

'CSEAR E-Newsletter' – March 2015

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"> • CSEAR Teaching Case Study Competition 2015 CSEAR is launching a new annual teaching case study competition for members. All members (including PhD students and practitioners) are invited to contribute a teaching case study as part of our initiatives to develop the effectiveness of Accounting and Sustainability education. Five winners, as determined by a panel of judges, will be invited to present their cases in a plenary session at CSEAR UK conference in Royal Holloway University of London (26th-28th August 2015) and have their cases published in an e-book format that will be distributed free to all CSEAR members. They will also receive a framed award certificate and be listed on the CSEAR webpage. 	<p>please see attached for full details</p> <p>http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/membersarea/teach_com_p/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reg Mathews Memorial Prize 2014 has been won by Francisco Ascui for his paper A Review of Carbon Accounting in the Social and Environmental Accounting Literature: What Can it Contribute to the Debate? The paper was printed in SEAJ Volume 34, Number 1, pp. 6-29 	<p>http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/contents/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd Emerging Scholars Colloquium will be held on 24 August 2015 and will be immediately followed by the 27th International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research from 25 – 27 August 2015. This year's conference and ESC will be hosted by Professor Jeffrey Unerman and the School of Management at the Royal Holloway University of London. Calls for papers for both the ESC and 27th ICSEAR have now been issued and are attached for information. Details of the conference and how to register will be available on the conference website from mid-March 	<p>Please see attached calls for papers (x2)</p> <p>http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/conferences/forthcoming/#d.en.253297</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor John Ferguson's time as Joint Editor of Social and Environmental Accountability Journal (SEAJ) will come to a close at the end of December 2015. As such a call is being made to all CSEAR members for nominations for the position of Joint Editor of SEAJ, who will serve from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2019. An outline of the job description of Joint Editor is attached. If you are interested in nominating yourself, or nominating someone else (with their written consent to be attached to the nomination email) for the role of Joint Editor, then please send a one page CV and a one page statement outlining suitability for editorship and what your vision is for the Journal during your term as Joint Editor. The deadline for submitting your nomination and required documents – sent to seaj@st-andrews.ac.uk marked 'SEAJ Editor Nomination' – is Monday 13th April 2015 at midnight. Please note that only CSEAR members are eligible for editorship of the journal. 	<p>Please see attached pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSEAR Council is rolling out its new 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>

CSEAR NEWS (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 3rd French Conference on Social and Environmental Accounting Research (3rd CSEAR France) Conference will be held from June 11-12, 2015 at ESSEC Business School, France. 	<p>Please see attached call for papers. http://csear-france.essec.edu/2015-congress Further details are available from csear-france@essec.edu;</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 4th CSEAR South America will be held from 29-30 June 2015 at Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA), Salvador, Brazil 	<p>http://www.csear.ufba.br/artigos/en.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10th CSEAR Spain Conference on Social and Environmental Accounting Research will be held the 17th and 18th of September, 2015 in Pablo de Olavide University headquarters in the city of Carmona, organized by CICSMA and Pablo de Olavide University. Abstract or full paper must be submitted to CSEAR_Spain2015@upo.es by 15th May 2015. Please, check the attached documents for further information. 	<p>Please see attached call for papers and information about participation in the workshop. Full details can be found on their website: www.upo.es/congresos/csear-spain2015/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VI CSEAR Italian Conference will be held in September 2016 at the University of Parma. 	<p>http://en.unipr.it/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSEAR Australasia 2015 will take place from 11-12 December 2015 at Macquarie Graduate School of Management, Macquarie University, NSW, Australia, and a first call for papers has been issued. The deadline for submission is 21st May 2015. An Emerging Scholars Colloquium will be held the day before the conference on 10 December 2015. Details of the conference and ESC can be found on the conference website. 	<p>http://academic-conferences.org/pdfs/ACSEAR/ACSEAR_2015-ESC_%20Advert.pdf http://academic-conferences.org/acsear/acsear2015/acsear15-call-papers.htm</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following on from the successful 1st workshop held in parallel with the 26th CSEAR Conference in St Andrews, Markus Milne, Shona Russell and Colin Dey have issued a call for papers for the 2nd Ecological Accounts Workshop: Making non-human worlds (in)visible during moments of socio-ecological transformation which will be held during the Critical Management Studies Conference 2015: 'Is there an alternative? Management after critique', conference 8-10 July 2015, in Leicester. 	<p>http://arts.st-andrews.ac.uk/ecological-accounts/ see attached pdf</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. The journal provides a forum for a wide range of different forms of academic and academic-related communications whose aim is to balance honesty and scholarly rigour with directness, clarity, policy-relevance, and novelty. 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. Alternatively your institution can subscribe directly at: http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaaj20#.VIGtW3PmsW5K 	<p>http://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/reaaj20#.VIWbETGsW5L</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charl de Villiers, Leonardo Rinaldi, and Jeffrey Unerman are guest editors for a special issue of AAAJ on Case study insights from the implementation of Integrated Reporting. Please find the call for papers attached. 	<p>See attached call for papers</p>

