CSEAR Newsletter – March 2016 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

The CSEAR North America Conference will be held on 1st and 2nd June 2016 at the University of Normal, Illinois. Den Patten is kindly organising this for us with the help of Michelle Rodrigue. Full details can be found on the conference website. Whilst the closing date for papers has passed, please contact Den directly if you still wish to submit a paper, as they are open to late submissions.	Please see attached call for papers http://business.illinoisstate.edu/csear/ dmpatte@ilstu.edu
The VI CSEAR Italian Conference will be held on 30 June – 1 July 2016 at the University of Parma, and a call for papers is attached.	Please see attached call for papers
• The 28 th ICSEAR Conference will be held once again in the University of St Andrews, Scotland from 23 rd – 25 th August. The 3 rd Emerging Scholars Colloquium will also be held on the 23 rd August at the University of St Andrews. A call for papers for the conference and for the Emerging Scholars colloquium have been issued. We are delighted to announce that the confirmed plenary conference speaker is Professor Jeffrey Unerman, of Royal Holloway University of London. Please note the following submission dates for papers: Emerging Scholars Colloquium - 1 May 2016; 28th International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research - 13 May 2016. If you think you will be unable to meet the submission deadline(s) but still want to submit papers then please email to arrange an extension. Registration for the conference will open in early April. Please look out for the email with a link to the registration site.	Please see attached call for papers Matias Laine Matias.Laine@uta.fi Carmen Correa: mccorrui@upo.es Main Conference Please see attached call for papers csear@st-andrews.ac.uk http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/conferences/forthco ming/#d.en.332781
• The Reg Mathews Memorial Prize 2015 has been won by Dale Tweedie and Nonna Martinov-Bennie for their paper "Entitlements and Time: Integrated Reporting's Double-edged Agenda" The paper was printed in SEAJ Volume 35 Number 1, pp.49-61. This year was a close choice — so the Editorial Board would also like to recognise the following paper as "highly commended": Andrew Timming and Ross Brown 2015: "Employee Voice through Open-book Accounting: The Benefits of Informational Transparency" SEAJ 35(2), pp. 86-95.	http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/seaj/contents/
The VI GECAMB conference on Environmental Management and Accounting – the Portuguese CSEAR conference, will be held on 3- 4 November, 2016 at the Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave, Barcelos, Portugal. A first call for papers is now available as is the conference website	Please see attached call for papers http://web.ipca.pt/gecamb/



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 Teaching Case Competition 2016: after the successful 2015 competition it has been agreed to continue the competition on an annual basis, with the next one running in 2016. Full details of the competition can be found on the CSEAR website, but the deadline date for your diary is 10 June 2016 - submission by email to csear@st-andrews.ac.uk; Winners will be notified by 1 July 2016 - And the winners will be asked to present their cases at CSEAR UK (23 - 25 August 2016). 	http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/membersarea/teach _comp/
The 1st CSEAR Ireland conference, will take place at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick on October 2oth and 21st, 2016, with a masterclass/workshop on the 19th October. A call for papers has been issued and is attached for information.	See attached call for papers
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.	See attached document for completion
 Invitation: CSEAR Blog seeking guest bloggers: Do you write blogs or tweet about your research? Would you like to share short overviews or updates with others in the CSEAR communities? The CSEAR Blog is looking for guest contributors to write up to 500 words on their research. If you have something to contribute or would like to find out more about the CSEAR blog please contact Colin Dey. 	http://csearweb.blogspot.co.uk/ Colin Dey: colin.dey@stirl.ac.uk
CSEAR Council has now finalised and realised its Annual Report and Financial Statement for CSEAR for the period 1/8/14 – 31/7/15. This can also be found on the CSEAR website.	Please see attached pdf http://www.st- andrews.ac.uk/csear/membersarea/csear- council/session%2014_15/
General Invitation to Submit 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. While we are open to a broad range of literature relevant to the SEAJ readers being reviewed, we do focus on reviews of recent publications. Reviews are generally 300-350 words, however can be longer in the case of a book review. We look forward to hearing from you (or your postgraduate students) soon with a suggested review.	Hannele Makela hannele.makela@uta.fi Helen Tregidga helen.tregidga@aut.ac.nz Michelle Rodrigue Michelle.Rodrigue@fsa.ulaval.ca
The School of Management at the University of St Andrews and ICAS (The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland) are pleased to announce a funded PhD scholarship, awarded under the Scotlish Graduate School of Social Science (SGSSS) Collaborative Award Scheme. Full details are attached and informal enquiries can be made to Professor John Ferguson.	Please see attached pdf Jf6o@st-andrews.ac.uk

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McElroy) have had an article re Harvard Business Review. It is thoughts you may have in the of webpage. Alternatively, please clarification you may like to he the best means we know of me	ask Mark or Martin for any ave. The MultiCapital Scorecard offers assuring sustainability performance in social domains. It provides integrated	Martin Thomas m.thomas@call4change.com Mark McElroy mmcelroy@vermontel.net http://www.multicapitalscorecard.com https://hbr.org/2015/12/a-better- scorecard-for-your-companys- sustainability-efforts.
-	be hosted by the University of ny thanks to Juergen Seufert for this.	Details to follow

Call for Papers

•	Accounting, Society and the Environment, Research Workshop, Wednesday 4th May 9am – 5.3opm, at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.	See attached call for papers
•	52nd Annual (2017) Journal of Accounting Research Conference: Registered Reports of Empirical Research, University of Chicago Booth School of Business on May 12-13, 2017.	https://research.chicagobooth.edu/~/media/913oC8 D2A8D54E1598D7o4C8D9BF922E.pdf
•	Global Conference on Business and Finance May 24-27, 2016, San Jose, Costa Rica. You are invited to participate in the 2016 Global Conference on Business and Finance (GCBF). The conferences are sponsored by The Institute for Business and Finance Research, LLC (IBFR).	http://www.theibfr.com/costaricainfo.htm
•	Elsevier Special Issue: The Effects of Environmental, social and governance disclosures and performance on firm value. The purpose of the special issue is to publish new research that uses fresh and innovative approaches to this area and brings novel insights to this field.	http://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-british- accounting-review/call-for-papers/special- issue-the-effects-of-environmental-social- and-govern/



