforce. 	<p>http://www.unepfi.org/psi/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PSI-ESG-standard.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving climate change further up corporate agendas, the industry-led Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures has released its recommendations for the integration of climate information into mainstream financial reports. 	<p>https://www.cdp.net/en/articles/climate/the-changing-tide-climate-change-rises-up-the-corporate-agenda</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The launch of Climetrics, the world’s first climate impact rating for investment funds, has been reported in Investment Executive. 	<p>http://www.investmentexecutive.com/-/world-s-first-climate-rating-for-equity-funds-launched</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Financial Stability Board (FSB) welcomed the publication of the recommendations for effective disclosure of climate-related financial risks published by the industry-led Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/the-task-force-on-climate-related-financial-disclosures-tcf-d-released-its-final-recommendations-report/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth Bank: Shareholders sue over 'inadequate' disclosure of climate risks 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/aug/08/commonwealth-bank-shareholders-sue-over-inadequate-disclosure-of-climate-change-risks?CMP=ema-1706&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many Businesses Still Fail to Report Financial Value from Strong Environmental Performance 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/many-businesses-still-fail-to-report-financial-value-from-strong-environmental-performance/#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSBC and East & Partners research shows that just over two-thirds (68%) of investors plan to up their game in low-carbon investments which will facilitate a more seamless switch to a clean-energy economy. 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/companies-urged-to-disclose-climate-strategies/#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability finance lessons from Adidas to Starbucks Green bonds are just one creative approach retailers are taking to boost sustainability. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/sustainability-finance-lessons-adidas-starbucks?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-verge&utm_content=2017-08-29&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-verge-108652&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiVWVdSaE16YzFNVEZoTkRNdyIsInQiOiJscnR2dzxrdjdLYoc5RU1RUM1SM093MmpKRm5HcXFodHBROHpYQVlqZlhsNVR4MWZJcWNGMFVZVoNlcZkV5SoZ5WGJybU5MWlhwcWgoY1UrRkRcLzRFRVRAQ1Z5TkdmSXJzanFcL0JzThNd1c1SnloZU9LclpWbG45NWF5dmthIno%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swiss Re, the world's second-largest reinsurer, is 90 percent of the way through the process of shifting its entire \$130 billion liquid asset portfolio towards environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) indices. It expects to complete the transition by the end of the third quarter of 2017. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/make-esg-investing-work-swiss-re-focuses-diversity?utm_source=TBLI+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=15f3101606-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2c981d6575-15f3101606-315207485</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard names climate risk as defining investment theme: It's the clearest signal yet that investors are scrutinizing high-carbon firms far more closely. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/vanguard-names-climate-risk-defining-investment-theme?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-09-10&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108710&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiVWpnpelpEY3pNVEZsWVRreSIsInQiOiJwSnhuTHFzRFwvdoo1aDNkN3RMaXJLUzVS0XROQWEQzY2ZFcjRlLzZyRnJqWGC1UWtpb1BOcGVGVWRVWkloTEFtNGdETDwdndsZVpBNHIIYUNoYVRpZWJHC3hWMGpUNHVhRIIPdHNoaEE1UXJ3Y3NPcktBTUlyMG5ONUxE5oZsNIVXIno%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How green bonds can bridge infrastructure financing gaps: Pay-for-success bonds backed by the Rockefeller Foundation and others seek to fund urban resilience projects. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-green-bonds-can-bridge-infrastructure-financing-gaps?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-09-04&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108667&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiVWdFNUGUa3pNamxtWIRjMilsInQiOiIocVUoTk1oWFwvUkNSY29ZY3I3cGN3bzFXcWFSWHIMYIJNamtab244aG9XbzFoY2dNMndWWJhEdmhJYoRYWUtrWWJITFpiaTFzUmNtcmgyWWQ4TXpNkzRwd3dOejRibUIKOE5TaUd3RVMxV3RLUnNvMlwwUHxT5k5ETnh4bDE5eG5XIno%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Stanley finds 'record levels' of ESG investors: A new survey by the financial firm finds that an 'overwhelming majority' of active investors are interested in sustainable investing. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/morgan-stanley-finds-record-levels-esg-investors?