Call for Papers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PRI Call for Papers is now open – deadline 1st May 2015. This year's Academic Network Conference will be part of PRI in Person for the first time, with a full stream dedicated to academic research. The conference is from 8 - 10 September at the ICC, ExCeL London. The deadline for submission of papers is 1 May 2015. 	<p>http://www.unpri.org/areas-of-work/about-an/pri-call-for-papers-2015-2/?dm_i=1PCE,38PPJ,ICFPJZ,BLTGG,1</p> <p>See attached pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Money & Management (PMM) theme on Managing and accounting for sustainable development across generations in public services: Guest editors: Suzana Grubnic, Ian Thomson and Georgios Georgakopoulos. Prospective authors are invited to submit papers for refereeing to the theme editors by 1 September 2016. 	<p>See attached pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Sustainability Research Conference 2015: The Call for Abstracts for the Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) Research Conference 2015 is now open. 	<p>http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/microsites/global_sustainability_institute/global_sustainability.html?utm_source=gsi_conference2015&utm_medium=url&utm_campaign=redirect</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for Papers and Panel Proposals for the Global Equality and Diversity Conference and Broadcast (GED) November 12th 2015, London UK (Theme: Experiencing Diversity in the Workplace) 	<p>http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/GEDconference2015</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abstracts are being accepted for Future Connections, an annual interdisciplinary conference on sustainable development for PhD and early career researchers. The conference will take place at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation on 25-26th June 2015 and will focus on the broad theme of 'Sustainable Research in Action.' Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to FutureConnectionsScotland@gmail.com by 10th April 2015 	<p>http://futureconnectionssco.wix.com/futureconnections</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DEMAND Centre (Dynamics of Energy, Mobility and Demand) is looking for applications from research students, early career researchers and practitioners for a three day intensive summer school session with presentations, indoor and outdoor workshops and networking activities. Applications are due 17th April 2015. 	<p>http://www.demand.ac.uk/events/event/summer-school-peaks-sites-and-cycles-14-16-july-2015/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal of Management Policies and Practices is a double blind peer reviewed international academic journal that publishes scientific research papers on the policies and contemporary practices of management. 	<p>Email: editor@aripd.org</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Journal of Business, Humanities and Technology is an open access, peer-reviewed and refereed multidisciplinary journal published by Center for Promoting Ideas (CPI), USA. The objective of IJBHT is to provide a forum for the publication of scientific articles in the fields of business, humanities and technology. 	<p>Send your manuscript to the editor at editor@ijbhtnet.com</p> <p>For more information, visit the official website of the journal www.ijbhtnet.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Conference of Critical Accounting, New York 2015: Emerging Critical Scholars Workshop Thursday April 9th, 2015, Accounting and the New Labor Process Symposium Thursday April 9th, 2015, Main Conference April 9th - 10th, 2015. Hunter College Conference Center, New York City 	<p>submissions and inquiries: Professor Tony Tinker: Anthony.tinker@baruch.cuny.edu Professor Aida Sy: Aida.sy1776@gmail.com</p> <p>See attached call for papers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Journal of Corporate Citizenship is pleased to invite papers for a special issue of the JCC on 'Japanese Approaches to CSR'. 	<p>www.greenleaf-publishing.com/jcc</p>
<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. 	<p>http://lhscientificpublishing.com/journals/JEA-M-Default.aspx</p>

Call for Papers (continued)

<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.scirp.org/Journal/AimScope.aspx?JournalID=2421&utm_source=E&utm_medium=c&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"> Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference are now being welcomed. The overarching theme for the conference is 'Geographies of the Anthropocene' and aims to bring the physical geography and climate science communities together to explore the rich array of work engaging this powerful idea and its consequences. 	http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Call+for+sessions+papers+and+posters/Advertised+Calls+for+Papers.htm

Other Conferences

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting, Society & the Environment Research Workshop, 1 April 2015, Heriot-Watt University 	https://www.facebook.com/groups/121691174537092/875432135829655/?notif_t=group_activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Scottish Co-operative Party, have arranged for Prof Sikka to outline his arguments at the University of Strathclyde, McCance Lecture Theatre, Richmond Street, Glasgow on Saturday 18th April at 12.00 noon. 	<p>If you would like to attend this event please contact Hugh Donnelly – hugh.donnelly@cets.coop</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMAN 2015 Conference in San Sebastian, Spain, 25-27 March 2015 	http://www.ehu.eus/en/web/eman2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing Popular Culture Research Workshop: University of Edinburgh Business School, 27th April 2015 	<p>Please see attached programme. If you are interested in attending then please contact Rebecca McCaffry Rebecca.McCaffry@cimaglobal.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRI is pleased to announce the dates for its Africa Regional Conference, 12-13 May 2015, and fifth Global Conference, 18-20 May 2016. Amsterdam 	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/SAVE-THE-DATE!-GRI-CONFERENCES-IN-2015-2016.aspx?dm_i=4J5,342E7,HU5A8R,B5S19,1 https://www.globalreporting.org/information/events/5th-gri-global-conference/Pages/default.aspx
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Equality and Diversity (GED) Conference and Broadcast -November 12th 2015, London UK 	http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/GEDconference2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th June 2015, University of London: 2nd London Annual Planning for Climate Change Conference. 	http://www.planforclimatechange.uk/london-2015/4587746571
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th International Conference on Accounting and finance May 2015 Singapore. 	http://www.acc-finance.org/index.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th Annual International Conference on Accounting, 25-28 May 2015, Athens, Greece. 	http://www.atiner.gr/accounting.htm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 Sustainability, Ethics and Entrepreneurship (SEE) Conference: Professional Development Workshop, April 28-30, 2015, University of Denver, Colorado. 	http://seeconf.org/Pages/default.aspx
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting (JLFA) 2015 International Conference, June 1 and 2, 2015, Hong Kong. 	https://hq.ssrn.com/login/pubSignInJoin.cfm?conflink=JLFA-Hong-Kong-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 Policy Summit on Housing, Human Capital & Inequality, June 18-19, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 	http://frb.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dc252H3FFB3YdaR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EURAM 2015, Kozminski University from June 17 to 20, 2015. 	http://euram-online.org/conference/2015/