Sustainable Earth 2016 - a global forum for connecting research with action - is taking place on 23 and 24 June 2016 at Plymouth University.	https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/institut es/sustainable-earth/sustainable-earth-2016
The European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) is an EU body with a mission to prevent and mitigate systemic risks to financial stability.	https://www.esrb.europa.eu/shared/pdf/ESRB- en.pdf. https://www.esrb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/2015-04- 20_Members_ESRB_ASC_2015_new.pdf.
Call for Papers for the 2016 Klaus Liebscher Award: If you wish to make a submission, please e-mail your paper to the Head of Economic Studies of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank, citing the reference "Klaus Liebscher Award 2016" in the subject line. For more details, please consult the OeNB web page.	https://www.oenb.at/en/About-Us/Research- Promotion/Grants/Klaus-Liebscher- Award.html
Energy and Commodity Finance Conference 2016, 23-24 June 2016, ESSEC Business School, France.	http://ecomfin2016.essec.edu
 International Risk Management Conference 2016: Ninth Annual Meeting of The Risk Banking and Finance Society: "Risk Management and Regulation in Banks and Other Financial Institutions - How to Achieve Economic Stability?" June 13-15, 2016, Jerusalem, Israel. 	http://www.irmc.eu
The World Buddhist University would like to invite you to present an academic paper in the International Conference on "Buddhist Economics and World Crises" Please send your topic and abstract, and your completed paper to Khun Srinrat (Toon).	wbucentre@gmail.com,
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/
"The challenges and future of the accounting profession": Call for papers - 2016 international conference for critical accounting (ICCA) Emerging critical scholars workshop. Accounting and the new Labor process symposium (ANLP).	http://aux.zicklin.baruch.cuny.edu/tinker/2016ICCA
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.	Email: editor@aripd.org.
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://lhscientificpublishing.com/journals/JEAM- Default.aspx
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?Journ alID=2421&utm_source=E&utm_medium=cpJHRSS 20130617&utm_campaign=aimScope



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•	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
•	Review of Contemporary Business Research is an international journal concerned with the contemporary operation of business systems and enterprises.	http://rcbrnet.com/

Other Conferences

•	Symposium on sustainable Development research at universities in the UK, Manchester metropolitan university 5th-6th april 2016 .	Http://www.haw- hamburg.de/fileadmin/user_upload/fakls/o7forschu ng/ftz- als/veranstaltungen/symposium.sdintheuk.2_1pdf
•	GARI Conference: 18—20th April 2016 : The Globalisation of Corporate Governance: Does Compliance Kill Values and Enterprise? Henley Business School.	http://www.store.reading.ac.uk/browse /extra_info.asp?compid=2&modid=2&d eptid=20&catid=9&prodid=651
•	2016 International Conference of Critical Accounting (ICCA) 28/29 April 2016.	http://aux.zicklin.baruch.cuny.edu/tink er/2016ICCA
•	1st BEE Conference — Business & Entrepreneurial Economics, City of Zagreb and Plitvice Lakes, Croatia, from May 18-20, 2016.	http://bee-conference.com/
•	5th GRI Global Conference, Amsterdam, 18-20 May 2016.	Https://www.globalreporting.org/5th-gri- global-conference/Pages/default.aspx
•	Facing the Future: Realising Resilience – A highly engaging interdisciplinary conference for Postgraduate and early career researchers, 31st May-1st June 2016, Aberdeen.	http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cechr/postgr aduates/ftf16/
•	35th International Business Research Conference, 30-31 May 2016, American University in the Emirates, Dubai, UAE. Submission Deadline: 29 April 2016, Registration Deadline: 20 May 2016.	www.papsconfo.com
•	The EURAM 2016 Conference "Manageable Cooperation?" Paris, June 1 – 4 2016.	http://euram-online.org/annual-conference- 2016.html
•	5th Global Business and Finance Research Conference, 2 – 3 June 2016, Novotel Hotel Sydney Central, Sydney, Australia. Submission Deadline: 29 April, 2016.	www.respapers.org
•	7th International workshop on cooperative finance and sustainable development, June 16th - 17th 2016, Trento.	Http://www.euricse.eu/7th-euricse- international-workshop-on-cooperative- finance-and-sustainable-development/
•	6th International Conference of the Restructuring of the Global Economy (ROGE) 20-21st June 2016, University of Oxford, UK	www.abrmr.com

Other Conferences (continued)

20th Financial Reporting and Business Communication Conference to be held at Bristol on the 30th of June and the 1st of July 2016.	http://www.bafa.ac.uk/subgroups/special- interest-groups/financial-accounting-and- reporting/events.html
6thAnnual Conference on Business Strategy in the Age of Disruption (BizStrategy 2016) 22-23 August 2016 Singapore.	http://biz-strategy.org/CallForPapers.html
CFP 'Critical approaches to sustainability' Panel Proposal to be presented at the CADAAD 2016, University of Catania, 5-7 September 2016.	http://cadaad.net/