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-08-20&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108593&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRFNE5HTTJNakprTKdRMSIsInQiOiI4OVVwWIR2OFRFN3JlUHNqaFZLRWFOU3ZcL1JLa1dTEgVZGlmcothdXhWTFNDVlwwalwvUGhXOTlRiUo5WMEVITWNoQWJ3ekJNdXl5bmkrbUdiSkVINUtZUpzNEpQbnZJYXRvd3h5bUcraWFleDJsRVpT5kNRhFhBVWZKbndnK3QrRzUifQ%3D%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem insurance begins with Mexican coral reef 	<p>https://www.thefuturescentre.org/signals-of-change/152029/ecosystem-insurance-begins-mexican-coral-reef</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRI and Ceres open collaborative engagement on deforestation to global investors. 	<p>https://www.unpri.org/page/pri-and-ceres-open-collaborative-engagement-on-deforestation-to-global-investors</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Secretary-General António Guterres: US\$3-5 trillion annual investment needed to finance the 2030 Agenda; private finance and investment absolutely essential to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 	<p>https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/4201-09-18-2017</p>

Other Issues

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Educators Commit to Advancing the SDGs Representatives: from higher education institutions and other academic stakeholder groups noted ongoing progress within schools and through the global PRME network to advance the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. 	<p>https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/4111-07-19-2017?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=August%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers&utm_content=August%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers+CID_codoa4e1957bboef5b58b5ea3c9731e6&utm_source=Monthly%20Bulletin&utm_term=Read%20More</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Update: A Sustained Approach to Combatting Corruption: Corruption is one of the greatest obstacles to economic and social development. Estimates reported by the World Bank show that the annual cost of corruption equals more than 5 per cent of global GDP with over US\$ 1 trillion paid in bribes each year. 	<p>https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/4121-07-27-2017?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=August%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers&utm_content=August%202017%20Bulletin%20subscribers+CID_codoa4e1957bboef5b58b5ea3c9731e6&utm_source=Monthly%20Bulletin&utm_term=Read%20Lise%20Kingos%20latest%20Executive%20Update</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than a decade after former US Vice President Al Gore helped get millions talking about the climate crisis with An Inconvenient Truth, he returns to the big screen with the exciting new film An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power. 	<p>https://inconvenientsequel.tumblr.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These Climate Reality Leaders were trained by Vice President Gore and other experts on how to communicate the science and solutions behind the climate crisis. Now, you have the chance to educate your communities too by downloading a new 10-minute presentation, Truth in 10. 	<p>https://www.climateRealityproject.org/truth?utm_source=advocacy&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AIS&utm_content=emailg</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Harvey has taught us many lessons, but the most valuable may be the oldest lesson of all, one we humans have been learning – and forgetting – since the dawn of time: how much we all have to lose when climate and weather disasters strike. 	<p>https://www.climateRealityproject.org/blog/what-hurricane-harvey-says-about-risk-climate-and-resilience</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What rural Alaska can teach the world about renewable energy: In remote communities, the reason behind renewables might surprise you. 	<p>https://www.climateRealityproject.org/blog/what-rural-alaska-can-teach-world-about-renewable-energy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are the crazy climate records from 2016 you haven't heard much about. 	<p>https://www.climateRealityproject.org/blog/these-are-crazy-climate-records-2016-you-havent-heard-much-about</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You know the climate crisis is caused by human activity, and over 97 percent of scientists agree. But what's shocking is this: a new study shows that only 13 percent of Americans understand this fact. 	<p>http://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/climate-change-american-mind-may-2017/2/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change: Future Stewards: In the wake of the Paris Climate Agreement a remarkable coalition has come together to foster bold collective leadership on climate change. The five year Future Stewards Programme, led by Mission2020, We Mean Business and Leaders' Quest, will create a global network of 2,000 transformational leaders capable of bending the curve on carbon emissions and committed to doing so. 	