Other Conferences (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meditari Accountancy Research European Conference and Doctoral Colloquium 2015 2-3 July 2015, University of Bologna, Italy School of Economics, Management and Statistics – Forli Campus. 	<p>See attached pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Management, Vancouver, August 2015. 	<p>http://aom.org/annualmeeting/submission/call/one/pdw/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Symposium on Climate Change Adaption (WSCCA-2015), 2-4 September 2015, Manchester, United Kingdom. 	<p>http://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/wscqa-2015.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ESRC STEPS Centre annual conference: Resource Politics: transforming pathways to sustainability, Institute of Development Studies on 7-9 September 2015. 	<p>http://resourcepolitics2015.com/2015/01/12/call/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open invitation to organisations with an interest in public participation and/or climate and energy to join the global citizen participation project, "World Wide Views on Climate and Energy". Saturday June 6, 2015 	<p>http://climateandenergy.worldviews.org/downloads/climateandenergy.partner.invitation.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An international summer school will take place from 28th – 30th June 2015 as part of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) biennial conference. 	<p>http://www.esee2015.org/page/97/esee-summer-school/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-funded Action INOGOV (Innovations in Climate Governance) workshop to discuss the role of entrepreneurship in bringing about radical transitions in climate governance. 18-19 May 2015, Amsterdam 	<p>http://www.sd-research.org.uk/calls/call-abstracts-%E2%80%98novel-approaches-climate-governance-and-role-entrepreneurship%E2%80%99</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th-30th April 2015, Nairobi, Kenya: International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation (CBA9). The conference is organised by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) and African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) 	<p>http://www.iied.org/cba9-9th-conference-community-based-adaptation-climate-change</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st HCCG Conference on Corporate Governance and Corruption, 11th to 12th June 2015, Helsinki, Finland, 	<p>http://www.hanken.fi/en/cooperation-and-networks/academic-networks/conferences/june-11-12-2015</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th International Finance and Banking Society 2015 China Conference - on "The Future of Financial Institutions and Markets: Navigating the Challenges Ahead", 27-29 June, 2015, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China 	<p>http://www.ifabsconference.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF), the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) and the Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) [CSEF-EIEF-SITE] Conference on Finance and Labor, 28-30 August 2015, Rome 	<p>Enquiries to Ms. Susana Palomar at susana.palomar@eief.it</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fifth Annual International Conference in Economics and Finance – BEROC, June 2nd, 2015, Minsk, Belarus 	<p>http://www.beroc.by</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC) two-day Workshop on "Economic Governance and Social Preferences, September 3 and 4, 2015, the Netherlands 	<p>http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/tilec/governance</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th International Risk Management Conference - "The New Risk Management Paradigm: How Investments, Financial Stability and Regulation will shape the European and Global Financial Markets" June 15-16, 2015, Luxembourg 	<p>http://www.irmc.eu</p>