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

Accounting and Reporting

•	Do you still have your old Accounting textbooks? If yes, please read on.	https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/do-you-still- have-your-old-accounting-text-books-yes- please-jennings
•	It's been two steps forward and one back — or maybe the other way around — in progress toward a circular economy .	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/top-7-circular- economy-moments- 2015?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouva%2FIZKXonjH pfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRcBqI% 2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	CDP's new global forests report highlights the business case for removing deforestation from company supply chains.	http://blog.cdp.net/what-investors-want-to- know-about-commodity-linked-deforestation/
•	How might some of 2015's most talked about changes move us closer to a circular economy, burying 'waste' as a concept to enter the era of renewal? We examine six Signals of Change on the Futures Centre for answers.	http://thefuturescentre.org/trend- cards/124/circular- economy?utm_source=The+Futures+Centre+- +Newsletter&utm_campaign=8855c6ao5o- Futures_Centre_Newsletter7_10_2015&utm_m edium=email&utm_term=0_7769f48cbf- 8855c6ao5o-
•	"Climate change and food security: risks and responses" by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (2016). The effects of climate change on agricultural systems and food and nutrition security are already severe and widespread. Almost 800 million people are chronically undernourished, and population and wealth growth are set to increase demand for food and feed in the near future.	http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5188e.pdf
•	"Renewable energy benefits: measuring the economics" International Renewable Energy Agency (2016). This report provides the first quantification of the macroeconomic impact of doubling the global share of renewables in the energy mix by 2030. The study builds on IRENA's previous work on the socio-economic benefits of renewable energy, as well as on REmap 2030, IRENA's roadmap for doubling the global share of renewables.	http://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloads/Publications/IRENA_Measuring-the-Economics_2016.pdf

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•	"Towards the development and implementation of effective policies for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation" United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (2015). The development and implementation of effective policies to ensure disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) need close collaboration and knowledge exchange between decision makers, the scientific community, the private sector, and civil society organisations, as well as the public. In practice, two major problems have been identified.	https://www.adelphi.de/sites/default/files/mediathek/bilder/Know4DRR_Policy%20Brief%202015.pdf
•	"Shockwaves: managing the impact of climate change on poverty" World Bank (2016): This report provides new quantification of how climate change will affect poor people and poverty through agricultural impacts, natural disasters, and health shocks.	https://www.gfdrr.org/sites/default/files/publication/Shock_Waves.pdf
•	"Case study on corporate planning processes with the state-level programmes in Nigeria" State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability. Public sector management reforms in Nigeria face a number of challenges that have limited the scope, speed and quality of service provision. The Nigerian Government is increasing its efforts to address these challenges through effective public sector management reforms.	http://www.sparc- nigeria.com/RC/files/3.2.37_SLP_Corp orate_Planning_Case_Study.pdf#sear ch="IGS037"
•	"Helpdesk report: CSOs holding governments to account" Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (2015). This report responds to: What is the range of interventions that CSOs currently deliver to help people in developing countries hold governments and others to account and influence decisions that affect poor people's lives?	http://www.gsdrc.org/publications/csos- holding-governments-to-account/
•	The State of Green Business: The circular economy revs up: Why Dow, Coca-Cola, Google and many other big companies are joining the quest to cut waste by continually cycling materials back through supply chains.	http://www.greenbiz.com/article/state-green- business-circular-economy- revs?utm_medium=email&utm_source=e- news&utm_campaign=greenbuzz
•	What's a forest worth? Disaster assistance (finally) accounts for nature.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/whats- forest-worth-disaster-assistance-finally- accounts-nature
•	The Ellen MacArthur Foundation shares a bold vision with Ikea, Kimberly Clark and Unilever. As You Sow wants brands to step up more.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/ret hink-future-plastics-start-packaging
•	Real leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility: A systems view. The rapid acceleration in social and environmental forces impacting businesses requires a shift in thinking.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/real- leadership-corporate-social-responsibility- systems- view?utm_medium=email&utm_source=e- news&utm_campaign=greenbuzz
•	Study by the European Patent Office (EPO) and United Nations Environment Pro-gramme (UNEP): Strong growth for climate change mitigation technologies.	http://www.epo.org/news- issues/news/2015/201501208.html



•	A study, which Leuphana University conducted on Greenpeace's behalf, found that Germany's young generation places much more importance upon sustainable principles than it did in 2012. The concept of the guiding principle "sustainability", with its ecological, social and economic dimensions, has made a deep impact on the polled 15- to 24-yearolds the study concluded.	https://www.greenpeace.de/sites/www.greenpeace.de/files/publications/nachhaltigkeitsbarometer-2015-zusammenfassung-greenpeace-20160113_0.pdf
•	"Africa 2030: Roadmap for a renewable energy future" International Renewable Energy Agency. Part of IRENA's global Remap analysis - provides a comprehensive roadmap for Africa's energy transition. The report recommends 14 actions to accelerate Africa's renewable energy uptake.	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=73620 http://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloa ds/Publications/IRENA_Africa_2030_REma p_2015_low-res.pdf
•	"Global report on trafficking in persons 2014" United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Human trafficking, the forced movement and exploitation of persons, is the basest of crimes and yet remains prevalent in every region of the globe, while offenders too often escape prosecution.	http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=74738 https://www.unodc.org/documents/data- and- analysis/glotip/GLOTIP_2014_full_report. pdf
•	Ikea Group 2015 Sustainability Report Review: Going all-in: The furnishings giant demonstrates sustainability leadership.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/ikea-group-2015-sustainability-report-review-going-all?utm_campaign=ETH%2004MAR16%20Newsletter.htm&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloquahttp://www.ikea.com/ms/en_US/img/ad_content/2015_IKEA_sustainability_report.pdf
•	The world has an employee engagement crisis, with serious and potentially lasting repercussions for the global economy. Though companies and leaders worldwide recognize the advantages of engaging employees, employee engagement has barely budged in well over a decade.	http://www.gallup.com/businessjournal/1 88o33/worldwide-employee-engagement- crisis.aspx?utm_source=tagrss&utm_medi um=rss&utm_campaign=syndication
•	Ethical Corporation's valuable, reliable and impartial resource for supply chain business intelligence can be downloaded free just now.	http://imgo3.en25.com/Web/FCBusinessIntelligenceLtd/%7B12 24032c-fa11-4886-8542- 479dab8xd362%7D_1679_27JAN16_Content_P1_(Supply_Chain_Analysis_Pack).pdf?utm_campaign=1679%2027JAN16%20Content%20P1%20Autoresponder.htm&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elq=fe7ca35651624aa1bedf3c6f632fa50b&elqCampaignId=5980&elqaid=13412&elqat=1&elqTrackId=04397450e4124d758311a0a6ba8bd68f
•	SSRN delivered well over 1 million PDFs last month and will reach 100 million downloads in the middle of 2016. The SSRN eLibrary currently has 643,000 paper abstracts from close to 300,000 authors and their CiteReader technology has extracted 9 million references and 9 million footnotes, and matched 6 million citations from our 537,000 full text papers.	http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/DisplayA bstractSearch.cfm
•	GRI Chief Executive, Michael Meehan discusses one of the lesser-communicated impacts of climate change – the impact on foreign direct investment (FDI) in emerging economies.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news- and-press-center/Pages/Foreign-Direct-Investment- the-unspoken-collateral-damage-of-climate- change.aspx?dm_i=4J5,3YMLE,HU5A8R,EAQ54,1