<p>https://www.leadersquest.org/future-stewards http://www.internationalfuturesforum.com/iff-newsletter-jul-2017</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government of El Salvador unanimously voted to ban the mining of metals within the country, becoming the first nation to do so. 	<p>https://www.thefuturescentre.org/signals-of-change/13750/el-salvador-first-nation-ban-metal-mining?utm_source=The+Futures+Centre&utm_campaign=bo443b72f7-Futures+Centre+horizon+scans+and+newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_term=o_d51c2f9284-bo443b72f7-129128421</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a new cost-effective way to produce plastic products which are 100% biodegradable, while releasing zero toxins in decomposition, is the future of plastic biodegradable? 	<p>https://www.thefuturescentre.org/signals-of-change/47463/future-plastic-biodegradable?utm_source=The+Futures+Centre&utm_campaign=2b681ddcob-Futures+Centre+horizon+scans+and+newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d51c2f9284-2b681ddcob-129128421</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ethics of our relationship to robots and other AI is a growing field of exploration: and none too soon. A new report highlights the dangers of child-like sex robots 	<p>https://www.thefuturescentre.org/signals-of-change/101636/report-highlights-dangers-child-sex-robots?utm_source=The+Futures+Centre&utm_campaign=2b681ddcob-Futures+Centre+horizon+scans+and+newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d51c2f9284-2b681ddcob-129128421</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report 2017: For over a decade, the Global Risks Report has been looking into global risk trends and their closely-knit interrelationships. Environmental protection was identified as one of the key challenges this year, alongside a broad spectrum of political and social trends. 	<p>https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-global-risks-report-2017</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RE100 initiative reaches a major milestone as AkzoNobel, AXA, Burberry and Carlsberg commit to source 100% of their power from renewables, tipping their membership over 100 multinationals. 	<p>https://www.theclimategroup.org/news/world-first-100-multinationals-target-100-renewable-electricity</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are businesses planting microchips in their employees? 	<p>http://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/open-economy/businesses-planting-microchips-in-employees/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing is an essential part of daily life, but it's an ethical minefield of complex supply chains, resource depletion and waste. Help is at hand! A report into the Fashion Industry is available which guides you through this minefield and highlights the sustainable options. 	<p>http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalreports/fashionindustry.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=6eb2ba3ea1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08+-+17+subs&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9856040c29-6eb2ba3ea1-268537329</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special report features 4 updated product guides including the most popular guide, Clothes Shops. Ethical Consumer also has features on Cotton, The Bangladesh Accord, Viscose and more. 	<p>http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalreports/fashionindustry/?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=6eb2ba3ea1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08+-+17+subs&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9856040c29-6eb2ba3ea1-268537329</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recordings from this year's Responsible Business Summit Europe including the Human Rights Keynote – The [UK] Modern Slavery Act and how are we as corporations responding? are now available. Key insight from Oxfam, The Cooperative, Assent Compliance and the Institute for Human Rights and Business. 	<p>http://1.ethicalcorp.com/LP=17598?utm_campaign=ETH%2021JUL17%20Ethical%20DB&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=15822b5ecbd9481db5629eef7d2b857b&elq=c409746c116a49d4962204137058650f&elqaid=29360&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=14134</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and investment in Information Communication Technology (ICT) directly affects an individual country's performance, against the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to new research, commissioned by Huawei and carried out by SustainAbility. 	<p>http://sustainability.com/our-work/case-studies/how-ict-can-deliver-the-sdgs/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Whats%20Next%20How%20ICT%20can%20deliver%20the%20SDGs%20plus%20join%20us%20at%20Sustainable%20Brands%20events%20in%20Europe%20and%20the%20US&utm_content=Whats%20Next%20How%20ICT%20can%20deliver%20the%20SDGs%20plus%20join%20us%20at%20Sustainable%20Brands%20events%20in%20Europe%20and%20the%20US+CID_e06d49968c0bdaa331aa10eeco4f169&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Read%20more</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TruValue Labs announced the ESG Momentum score, the first ESG indicator that leverages artificial intelligence, big data and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB™) materiality framework. The score reveals the direction, or trend, of ESG performance based on daily data. 	