Accounting and Reporting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new accounting framework has been developed for organisations to take better account of the natural capital they own, depend on or are responsible for. Corporate Natural Capital Accounting (CNCA) enables organisations to gather natural capital information in a coherent and comparable format. The framework was developed for England’s Natural Capital Committee by eftec, RSPB and PwC. It has been piloted with four organisations: Lafarge-Tarmac, United Utilities, the National Trust, and The Crown Estate. 	<p>https://www.naturalcapitalcommittee.org/corporate-natural-capital-accounting.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The European Environment Agency’s five-yearly assessment ‘The European environment – state and outlook 2015’ (SOER 2015) has been published. SOER 2015 is an integrated assessment of Europe’s environment and includes assessments and data at global, regional and country levels, as well as cross-country comparisons. 	<p>http://www.eea.europa.eu/soer</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Climate change: tackling the greatest human rights challenge of our time: Recommendations for effective action on climate change and human rights”: This report argues that climate change is not just an environmental issue, but is fast becoming a massive human rights challenge. 	<p>http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/CARE_and_CIEL_-_Climate_Change_and_Human_Rights_web.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Adaptation Gap Report 2014, United Nations [UN] Environment Programme (2014): UNEP’s preliminary assessment of adaptation gaps from a developing nation perspective, including in the context of funding, technology, and knowledge gaps. The report follows requests made to UNEP to provide a preliminary assessment of adaptation gaps, so it has produced this document with the hope of informing governments as they prepare their submissions to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. 	<p>http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70966</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2015 edition of the World Economic Forum’s Global Risks report completes a decade of highlighting the most significant long-term risks worldwide, drawing on the perspectives of experts and global decision-makers. This year’s report underscores potential causes as well as solutions to global risks. The report sets out a view on 28 global risks in the traditional categories and also considers the numerous trends driving these threats, including increases in urbanisation, connectivity, mobility, and ageing demographics. 	<p>http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70990 http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70969</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank (2015)World Development Report 2015: ‘mind, society, and behaviour’ argues that development policies based on new insights into how people actually think and make decisions will help governments and civil society more readily tackle such challenges as increasing productivity, breaking the cycle of poverty from one generation to the next, and acting on climate change. It identifies new policy tools on the psychological and social constraints to development, which complement standard economic instruments. 	<p>http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2015</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘CSR is dead, part 2: From here it's all about transformation’. High marks for Corporate Social Responsibility are no longer what drive companies into sustainable practices. It's business. But to get it right, companies must transform. 	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/article/csr-dead-part-2-2015-all-about-transformation?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRogs6TP2KXonjHpfSX66OQoXq%2B2IMl%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HS8Vql%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 services that simplify sustainability reporting: From collecting the data to filling out the reports, these tools help you easily and accurately manage sustainability reporting requirements. 	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/article/3-apps-simplify-sustainability-reporting?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRogs6ZJKXonjHpfSX66OQoXq%2B2IMl%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HSspqI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davos meets the circular economy: Bill McDonough on why "endless resourcefulness" could be a game changer in product design — if companies across sectors play along. 	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/article/davos-meets-circular-economy?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRogvKnLZKXonjHpfS X66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGj14HSz2ml%2B5LDwE YGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State of Green Business, 2015: The eighth annual assessment of the environmental performance of companies around the world is distressing, if not depressing. 	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/article/state-green-business-2015?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRogvKnLZKXonjHpfS X66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGj14HSz2ml%2B5LDwE YGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Global Ethics and Compliance as an Asset, Not an Expense 	<p>http://deloitte.wsj.com/riskandcompliance/2014/12/04/managing-global-ethics-and-compliance-as-an-asset-not-an-expense/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Mis-Governance: is Your Business Culture Part of the Problem? In 2014 ACCA and the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) completed an international research project that examined the influence of corporate culture, regulation and compliance systems in driving either functional or dysfunctional behaviour in organizations. The conclusion aim to provide business leaders with innovative guidance on the path to cultural assessment and change. 	<p>http://m.cfoinnovation.com/story/9554/corporate-mis-governance-your-business-culture-part-problem</p> <p>http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/technical-activities/technical-resources-search/2014/october/culture.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Less Corporate Fraud, Add Female Executives: Hiring more women for the role of CFO could lead to less tax evasion—and maybe fewer accounting scandals. 	<p>http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/02/for-less-corporate-fraud-add-female-executives/385618/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee engagement briefing: People, planet, profits – Making employees part of the bottom line: Sustainability programmes that actively engage employees put a stamp on the employer's brand 	<p>http://www.ethicalcorp.com/business-strategy/employee-engagement-briefing-people-planet-profits-%E2%80%93-making-employees-part-bottom-?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2f%2fethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+060315&utm_term=Brand+new+CS R+insight+from+Ethical+Corp&utm_content=434583&gator_id=6MqKnFQ7v%2f%2fUUKzKGbPjXg%2f5wdzGlrMpm9PIUvSEZwU8lXKZPqXqOsZevbahJA%2f4r0oCmWRz8u5fvQwp79hOpfSIEIPh5S%2f2vkwDm90Q9dr6uvONnUuUsvG91965JJ%2f0mKiDZApzU0W6I65ikjHlwUcq8UmaVHxLGNMMSIWHy4hJn1tZOZfZMsmWzX6QHw0wpf57qAMyfd2h2ow5Pv3yNoWFE2EifVvKjEzCYeW%3d</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular economy's potential job boost, new campaign to fight the global water crisis, Oxfam's World Tax Summit, and China's crackdown on labour advocates 	<p>http://www.ethicalcorp.com/environment/ngowatch-%E2%80%93-march-2015?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2f%2fethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+060315&utm_term=Brand+new+CS R+insight+from+Ethical+Corp&utm_content=434583&gator_id=6MqKnFQ7v%2f%2fUUKzKGbPjXg%2f5wdzGlrMpm9PIUvSEZwU8lXKZPqXqOsZevbahJA%2f4r0oCmWRz8u5fvQwp79hOpfSIEIPh5S%2f2vkwDm90Q9dr6uvONnUuUsvG91965JJ%2f0mKiDZApzU0W6I65ikjHlwUcq8UmaVHxLGNMMSIWHy4hJn1tZOZfZMsmWzX6QHw0wpf57qAMyfd2h2ow5Pv3yNoWFE2EifVvKjEzCYeW%3d</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Social Responsibility and Corporate Citizenship are dead ends: Systems thinking at the highest level and notions of responsible leadership are required that most political and business leaders are not capable of. 	<p>http://www.ethicalcorp.com/business-strategy/essay-corporate-social-responsibility-and-corporate-citizenship-are-dead-ends?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2f%2fethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+270215&utm_term=Corporate+engagement%3a+How+Asian+responsibility+is+changing+its+stripes&utm_content=434583&gator_id=zivfCKemH5co0Fdx7bVQCGubf3EskHGHPG44P57b7Ba4Kv fZK5MQPstGNUmPizQSwKnp9EDEACr7z8tBQQF92LwaYnbn4YucGFR0ofLXa11c714R 2sZDFA%2b27ucplgnvMCS2do6%2bRaquApumynVfsP88xClndchJuuCw44pKBATS 4lagG9%2fompuabx%2bT9296a5b5PB1xmtD2uXUTHNcZtY1921J9tCDEA%3d</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) Reporting: the next 10 years: The GRI's Reporting 2025 project aims to set a course for sustainability reporting over the next decade 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/Pages/Reporting-2025.aspx</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procter & Gamble 2014 Annual Sustainability Report review: Good goals, but what about those household names? Procter & Gamble boasts some impressive achievements, yet its report doesn't delve into the ultimate sustainability of its popular brands. 	<p>http://www.ethicalcorp.com/communications-reporting/procter-gamble-2014-annual-sustainability-report-review-good-goals-what-abo</p> <p>http://www.pg.com/en_US/downloads/sustainability/reports/Pg_2014_Sustainability_Report.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the radar for 2015: What to watch for this year in sustainability and CSR policies around the world. 	<p>http://www.ethicalcorp.com/business-strategy/radar-2015?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2f%2fethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+300115&utm_term=On+the+CS R+radar+for+2015&utm_content=434583&gator_id=rh31X0B81qjdfK%2b6Esup6 FQ03r6eSAKj7CmCO09lqY4bklNcV0K9ysorrrXfCpmMCFoVUJwck%2bHedzHaNcx fa3GB%25d11K24QpW8oTWwHrFSoLxYoQxqic%2fLdABje12G115kbUxWOV9leOK 5ndcQpuOBx3%2bYtTSQcAG32a%2bjoY6Q9x1zPnW1pdxgu9JoL2f1F1Y6%2f6 5MDFH8zHkLbKHaR65Ony%2b5XTU%3d</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights: New benchmark to rank companies on human rights performance. An index which will rank companies on human rights in effort to drive better performance. 	