•	Four organizations announced their reports through GRI's Featured Report Service: China National Nuclear Power; China Three Gorges Corporatation; Air China Limited and Family Development Foundation (UAE).	https://www.globalreporting.org/services/ Communication/featured-reports- service/Pages/default.aspx?dm_i=4J5,3Y MLE,HU5A8R,EAQ54,1
•	The GSSB (Global Standards Sustainability Board) is reviewing ways in which the credibility of sustainability reporting can be enhanced and they are looking for your input on regional and national policies on, and standards for, assurance of non-financial information.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Standards-on-assurance-of-non-financial-information.aspx?dm_i=4J5,3YMLE,HU5A8R,EAQ54,1
•	Greater Reporting Needed on Gender Equality to Close the Gap. International Women's Day on 8 March provided an opportunity to catalyze vital action on closing the gender gap around the world.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Greater-Reporting-Needed-on-Gender-Equality-to-Close-the-Gap.aspx?dm_i=4J5,42UBG,HU5A8R,ETNO8,1
•	Corporate reporting rates for the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region were the highest in the world in 2015, and with a landmark deal recently announced by the Asian Development Bank on Climate Bonds for Asia Pacific, a new focus is being placed on this emerging region.	https://www.globalreporting.org/informat ion/news-and-press- center/Pages/Sustainable-development- in-the-worlds-fastest-growing-reporting- region.aspx?dm_i=4J5,42UBG,HU5A8R,E TNO8,1
•	Transition to Standards: New format to enhance the quality of global reporting. Find out about the important work being done to transition the GRI G4 Guidelines to GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards to be well positioned to accommodate future advancements in the sustainable development landscape.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Transition-to-Standards-New-format-to-enhance-the-quality-of-global-reporting-aspx?dm_i=4J5,42UBG,HU5A8R,ETNO8,1
•	GRI has just published its Sustainable Development Strategy to support the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Find out how GRI intends to foster inclusive development and sustainable, green, economic growth in the coming years.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/GRI-Commits-to-the-2030-Agenda-with-a-new-Sustainable-Development-Strategyaspx?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0
•	Ethical Consumer have just released a report on the clothing industry. The report focuses on the positive impact of campaign action and how this has led to increased transparency is some areas of the clothing sector.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalreports /fashionindustry.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+Mon thly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d72679a46o- The_Catwalk_to_Ethical_Fashion12_14_2015&u tm_medium=email&utm_term=o_9856040c29- d72679a46o-268537329
•	The new phase in the evolution of natural capital accounting: Applying natural capital accounting tools to decrease risks and to increase opportunities.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/new-phase- evolution-natural-capital- accounting?utm_medium=email&utm_source= e-news&utm_campaign=greenbuzz
•	The 9th annual State of Green Business report: This year's report continues our tradition of taking the pulse of corporate progress in sustainability, in the United States and around the world.	http://info.greenbiz.com/rs/211-NJY- 165/images/State_of_Green_Business_Report_2016.p df?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouvKjNZKXonjHpfsX 660QoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4ITMtkl%2BSL DwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	Ethical Consumer have just released their annual flagship report on the state of the ethical market.	http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/portals/o/flipb ooks/ecmr2015/files/assets/common/download s/publication.pdf
•	Why companies see circular thinking as an emerging strategy - pushing reuse and deriving new value from the materials of production, Ellen MacArthur is branding a new economic model.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/why- companies-see-circular-thinking-emerging- strategy?utm_medium=email&utm_source=e- news&utm_campaign=greenbuzz



Accounting and Reporting (continued)

•	Futurevalue: Integrated Reporting swells Britain's soft power. The emergence and rapid uptake of the voluntary Integrated Reporting framework across the world is an unexpected manifestation of the UK's highly influential global soft power base.	http://integratedreporting.org/news/futur evalue-integrated-reporting-swells- britains-soft-power/
•	ACCA and IMA: "From share value to shared value". The accountancy profession is playing in pushing the idea of Integrated Reporting forward. The report is aimed at accountants who would like to get involved more closely, or even drive, the <ir> efforts within their company.</ir>	http://integratedreporting.org/resource/acca-and-ima-from-share-value-to-shared-value/
•	"The role of internal audit in non-financial and Integrated Reporting" The Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors has published a report on the role of internal audit in non-financial and Integrated Reporting. It offers some early insights into how internal audit can and is beginning to be harnessed by organisations in the vanguard of this new era of corporate reporting.	http://integratedreporting.org/resource/the-role-of-internal-audit-in-non-financial-and-integrated-reporting/
•	Advocates of Integrated Reporting join Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures: The International Integrated Reporting Council welcomes announcement on the membership of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures.	http://integratedreporting.org/news/advocates-of-integrated-reporting-join-task-force-on-climate-related-financial-disclosures/ http://integratedreporting.org/news/paul-druckman-addresses-task-force-on-climate-related-financial-disclosure/
•	ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) welcomes the publication of the long-awaited European Commission's Consultation on the non-binding guidelines on methodology for reporting non-financial information.	http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/dis cover/news/2016/january/nfr- consultation.html?from=XX
•	A new CIMA-sponsored report investigates effect of financial crisis on UK local government.	http://www.cimaglobal.com/Documents/Thoug ht_leadership_docs/NHS-public- sector/Governmental-financial-resilience- austerity.pdf
•	FEE's Annual Report includes a summary of FEE's activities, an overview of FEE's publications, and other useful information.	http://www.fee.be/images/publications/ge neral/FEE_2015_Annual_report_final.pdf
•	A review published of FTSE 350 companies' environmental reporting and GHG emission disclosures in annual reports CDSB (Climate Disclosure Standards Board) is an international consortium of business and environmental NGOs. CDSB published the report 'Comply or Explain' with the results of a review of the FTSE 350 companies' environmental reporting and greenhouse gas emission disclosures in annual reports.	http://www.cdsb.net/sites/default/file s/cdsb_comply_or_explain.pdf
•	The European Union recently adopted a directive that will mandate sustainability reporting starting in 2017. Under the new law, a company (that fits in the scope) must report on environmental impacts, social matters, human rights, anti-corruption, and diversity	http://complianceandethics.org/eu- mandates-sustainability-disclosure- starting-in-2017/