<p>http://www.sustainability-reports.com/truvalue-labs-launches-esg-momentum-score-in-suite-of-new-timely-esg-metrics/</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exxon, Shell and others sued for sea level rises in California. Campaigners say carbon majors must change their business models. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/jul/26/16alifornia-communities-lawsuit-exxon-shell-climate-change-carbon-majors-sea-level-rises?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch making bike lanes and bottles from used loo roll: A pilot scheme is sifting sewage for cellulose, which it says can be recycled into valuable products. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/jul/27/-ick-factor-dutch-bike-lanes-bottles-used-loo-roll-recycled-toilet-paper?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of recycled plastic: are consumers partly to blame? Consumer expectation and technical issues make increasing recycled plastic content an uphill challenge. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/suez-circular-economy-zone/2017/jul/26/few-products-contain-recycled-plastics-are-consumers-part-of-the-problem?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Faster, cheaper, cleaner' Observers disagree about Elon Musk's Hyperloop claims. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/aug/04/hyperloop-planet-environment-elon-musk-sustainable-transport?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coca-Cola and our waste crisis. Despite some efforts to reform, campaigners say global corporations remain part of the problem. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/aug/02/coca-cola-big-corporations-waste-crisis-plastics-recycling-packaging-circular-economy?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric waste. The rise of electric cars could leave us with a big battery waste problem. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/aug/10/electric-cars-big-battery-waste-problem-lithium-recycling?CMP=ema-1706&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norway sells out-of-date food to help tackle waste: Apps that identify food at risk of being binned are part of an ambitious plan to slash the nation's food waste. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/aug/17/how-norway-is-selling-out-of-date-food-to-help-tackle-waste?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nickel mining: the hidden environmental cost of electric cars. The mining and processing of nickel-rich ores can have a toxic impact on local communities. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/aug/24/nickel-mining-hidden-environmental-cost-electric-cars-batteries?CMP=new_1194&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swedish farmer using oats to make milk: Swedish drinks company helps farmer shift away from livestock farming and cut climate impact. 	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/aug/26/wow-no-cow-swedish-farmer-oats-milk-oatly?CMP=ema-1706&CMP=</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The directors of the new documentary, "Food Evolution," share an inconvenient truth: For safe, sustainable food, we may have to turn to GMOs. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/feed-9-billion-will-we-need-gmo-20?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-verge&utm_content=2017-06-27&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-verge-108249&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTnpSaE165mxNRGhoT1RSaSlInQioiJlUc212V25rYVJNNo41eHNvRTJzWCTRn1pDZ2p5cFhUQ1NwYk9NTm5pWkgxK1FablwMDNhRW9sYmdPM1hpSFBSIDlaRVA2bVJyRE9mbWRkXC9hQmdNVmcyTVBmMXRCboh6UHNL5WJ6QoIWY2o2UjRkWTa3ck1mK3VRUDdOeHVMRjBMIno%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing the math on mining's \$16 billion climate problem: A new CDP report analyzing 12 major mining companies details both pitfalls and potential low-carbon openings for the industry. 	<p>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/doing-math-minings-16-billion-climate-problem?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-verge&utm_content=2017-07-25&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-verge-108426&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkdSaE1tRXINVOptT1dFeSlInQioiJ1WHk3dDBSUnNvTm9NRXBBTEhNNWFnZW5kOCtHcaVQdytcDdEWIErd1QrelFnXC9TR1FPUVpRmlojdPam1EVVFWdograEJCWU1eUp1MjF2T2NIQ2xJSVQrSjNEQmxMeDNpOUVtdkh1ZzlnbWtoUmxONVpjjenZCSkctLzRLUUtKIno%3D</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why 'cap and trade' is still the main way to price emissions: California has extended its system to price carbon, an initiative that has inspired significant emissions cuts, after building bipartisan support. So far, the idea has sprung up in 50 jurisdictions around the world. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/why-cap-and-trade-still-main-way-price-emissions?