<p>http://www.ihrb.org/our-work/corporate-human-rights-benchmark.html</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated linkage guidance reveals how GRI's G4 Guidelines and CDP's 2015 climate change questions are aligned. This alignment avoids duplication of disclosure efforts, easing the reporting burden for the thousands of companies that use GRI's Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and CDP's climate change and supply chain programs. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/resourcelibrary/GRI-G4-CDP-2015-Climate-Change-Linkage-Document.pdf</p> <p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/MAXIMIZING-SYNERGIES-BETWEEN-GRI-AND-CDP---CLIMATE-CHANGE.aspx?dm_i=4J5,37ZOA,HU5A8R,BJC59,1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A step forward on human rights reporting: The UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework, is the new guidance on how companies can report on progress implementing their responsibility to respect human rights. This responsibility is set out in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, which constitute the global standard in this field. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/STEP-FORWARD-ON-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORTING.aspx?dm_i=4J5,37ZOA,HU5A8R,BJC59,1</p> <p>http://www.ungpreporting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/UNGGuidingPrinciplesReportingFramework_withimplementationguidance_Feb2015.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New publication explores materiality: GRI and RobecoSAM have announced the launch of a new research publication Defining Materiality: What Matters to Reporters and Investors. The research explores materiality from the reporter's perspective, and compares this with the investor perspective of materiality. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/New-GRI-and-RobecoSAM-publication-explores-materiality.aspx?dm_i=4J5,37ZOA,HU5A8R,BJC59,1</p> <p>https://www.globalreporting.org/resourcelibrary/Defining-Materiality-What-Matters-to-Reporters-and-Investors.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRI helps companies comply with NFR Directive: A new GRI linkage document, "Making headway in Europe", shows how companies can use the G4 Guidelines to comply with the European Directive on disclosure of non-financial and diversity information. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/resourcelibrary/GRI_G4_EU%20Directive_Linkage.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis on private sector in UN Secretary-General's report: The post-2015 development agenda presents a historic opportunity for businesses to engage as a strong and positive influence on society. Consequently, the publication of a report which emphasizes the role of the private sector in the agenda, is to be applauded. 	<p>http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/700&Lang=E</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GRI Taxonomy, developed in collaboration with Deloitte, is one of the first XBRL taxonomies for sustainability reporting. The latest version – G4, published in November 2014 – has made it possible to tag the financial services-specific GRI disclosures. The World Bank has used the latest version of the GRI Taxonomy for its 2014 GRI G4 sustainability report. 	<p>https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/XBRL-PROVIDES-HIGH-LEVEL-OVERVIEW-FOR-WORLD-BANK.aspx?dm_i=4J5,342E7,HU5A8R,B5SJ9,1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After more than a decade the IFF (International Futures Forum) has developed a practice of practical hope and wise initiative. The IFF Practice Centre is now available and aims to make freely available what they have learned over the years to support the move from insight to effective action for people taking on difficult, complex, seemingly intractable challenges. 	<p>http://www.internationalfuturesforum.com/newsletter-dec-2014</p> <p>wwwa.iffpraxis.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The environment surrounding the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities of Japanese companies is changing significantly. In response to increasing social expectations calling for companies to disclose their achievements related to the creation of long-term value and sustainable development, practical movements are arising. Here is a summary of the current situation in Japan, compiled by Toshihiko Goto, Chief Executive of Sustainability Forum Japan. 	<p>http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id035157.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At its last meeting in Istanbul in 2014 the IIRC Council discussed progress in reporting against human, intellectual and social capitals - capitals that have not traditionally been served by widely-adopted reporting frameworks but which nonetheless lie at the heart of long-term value creation. 	<p>http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b36f6aeef75cea67e62812844&id=18fbd2eb78&e=923d618304#humancapital</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Reporting has a role to play in the shift from short-term capital markets to sustainable capital markets. As the World Economic Forum in Davos focused on "The New Global Context" such as climate change, big data and the increasing necessity to plan for the long term, Paul Druckman, CEO, IIRC was invited to speak about the role Integrated Reporting has in creating sustainable markets. 	<p>http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b36f6aeef75cea67e62812844&id=f0344cc894&e=923d618304#Davos</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the International <IR> Framework, more and more businesses are using it to change the way they report, think, act and do business. The <IR> Yearbook 2014 demonstrates and celebrates just how much momentum we have witnessed and how far <IR> implementation has progressed. 	<p>http://www.theiirc.org/yearbook2014/timeline-assets/timeline.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhaul of EU sustainability rules could boost economy €300 billion: A new World Wildlife Federation report details the financial case for proactive climate action. 	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/article/overhaul-eu-sustainability-rules-could-boost-economy-eu300-billion?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRohu67KZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HRMZrI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The newly published 11-page extractives management briefing focuses on the affect that a drop in commodity prices has had on the social responsibility function in Oil, Gas and Mining. 	<p>http://s3.amazonaws.com/cms_assets/accounts/690b848f-131d-4af6-a319-824db8c89e5b/site-50109/cms-assets/documents/193715-56143.commodity-price-briefing.pdf</p>
<p>There have been several articles from Prem Sikka this quarter. Here is just a selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a short comment on the Davos summit and what the 1% don't want. The article is titled "Davos delegates don't care about inequality or your debt" https://theconversation.com/davos-delegates-dont-care-about-inequality-or-your-debt-36511 • an article on Apple which has recently received lots of plaudits for record profits, but faces some tough challenges: innovation, EU investigation, tax avoidance and how to use its offshore cash pile. The article is titled "Slicing up Apple's profits: despite record sales it's not all sweetness" https://theconversation.com/slicing-up-apples-profits-despite-record-sales-its-not-all-sweetness-36999 • an article on The Guardian website which comments on the HSBC and organised tax avoidance saga. The UK government can't get-off its bended knees and deal with big business. There is virtually no action against the tax avoidance industry. http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/feb/12/hsbc-pathetic-dealing-tax-dodgers-evaders-barely-punished • The UK government claims to be tough on social security benefit cheats, but is a pussycat in dealing with tax dodgers. I have put together a brief article on this which highlights the class politics of the UK. The article is titled "Tax cheats cost far more than benefits cheats – yet far fewer are prosecuted". http://leftfootforward.org/2015/02/tax-cheats-cost-far-more-than-benefits-cheats-yet-far-fewer-are-prosecuted/ • The UK will have a general election in May and all major political parties are selling the neoliberal logic of austerity and massive cuts to public expenditure. Austerity has become a political project and a way of disciplining the work force. My argument is that austerity can easily be avoided by focusing on tax gap (tax avoidance, evasion and arrears) running at over £100 billion a year. https://theconversation.com/this-election-remember-that-cracking-down-on-tax-avoidance-could-end-austerity-38464 • "Corporate Scandals Show that Predatory Capitalism is Institutionalised" http://www.thescottishindependent.com/uncategorized/corporate-scandals-show-that-predatory-capitalism-is-institutionalised/ <p>As always, there is more on the AABA website (http://www.aabaglobal.org)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax cheats cost far more than benefits cheats – yet far fewer are prosecuted: Analysis of HMRC data shows that the political culture is far more sympathetic to tax avoiders. 	<p>http://leftfootforward.org/2015/02/tax-cheats-cost-far-more-than-benefits-cheats-yet-far-fewer-are-prosecuted/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRI prepares to nut out the future of sustainability reporting: Sustainability reports should "empower informed decision-making" and to help achieve this the Global Reporting Initiative is conducting a year-long review into what should be included in company reports. The GRI's Reporting 2025 review program will involve interviews with thought leaders from various fields to identify the main issues that will be – or should be. 	<p>http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/gri-prepares-nut-future-sustainability-reporting/</p>

Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, who is also Chairman of the Financial Stability Board, has cited <IR> as a powerful tool for influencing the allocation of capital and credit more effectively, based on a better understanding by investors of long-term issues. 	http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b36f6aeef75cea67e62812844&id=54309fafa1&e=923d618304#Carney
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new report released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) identifies critical innovations in the global financial system, which could help close the widening sustainable development investment gap. The new publication, Pathways to Scale, is the 3rd progress report from the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System which aims to advance policy options to improve the financial system's effectiveness in mobilizing capital towards a green and inclusive economy. 	http://www.unep.org/NewsCentre/default.aspx?DocumentID=2817&ArticleID=11124
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate finance: is it making a difference? A review of the effectiveness of Multilateral Climate Funds, Overseas Development Institute (2014). This report provides a critical review of the climate finance architecture. It examines more than a decade of experience of multilateral climate funds including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs), and the Adaptation Fund (AF). It also considers the experience of national funds created to receive international funding such as Brazil's Amazon Fund and the Indonesia Climate Change Trust Fund (ICTF). 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70125
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State of REDD+ Finance, Center for Global Development, USA (2014). This paper presents a thorough synthesis of available data to illuminate the current global state of finance for reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD+). It adds to a growing body of work that seeks to understand the size and composition of finance for REDD+ initiatives, as well as the delivery of climate finance more generally. The analysis shows that aggregate pledges of both public and private finance are significant, at more than US \$8.7 billion for the period between 2006 and March 2014, but the pace of new pledges slowed after 2010. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70121
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2014, Climate Policy Initiative (2014). In December 2015, countries will gather in Paris to finalize a new global agreement to tackle climate change. Decisions about how to unlock finance in support of developing countries' low-carbon and climate-resilient development will be a central part of the talks. But key questions about how to finance the larger, global transition, will remain largely unresolved. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70109
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial inclusion in Uganda, CARE International Urban Poverty (2014). Since 2001 the Ugandan government has taken steps to double the number of adults accessing formal financial services from 28% in 2009 to 54% in 2013. However, 2.6 million adults remain excluded and usage of insurance products in particular remains low, with only 2% of the adult population reporting use of them. Broad and inclusive access to formal finance is essential for sustainable development in Uganda. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70292
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making sense of climate finance - and why is it important? 2015 is a big year across the development sector, with discussions around the post-2015 agenda and the climate negotiations in Paris. Evidence shows us that climate change has had, and will continue to have devastating impacts for many people around the world – but is enough being invested where it's really needed? The new Eldis Key Issues Guide to Climate Finance provides an overarching insight into some of the key issues and themes. 	http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/climate-change/key-issues/climate-finance#.VQbjMdyfsds