Accounting and Reporting (continued)

 High levels of corporate stress, flawed remuneration policies, complex legal structures, a tendency for takeovers to proliferate, and lax financial discipline are all potential signs of a poor corporate culture, according to a report issued by the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN), ICSA: The Governance Institute, and the Institute of Business Ethics. 	http://www.ibe.org.uk/userassets/oth erpdfs/2016redflagsreport.pdf
SustainAbility: Global Trends Report: 2016 and beyond	http://hello.sustainability.com/annual- trends-report/
Sustainability Incorporated: Integrating Sustainability into Business: Many companies claim that sustainability sits at the heart of their business, yet the reality is that very few corporations have fully integrated sustainability into their business model.	http://www.sustainability.com/library/sustainability-incorporated?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=S ustainability%zolncorporated%zoReport%zoLaunch&utm_content=Sustainability%zolncorporated%zoReport%zoLaunch+CID_4azcco7c29eb7o73zae7a57898f8a 16e&utm_source=Campaign%zoMonitor&utm_term= Download#.VuF_n5OLTVo

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

• OECD corporate tax proposals fall flat: Global tax reform should be handled by the United Nations rather than the OECD

http://leftfootforward.org/2015/10/oecd-corporate-tax-proposals-fall-flat/

 Recent days have seen intense debate in the UK about Google's tax settlement, which is shrouded in secrecy. I have an article which offers alternative numbers and analysis. The article is titled "Why Google's tax deal is unacceptable" and is available here:

http://leftfootforward.org/2016/01/why-googles-tax-deal-is-unacceptable/http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/po3h5zr4

• HSBC, a bank, has been holding the UK to ransom with threats of moving its HQ abroad. Now the bank has decided to remain in the UK. I have a comment on it on The Guardian website with the title "Why on earth would HSBC leave a country that gives banks an easy ride?"

http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/15/hsbc-uk-banks-bankers-prosecution

- There is comment on the poverty of accounting regulation in the UK in The Accountant with the title "The Financial Reporting Council has failed and needs to be replaced"
- http://www.theaccountant-online.com/features/comment-the-financial-reporting-council-has-failed-and-needs-to-be-replaced-4808483/
- Facebook has announced that it is changing is business model and according to one its executives "UK sales made directly by our UK team will be booked in the UK, not Ireland. Facebook UK will then record the revenue from these sales". This begs the question why sales made by the UK are not already booked in the UK? As a result of the announced billing change, Facebook claims that it will pay much more corporate tax in the UK. In the smoke and mirrors world of corporate PR, this is not quite what it seems.

https://theconversation.com/facebook-looks-set-to-pay-more-uk-tax-but-it-might-not-be-as-much-as-you-think-55781

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



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•	POST COP 21: Investing in a low carbon world: This PRI Quarterly issue calls on investors to heed the new climate change calculus of the Paris Agreement.	http://2xjmlj8428u1a2k5034l1m71.wpengine .netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/RI- QUARTERLYvolg.pdf
•	From the PRI: Why investors will feel the sting from pollinators' decline	http://www.unpri.org/whatsnew/why- investors-will-feel-the-sting-from- pollinators-decline/
•	The Global Sustainable Competitiveness Index evaluates the sustainable competitiveness of 180 countries based on 106 quantitative indicators collected by the World Bank and other international agencies.	http://solability.com/the-global-sustainable- competitiveness-index/the- index?utm_source=newsletter&utm_mediu m=email&utm_campaign=the_global_sustai nable_competitiveness_index_2015
•	Why business no longer fears carbon pricing: Once rarely mentioned in polite company, the idea of putting a price on carbon is now a rallying cry among businesses	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/why-business-no-longer-fears-carbon-pricing?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_t ok=3RkMMJWVff5y8cova%scPIZKXonjHpfsX66OQ0Xq%2B2IMI %2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRcBql%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	Shareholder activists have a lot to learn about prodding companies toward sustainability. Here's what 2015 brought.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/shareholder-proposals-smart- and-strategic-simplistic-and- senseless?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouva%2FIZKXonjHpfsX66 OQoXq%2BzIMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRcBql%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgF SLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	The latest move announced at COP21 by the Financial Stability Board to create a Climate Disclosure Taskforce headed by Michael Bloomberg is a giant leap forward.	http://blog.cdp.net/climate-disclosure-goes- mainstream/
•	Companies and investors are calling for robust policies that place a price on CO2 emissions that is high enough that companies can retool their operations and drive investment into low-carbon solutions.	http://blog.cdp.net/the-pathways-to- carbon-pricing/
•	Giving investors new tools for corporate engagement: Work on data modelling takes a step forward with the launch of a new dataset for investors.	http://blog.cdp.net/new-tool-for-investor- action-cop21/
•	Using CDP data, New York State's pension fund have launched a \$2 billion index weighted to low-carbon companies. Could such indexes revolutionize low-carbon investing? Read more on The New York Times.	http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/ 01/05/an-investment-strategy-to-save-the- planet/?_r=0
•	If they haven't already, investors need to add "What is our approach to climate change?" to their 2016 to-do list. Read more on Top 1000 Funds.	http://www.top1000funds.com/featured- homepage-posts/2016/01/08/what-cop21- means-for-investors-to-do-lists/
•	Apple's battle with the FBI over data security may be dominating tech headlines, but another recent development at the company could have a big direct impact on sustainability. The tech giant has announced plans to issue \$1.5 billion in green bonds to pay for a wide range of environmental initiatives across its global operations. It's the largest ever green bonds initiative to be undertaken by a U.S. company, reflecting growing interest in innovative sustainability financing models.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/apple-first-us-tech-company-issue-green-bonds