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-verge&utm_content=2017-07-25&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-verge-108426&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkd5aE1tRXlNVoptTadFaS1lnQioiJ1WHk3dDBSUnNvTmg9NRXBtEhNNWFNZNWKOCTHc1VqdytucDdEWIErd1QreIFnXC9TR1FPUVVPpRmlojdPam1EVWFWdograEJCWUhaUp1MjF2TzNlQ2xJSVQR5jNEQmXMeDNpOUVtdkhaZlnbWtoUmxONVpjenZCSktclzRLUUtKlno%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft's cloud now serves up emissions data in near real time: The service, based on RMI's WattTime, tracks the carbon dioxide, sulphur and other atmospheric-polluting emissions produced by specific power plants. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/microsofts-cloud-serves-energy-emissions-data-near-real-time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change is running a \$535 trillion debt. By continuing to delay significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, we risk handing young people alive today a bill of up to \$535 trillion 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/climate-change-running-535-trillion-dollar-debt?utm_source=TBLI+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=39fc47a66b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08_13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2c981d6575-39fc47a66b-315207485
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of supplier engagement and supply chain transparency have always been a linchpin of responsible business. However, with the advent of the Modern Slavery Act and other key legislation – the spotlight has been firmly pushed onto companies to publicly prove ethical practice in their supply chains. 	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/video-only/sustainable-sourcing-and-transparent-supply-chains-what-does-suppliers-education-and?utm_campaign=ETH-18AUG17-DB-Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=bocb2330637f48df8172ee11b5dc6c32&elq=5e68e5a0223d4caa8002c32a7c097aec&elqaid=30016&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=14534
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple's sustainable forestry strategy branches out: It now protects enough forest to offset the paper pulp used for all its packaging. Oh, and there's "a cool" cartoon. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/apples-sustainable-forestry-strategy-branches-out?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-07-30&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108477&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiVVRBeE5X5mpOakkyTIRFMClslnQioiJ1cm5wSHBpSEhEToVrTmk5aGYoUFZrMklmeDV552woZXNqZEM5TzlwZEGqUWc4VjFyEwDkZngozFETINPV3FiaHRZURmpObXpYeXBTdCtNTk5PWlwwcoltYkJKRW9FN01GYmVQeVh5d3lCZjlrOHoxSlp5YVl3UDJjbjNYdXJtYTYifQ%3D%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nestle, Coca-Cola top list of companies disclosing water risk: Ceres says it's time to 'radically rethink' water risk, as investors push for a 'waterproof' agriculture sector. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/nestle-coca-cola-top-list-companies-disclosing-water-risk?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-09-17&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108750&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTodOak56UTVOVoV3TVROailslnQioiJ1TmgwbzdVMET4bUJzcGR1YkxHblA3RTlvXC94UytRNkks1bWFQeFdjRmgyWFO2Y2g1R1RlUHRTVnZTVkaaoM3Nm1SK1k5R2g5NWM5NVVwdHF2bXJYMztUTFwvdpvaFkzMWfIdUJEamgrYUNIQ2hxaIFKTDNtVldcLoRHc3lHOW1RSVQifQ%3D%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's not greenwash the SDGs The United Nations' Global Goals are about more than buzzwords. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/lets-not-greenwash-sdgs?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-09-17&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108750&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTodOak56UTVOVoV3TVROailslnQioiJ1TmgwbzdVMET4bUJzcGR1YkxHblA3RTlvXC94UytRNkks1bWFQeFdjRmgyWFO2Y2g1R1RlUHRTVnZTVkaaoM3Nm1SK1k5R2g5NWM5NVVwdHF2bXJYMztUTFwvdpvaFkzMWfIdUJEamgrYUNIQ2hxaIFKTDNtVldcLoRHc3lHOW1RSVQifQ%3D%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The big whiff: How corporate America missed the climate fix: Even the most committed of corporate sustainability leaders are undermining the cause. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/big-whiff-how-corporate-america-missed-climate-fix?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-08-27&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108593&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTURVeU1EUmpOamRtTkrBNC1slnQioiJ1Zw43RWPuUcGEzcVM2QUFjSzFYbodubjlnakEoQXFyXCgkZDFITnk3SENjZXhQRfWvdGtwb3hSZUNaRUeOtvVBenp4aFhSRFIUTW9PTkZGRldpVllsRnRjREwvWUtdE52UGRMQXpidlB1WnBTQoFMQWxVXC85ZTNpYjYVVENmVkfCmCj9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cresting wave for circular water strategy: More and more, it's a matter of social equity. 	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/cresting-wave-circular-water-strategy?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily&utm_content=2017-08-27&utm_campaign=newsletter-type-greenbuzz-daily-108593&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTURVeU1EUmpOamRtTkrBNC1slnQioiJ1Zw43RWPuUcGEzcVM2QUFjSzFYbodubjlnakEoQXFyXCgkZDFITnk3SENjZXhQRfWvdGtwb3hSZUNaRUeOtvVBenp4aFhSRFIUTW9PTkZGRldpVllsRnRjREwvWUtdE52UGRMQXpidlB1WnBTQoFMQWxVXC85ZTNpYjYVVENmVkfCmCj9