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope Francis talks about ethical investing while addressing a group of entrepreneurs. 	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVmhW Dd_unA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock, Unilever, PVH on sustainability from investors to boards of directors, an article by Helle Bank Jorgensen: Executives from the \$4.3 trillion investment firm, \$126 billion consumer products giant and \$8 billion apparel magnate connect the dots on long-term business models, finance and sustainability. 	http://www.greenbiz.com/article/Blackrock-Unilever-PVH-investors-boards-business-sustainability?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRohu6zLZKXonjHpfSx66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HRMFkI%2BSDLwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why care about conflict minerals? Customers and investors do: Far-away raw materials may seem like a simple cog in the supply chain for large businesses, but blatant human rights abuses are both ethically and financially volatile. 	http://www.greenbiz.com/article/why-care-about-conflict-minerals-customers-and-investors-do?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRogsq3OZKXonjHpfSx66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HS8tkI%2BSDLwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investor Q&A: Why the Rockefeller Brothers Fund is divesting from fossil fuels: It might seem odd for a foundation built on oil to shift its money away from the industry — here's why it made financial sense to switch gears. 	http://www.greenbiz.com/article/investor-qa-why-rockefeller-brothers-fund-divesting-fossil-fuels?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRogsq3OZKXonjHpfSx66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HS8tkI%2BSDLwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment as economic threat: How sustainability redefines risk: Disasters that knock factories offline, scarce resources and shifting social dynamics — welcome to the daunting new world of sustainable business. 	http://www.greenbiz.com/article/environment-economic-threat-business-risk-sustainability?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRogs6zJZKXonjHpfSx66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4HSspqI%2BSDLwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booming Globally: Global sustainable investing assets grew 61 per cent to \$21.4 trillion in two years to 2014 to reach \$21.4 trillion according to a report by the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance. 	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/responsible-investments-booming-globally/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RET indecision cramps Australian renewable investment, as rest of the world moves forward: Australian clean energy investment in 2014 tumbled by 35 per cent to its the lowest since 2009 and was contrary to the 16 per cent lift globally, a report by Bloomberg New Energy Finance showed. 	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/ret-indecision-cramps-australian-renewable-investment-rest-world-moves-forward/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong growth in American ethical investment: Sustainable, responsible and impact investing (SRI) assets in America have grown 76 per cent in two years to the start of 2014, according to the US Sustainable Investment Foundation's latest biennial survey. 	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/strong-growth-american-ethical-investment/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Investor Coalition on Climate Change has issued a report on its expectations for how fossil fuel companies should deal with carbon asset risks as it prepares to increase engagement with industry in the coming year. 	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/new-report-oil-gas-companies-outlines-carbon-asset-risks/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investors and other stakeholders have a launched a program to publicly rank 500 of world's biggest global companies on their human rights performance. The Corporate Human Rights Benchmark aims to harness the competitive nature of the markets to drive better human rights performance, by developing a transparent, publicly available and credible benchmark. 	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/new-benchmark-aims-boost-respect-human-rights/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Sustainable Investment Review 2012 issued by the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance (GSIA) states that the global market for socially responsible investment (SRI) is approximately 13.6 trillion dollars. By contrast, Japan's SRI market is quite small at about 10 billion dollars. 	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id035167.html