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•	With COP21 proving global interest in stemming climate change and with regional cap and trade schemes working, the time for carbon markets has arrived.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/3-signs-carbon- trading-markets-are-about-hit-their- stride?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvqTBZKXonjHpfs X66OQoXq%2BzIMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMRnI%2BSL DwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	The extension of the Production Tax Credit and Investment Tax Credit could mean a 56 percent boost to the renewable energy industry over five years.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/congress-extends- renewable-investment-tax-credit-what- now?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvazBZKXonjHpfsX6 6OQoXq%2BzlMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMtjI%2BSLDwE YGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	What happens when two disruptive industries meet? Peer-to- peer lending is changing the way solar energy is being financed and invested.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/peer-peer-power-finance-tech-comes-solar-energy
•	Many investors are unable to conduct due diligence . Here's what can be done about it	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/do- financial-services-firms-only-monitor-tip- iceberg
•	Mars, Kellogg, Unilever, General Mills will work with the WWF on the systemic change needed, through the Markets Institute to Advance Sustainable Food Production.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/wwfs- new-markets-institute-sets-table-feed-g- billion
•	The European Sustainable and Responsible Investment Forum (EuroSIF) has appointed Flavia Micilotta as new Executive Director from 1 December 2015.	http://www.eurosif.org/wp- content/uploads/2015/12/Press-Release- FINAL.pdf.
•	Global Challenges Index in 2015: Growing investor interest in sustainable investments. The portfolio of sustainable investments offered on the Hanover Stock Exchange continues to enjoy keen investor interest.	http://www.oekom- research.com/index_en.php?content=top_ne wsletter
•	SRI Label: Methodology for state SRI standard published in France. The French government has presented the screening methodology which fund managers should now use to have investment funds certified to the newly launched SRI label.	http://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/12541_cahier-des-charges-du-label-isr-soutenu-par-les-pouvoirs-publics-
•	According to the Climate Bonds Initiative, a total of US\$ 41.8 billion of green bonds was issued in 2015. The five largest green bond issuers last year were KfW (US\$ 1.66 billion), ING Bank (US\$ 1.3 billion), EDF and Toyota Finance (each US\$ 1.25 billion) and Tennet Holding BV (US\$ 1.12 billion).	http://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/2015 %20GB%20Market%20Roundup%2003A.pdf http://www.oekom- research.com/index_en.php
•	In its latest Country Rating, oekom research assessed a total of 56 nations, including all the EU, OECD and BRICS nations, as well as key Asian and South American countries in terms of their respective sustainability performance. The assessed nations account for over 94 percent of the world's outstanding sovereign bonds. The analysis is based on around 100 individual criteria and incorporates aspects such as the observation of human rights, freedom of opinion and the press, investments in education and healthcare, and the constellation of the countries' energy mixes and climate protection measures. The oekom Focus Country Rating contains the individual findings of the Country Rating and can be requested free of charge.	info@oekom-research.com.



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•	Divestment dominoes begin to fall in insurance industry: German-based insurance giant Allianz has pledge to divest over €4.1 billion of its investment portfolio from coal miners and coal- fired power companies and will also implement ESG screening across its portfolio.	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/divestment-dominoes-begin-fall-insurance-industry/
•	Eradicating the perverse outcomes of short-termism in financial markets and clarifying the fiduciary duty of superannuation trustees are among the key advocacy priorities for the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia.	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/riaa-takes-long- term-view/
•	Clean energy investment surged in China, Africa, America, Latin America, and India in 2015 driving the world total to its highest ever figure of US\$328.9 billion, beating the previous record, by 3%	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/renewable-energy- shines-2015/
•	BHP & Woolies included in Human Rights Benchmark: BHP Billiton and Woolworths are among the first 100 companies to make up the pilot ranking for the globally-focussed Corporate Human Rights Benchmark due to be launched in November 2016.	http://ethicalinvestor.com.au/bhp-woolies- included-human-rights-benchmark/
•	GRI Chief Executive, Michael Meehan discusses one of the lesser-communicated impacts of climate change – the impact on foreign direct investment (FDI) in emerging economies.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and- press-center/Pages/Foreign-Direct-Investment-the- unspoken-collateral-damage-of-climate- change.aspx?dm_i=4J5,3YMLE,HU5A8R,EAQ54,1
•	The latest research by Deutsche Asset Management and the University of Hamburg reveals the positive effect of environmental, social and governance (ESG) investment criteria on corporate financial performance.	https://www.globalreporting.org/information/new s-and-press-center/Pages/Real-effect-of-ESG-on- Corporate-Financial- Performance.aspx?dm_i=4J5,4oCLN,HU5A8R,EHL VJ,1
•	Two major Japanese companies, Kao Corporation and Fujitsu Limited, were included in September 2015 in the annual Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World), one of the major global indices for socially responsible investment (SRI).	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id o35441.html
•	Development Bank of Japan (DBJ) issued its inaugural sustainability bond on October 21, 2015. The total issuance amount was 300 million euros. Sustainability bonds are a type of socially responsible investment (SRI) bond investing only into projects with a high value for the environment and society.	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id o35466.html
•	How female investors can lead the way to a low-carbon world: The evidence is clear: Women at the top bring environmental, social and governance responsibility to the fore.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-female-investors-can-lead-way-low-carbon-world?utm_medium=email&utm_source=e-news&utm_campaign=greenbuzz&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvanKZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2lMl%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjl4JRcRql%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	UKSIF Annual Review 2014-15 Growing the market.	http://uksif.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/UKSIF- Annual-Review-2015.pdf
•	Is the wind industry still a safe bet for investors? For investors who seek long-term low-risk investments, onshore wind farms are attractive prospects.	http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable- business/2016/mar/09/wind-industry-offshore-investors- china-europe?CMP=ema-1706&CMP=

Other Issues

•	"Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050," six challenges regarding global environmental issues, such as climate change, water shortages, resource depletion, and biodiversity loss aims to not only minimize the negative impacts caused by automobiles, but also to bring a positive impact to society.	http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_ido35414.html
•	ICMM has released a Land Acquisition and Resettlement publication outlining the lessons learned from a benchmarking study into 41 resettlement projects worldwide. The publication provides recommendations for managing the resettlement of local communities who have been displaced or whose livelihoods have been impacted due to the presence of mining. This includes ensuring adequate compensation and development opportunities.	http://www.icmm.com/document/9714

As we all know COP 21 was held in Paris in December 2015. Since then there has been a wealth of articles and publications about the decisions made and targets defined at COP 21. Here is a few examples of COP21 in the news post December 2015:

- The agreement reached by 196 countries at the COP21 meeting in Paris is a turning point towards a climate solution. Here are the details of the pact: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/paris-agreement-whats-historic-deal?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouvqvJZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2lMl%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjl4JRMZgl%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7g MXRQ%3D
- On the pathway beyond Paris, corporate leadership will be defined by maximizing positive impacts, not
 minimizing negative ones. What does civil society say?: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/change-climate-how-activists-viewbusiness?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkMM
 JWWfF9wsRouvqvJZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMZgI%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
- Private investment buffers COP21 money battles: At COP21 underway in Paris and in the months leading up to
 it, hundreds of billions of dollars have been committed from business and governments alike to finance clean
 energy innovations and carbon mitigation, creating some optimism that the world just might, after all, pursue a
 plan to stem climate change. https://www.greenbiz.com/article/private-investment-buffers-cop21-moneybattles?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkMMJ
 WWfF9wsRouvq%2FAZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMJhl%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
- 11 maps to mark the COP21 climate talks: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/11-maps-mark-cop21-climate-talks?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvq%2FAZ KXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjl4JRMJhI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
- It may sound like a given, but a slew of multinational corporations pledged Tuesday at the COP21 Paris climate talks to formally link emissions goals to climate science: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/ikea-sony-commit-112-others-science-based-climate-goals?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkMMJW WfF9wsRouvg%2FAZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXg%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMJhI%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SqFSLHEMa5gw7gMXRQ%3D
- The historic agreement between nations this weekend heralds a turning point for international efforts to tackle climate change, a turning point for the economy and a turning point for the world. Business, investors, cities and regions all critical to the delivery of this landmark agreement now have a clear way forward: http://blog.cdp.net/the-paris-agreement-a-new-compass-for-business/

- The Paris Agreement confirms that carbon regulation is set to tighten. Are major diversified miners ready for this low-carbon future?: http://blog.cdp.net/are-miners-chasing-fools-gold/
- Climate policy and the road from Paris: http://blog.cdp.net/climate-policy-and-the-road-from-paris/
- From Fiji becoming the first country to ratify the Paris Agreement to the US Supreme Court's Clean Power Plan decision, CDP's director of policy examines the political momentum since COP21: http://blog.cdp.net/climate-policy-and-the-road-from-paris/
- Still not sure what the Paris Agreement means for the private sector? CDP's chief executive explains. Read more on the Economist Intelligence Unit: http://www.eiuperspectives.economist.com/sustainability/what-paris-agreement-means-private-sector
- Welcome to the climate rollercoaster a surprising and positive outcome 1.5-degrees anyone? emerged this
 past weekend, as 195 countries unanimously committed to sign the Paris Agreement. Coalitions such as We
 Mean Business have worked tirelessly to formulate a unified voice from both business and civic society. Though
 the rallying cry has been heard, the work has only just begun: https://www.forumforthefuture.org/blog/welcomeclimate-rollercoaster
- Cities have become major players when it comes to climate change action. Here is a rundown of some of the
 initiatives cities put forth at COP21: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/4-city-initiatives-out-cop21-and-what-they-meanbusiness?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouvqTMZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2lMI/oER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMRhI%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSL
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- The Paris climate talks resulted in a historic agreement, but where to from here? This edition of the Report Report looks into some of the best analysis on where the path might lead: https://www.greenbiz.com/article/report-report-so-cop21-happened-what-next
- oekom Statement on UN Climate Summit in Paris: Opportunity and mandate for sustainable investors: http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/logro1.pdf.

ICMM has released a Land Acquisition and Resettlement

GRI was present at COP21 in Paris to witness the intense negotiations leading up to what is now being hailed as
the most historic agreement for the future of our planet. Find out what we see as the four essential elements of
success for this agreement: https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/THE-COP21-PARIS-AGREEMENT-GRI-WITNESSES-THIS-HISTORIC-LANDMARK.aspx?dm_i=4J5,3YMLE,HU5A8R,EAQ54,1

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	publication outlining the lessons learned from a benchmarking study into 41 resettlement projects worldwide. The publication provides recommendations for managing the resettlement of local communities who have been displaced or whose livelihoods have been impacted due to the presence of mining. This includes ensuring adequate compensation and development opportunities.	ntep.//www.icinin.com/gocoment/9/14
•	How climate change featured at WEF's annual meeting: With the Paris Agreement still fresh in everyone's minds, this year's gathering of influential decision-makers gave a chance to think about how we can implement the historic deal. Discussions centred around climate stress tests for capital markets, scaling-up carbon pricing and developing plans that are compatible with a below	http://blog.cdp.net/davos-bringing-the- paris-agreement-to-life/

2°C world.