Other Issues

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new website has been launched which helps local authorities and other organisations working on climate change, or working with vulnerable communities, to respond to this challenge. The site was developed in partnership by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Climate UK, the Environment Agency and the University of Manchester. 	<p>http://www.climatejust.org.uk/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-year SEI project has produced a package of resources that highlight the need to look beyond national boundaries in adaptation planning, and explain how policy-makers can start identifying and addressing indirect climate risks. The project involved the development of a conceptual framework that can be used to identify indirect impacts of climate change. 	<p>https://weadapt.org/initiative/adaptation-without-borders</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team of the 'Low Carbon Future Cities' project has launched a Virtual Academy on sustainable urbanisation. The Academy is a resource base aiming to inform city experts from the NGO sector, academia or politics about key terms, methodologies and successful approaches for achieving low carbon urban development. 	<p>http://wupperinst.org/en/info/details/wi/a/s/ad/2887/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new interactive online tool shows that cutting carbon emissions to limit global temperatures to a 2°C rise can be achieved while improving living standards. The Global Calculator, led by DECC and co-funded by Climate-KIC, was built in collaboration with ten leading international organisations from the US, China, India and Europe to model the world's energy, land, food and climate systems. 	<p>http://www.globalcalculator.org/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February, Dr. Andrew Steer, World Resources Institute's President & CEO, discussed the issues and stories that will shape the world in economics, business, natural resources, and the environment in 2015. 2015 was deemed to be a decisive year for major environmental and sustainability issues, as world leaders deal with climate change, aim to lift more people out of poverty, and make the world a more sustainable, prosperous place. 	<p>http://www.wri.org/blog/2015/01/6-stories-watch-2015-global-climate-deal-sustainable-development-goals-rising-water</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DART - Doctoral Program in Accounting, Reporting, and Taxation PhD Program Announcement at the University of Graz and the University of Vienna, Austria. Sponsored by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). 	<p>http://www.dart.ac.at</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards REDD+ Integrity: opportunities and challenges for Indonesia, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (2015). Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) has become a cornerstone of Indonesia's forest sector policies. Given corruption risks in the sector, a number of policies and initiatives have been launched to ensure that risks of corruption in REDD+ are minimised. 	<p>http://www.cmi.no/publications/file/5371-towards-redd-integrity.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compendium of lessons learned from ARCC (Latin American Resilience to Climate Change) climate change vulnerability assessments: This report draws on experience gained through preparing assessments in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Malawi, Senegal, and Uganda. It is intended that the lessons compiled in this report constitute a reference tool that can be used by assessment designers to define the scope of a climate change vulnerability assessment (CCVA) and by key decision makers to introduce climate change adaptation into new or existing policies and programs. 	<p>http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70281</p>

Other Issues (continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 and beyond: Action for a just, gender-equitable and sustainable future, CARE International (2014). This briefing paper argues that gender inequality is one of the most widespread and persistent barriers to social justice and that climate change amplifies the risks faced by people who are already poor and marginalised, with widespread negative consequences primarily for women and girls, and for society as a whole. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=70278
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global report on the situation of women human rights defenders, Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition (2012). This extensive report was produced between 2005 and 2012 by members of the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition. It includes 43 detailed case studies selected by coalition members. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=66443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining Human Progress: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience (Human Development Report 2014), United Nations Development Programme (2014). This is the latest in a long series dedicated to independent, empirically grounded analyses of major development issues, trends, and policies. The theme of the 2014 report is on reducing vulnerabilities and building resilience, and it takes a holistic look at the risks and opportunities. 	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=68722
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