•	How climate disclosure underpins large-scale GHG cuts: Drawing on the climate disclosures of more than 4,000+ companies, the latest CDP research links annual climate reporting by companies with improving climate performance. Put quite simply, it shows that disclosure works.	http://blog.cdp.net/how-climate- disclosure-underpins-large-scale-ghg- reductions/
•	The evolution of corporate climate targets: Corporate emissions reduction targets have started to evolve.	http://blog.cdp.net/the-evolution-of-corporate- climate-targets/
•	Demanding renewable energy: Corporate buyers are starting to make waves with their demand for renewable energy . How do we keep track of this trend?	http://blog.cdp.net/the-shifting-market- mechanics-of-renewable-energy/
•	A small change to the way companies can report their carbon footprint to CDP could spark fresh demand for renewable energy.	http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016- 02-02/this-small-accounting-tweak-may-boost- demand-for-renewables
•	With water scarcity impacting up to four billion people, tackling this risk has become a business imperative.	http://www.forbes.com/sites/christopherskroup a/2016/02/23/mitigating-water-risk-the- business-impact/#141e697234a8
•	The palm oil industry is notorious for its role in deforestation, but giving up on the commodity may not be the answer.	http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science- nature/giving-up-palm-oil-might-actually-be- bad-environment-180958092/?no-ist
•	12 strategies for moving from water scarcity to abundance: How a country that's 60 percent desert achieved water security.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/12-strategies- moving-water-scarcity- abundance?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouvanMZKX onjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2lMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRcV gI%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	By the end of 2016, Intel's complete product line will be validated as "conflict free." Here's what others can learn from its initiatives.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/testing-their-metal- new-tech-sector-focus-conflict- minerals?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRouvaXIZKXonj HpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI/oER3fOvrPUfGjI4ITMBiI%2B SLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	Is this the year to start valuing natural capital? Signs from the White House, the SDGs and beyond indicate a positive answer. What's different now?	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/year-start-valuing- natural-capital
•	The newest strategy for saving bees is really, really old: With pollinators in decline around the world, conservationists turn to traditional farmers for answers.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/newest-strategy- saving-bees-really-really-old
•	Low-carbon tech: opportunity in the trillions: The Low Carbon Technology Partnership would help the world mitigate climate change and achieve sustainable development.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/low-carbon-tech- opportunity- trillions?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source= PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIP PED&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvq%2FAZKXonjHpfsX6 6OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRMJhI%2BSLDwEYGJ lv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	15 for '15: The surprising breakthroughs of 2015: Telsa's Powerwall comes the the forefront as sustainability thought leaders reveal their picks.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/15-15-surprising-breakthroughs- 2015?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_ STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3kkMMJ WWfFgwsRouvqXIZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjl4 JRMVkl%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D

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•	Thousands of abandoned gold mines are scattered across South Africa, polluting the water with toxics and filling the air with noxious dust. For the millions of people who live around these derelict sites, the health impacts can be severe.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/whats-left-wake-south- africas-abandoned-gold- mines?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=P ANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPE D&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfFgwsRouvaTKZKXonjHpfsX66OQo Xq%2B2IMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGJI4ITMJqI%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgF SLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	HeidelbergCement and Joule Unlimited work on converting the carbon exhaust from cement manufacturing from a curse to a blessing, or from GHGs to commercial jet fuel.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/cleaning-cement-industry-emissions-carbon-conversion?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTH EON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mt_tok=3R kMMJWWfFgwsRouvaTKZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2BzIMI%2FoER3fOvrP UfGjl4ITMJql%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	5 ways 2016 will be a make or break year for climate change: Fossil fuel subsidies, a corporate clean energy boom and more: Mixed messages on climate are poised to come to a head.	https://www.greenbiz.com/article/5-ways-2016-will-be-make-or-break-year-climate-change?utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&mkt_tok=3RkM MJWWfFgwsRouva%2FIZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4JRcBql%2BSLDwEYGJIv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
•	Unilever aims to be carbon positive by 2030: Forum for the Future have been working alongside Unilever to support them in setting some of the most ambitious and progressive carbon targets on the planet. Committing to sourcing all grid electricity from renewables and phasing out all coal usage by 2020 is the first goal.	https://www.forumforthefuture.org/our-work
•	New Study: How to Build Batteries Out of Thin Air for Carbon-Negative Cars. The fight to slow global warming mostly has focused upon weaning humans away from burning fossil fuels that emit carbon dioxide and contribute to the greenhouse effect. There's also been a lot of effort to find ways to capture CO2 out of the air and put it someplace where it can't do any harm. Of course, the perfect solution would be to accomplish both things at once. What if you could take CO2 out of the atmosphere and employ it a cleaner energy source, reducing the need to burn fossil fuel?	http://now.howstuffworks.com/2016/03/01/new-study-batteries-carbon-negative-cars?rss=true&utm_campaign=sf&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social
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•	Eldis' Climate Change Key Issues Guide provides an introductory overview of a specific topic, with a list of key research readings. They have worked with researchers for each of these guides to present a clear outline of the importance of each topic.	http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource- guides/climate-change/key-issues
•	The top challenge for mining, oil and gas sustainability professionals in 2016: Ethicalcorp have put the results from their latest survey of extractive industry sustainability professionals into an easy to read infographic. Discover the main objectives, focus and concerns for the extractives industry quickly and easily.	http://1.ethicalcorp.com/LP=8311?utm_campaign=ETH%2008 JAN16%20Newsletter.htm&utm_medium=email&utm_source =Eloqua&elqTrackId=19e6c84f795043d39393a62oc976848d&e lq=411d4bfd46b74f68a847cece6oe5cb51&elqCampaignId=537 8&elqaid=12871&elqat=1
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