

'CSEAR E-Newsletter' – December 2013

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

- We are delighted to announce that **Jan Bebbington** has been named **winner** of the **British Accounting and Finance Association 2013 Distinguished Academic Award**. The award will be presented at the **BAFA Awards ceremony on Tuesday 15 April 2014** in London, which is part of the **2014 BAFA 50th Annual Conference** taking place at **London School of Economics** from 14 to 16 April. **Congratulations Jan!**
- **Jeffrey Unerman's** time as **co-editor of SEAJ** will come to a **close at the end of the year**. Elections were held in October to find his replacement and we are delighted to say that **Carlos Larrinaga** will be **the new Co-Editor of the Journal**. We offer our **sincere thanks to Jeffrey** for all that he has done for the Journal and offer **our congratulations and welcome to Carlos**. **John Ferguson** will continue as **co-editor until the end of 2015**.
- The Council is pleased to announce that it has secured **£6100** in sponsorship from **CIMA for the CSEAR 2014 Conference** to be held in **St Andrews in September 2014**. Our thanks to **Shane Balzan** and all at **CIMA's Research and Development Office**.
- During the definition of the VMV statement in September, it became apparent that **CSEAR members** were **not fully conversant** with what was available on the **CSEAR website** and what benefits being a member of CSEAR brought. As such please find attached the **website summary** that was **emailed** out to all members in **November**.
- The Council, during its September 2013 meeting, agreed that all **future August/September Council meetings** (held during the Annual Conference) will be **open to members**. Members' **participation** in the meeting will however, be limited to the **Business Section** of these meetings. All **minutes and agendas** of Council meetings are now housed on a **dedicated Council section of the CSEAR website**, for all members to view. Should any member wish to **raise a valid item** with the Council, then please **email this item(s)** to csear@st-andrews.ac.uk.
- The Council wish to put together a **calendar of CSEAR events** taking place **worldwide**. If you have any **items** that you would like **included** in this calendar (for example, conferences, 1 day workshops etc.,) then please **send them to us here at CSEAR**.

Website summary attached

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/membersarea/csear-council/>

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- **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**. There are **many resources** for those interested in using social media, including:

- **Sociological Imagination** has created a number of resources for those interested in digital sociology, including discussion of positive (clarify ideas, practice writing for different audiences) and negatives (ruining your reputation, irrelevant topics, time management) about using this media
- **Just Publics** including An Illustrated Guide to Academic Blogging... (for anyone who loves cartoons)
- **Deborah Lupton** (sociologist) has written some nice pieces on 'why I blog' and risks of academic blogging

If you have something to contribute or would like to find out more about the CSEAR blog **please contact Colin Dey or Shona Russell**.

<http://csearweb.blogspot.co.uk/>
Colin Dey: colin.dey@stirl.ac.uk
Shona Russell: sr65@st-andrews.ac.uk

- We're **delighted** to be able to say that the **9th CSEAR Spanish Conference** has been **rescheduled** to be held in **Burgos, from 22-23 January, 2014**. The organisers are **Igor Álvarez and Carlos Larrinaga** (University of Basque Country and University of Burgos). **Full details** of the conference can be found on the **conference website**:

<http://csearspain2014.wordpress.com/>

- The **5th CSEAR North America Conference** is being hosted by the **École de comptabilité de FSA ULaval, Québec, Canada** and will take place on **July 2 and 3, 2014**. The plenary speaker for the conference is **Professor Ian Thomson, Professor of Accounting at University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) and Convenor of the CSEAR Council**. The **conference fees** will be **covered** by the conference organizers for **up to 5 Ph.D. students** provided they **submit (and present) a paper** for the conference. Please see **website** for **full details**.

<http://www.fsa.ulaval.ca/csearna>
please see attached call for papers

- The **26th International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research** will once again be hosted by **CSEAR** at the School of Management, **University of St Andrews, Scotland** from **26th – 29th August 2014**. An **Emerging Scholars Colloquium** will be held on the first day of the conference. **Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive at RenewableUK** has been confirmed as the plenary speaker for the **practitioner forum** and this will take the form of a **workshop on policy, how it is made and how you can influence it**.

Please see website for further details:
<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csear/conferences/nextcsearuk/>

- The **Vth Italian CSEAR Conference** will be held in **Padova, Italy** on the **18th and 19th September 2014**. The conference **website** is now up and a **call for papers** has been issued. The conference will focus on **greenwashing and camouflaging**. The plenary speakers will be **Prof. Robin Roberts**, University of Central Florida, **Prof. Charles Cho**, ESSEC Business School, and **Piermario Barzaghi**, KPMG Partner – Global Sustainability

<http://www.economia.unipd.it/csear-italy-2014>
please see attached call for papers

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- A special issue of AAAJ on **Ecological Accounts** is being edited by our very own **Colin Dey, Markus Milne and Shona Russell**. The project has its own **website** and the project will run from **2014-2017**. The **call for papers** is attached. Markus, Colin and Shona would welcome **enquiries and expressions of interest** and are also looking for **contributions to next year's CSEAR St. Andrews conference**.
<http://ecologicalaccounts.wordpress.com/>
please see attached call for papers
- A number of CSEAR members are travelling to **Tallinn for the EAA2014**, and as such are now thinking of organizing a small **workshop on social and environmental accounting research** immediately **preceding** the EAA congress. Would you be interested in joining us for such a workshop on the Baltic Sea? Please **let us know** if you were interested in participating.
Please see attached Call for Interest
- **Ian Thompson** has guest co-edited a **special issue of Accounting Education: Sustainability in Accounting Education**. Many members of CSEAR have **articles** in this issue. If you can find the time to read the issue it will be worth it.
http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/raed20/22/4#.UrAb0_RdXAn

Call for Papers

- **Call for papers: Centre for Impression Management in Accounting Communication (CIMAC)** Conference Friday, 6th June 2014 Broadgate Tower Bangor Business School
See attached call for papers
- **Call for Papers: 2nd World Symposium on Sustainability at Universities**, Manchester, UK, 3-5 September 2014
see attached call for papers
- The **Journal of Business Ethics Education** in collaboration with **PRIME** is publishing a **Special Issue** entitled **Business & Human Rights Education: Recovering the Purpose of Business Schools**. The guest editors are Ken McPhail, La Trobe University, and John Ferguson, Strathclyde University.
See attached call for papers
further details:
k.mcphail@latrobe.edu.au
or
john.ferguson@strath.ac.uk
- **Issues In Social and Environmental Accounting** (Issues in SEA or ISEA), is an international and refereed journal published quarterly by the **Indonesian Center for Social and Environmental Accounting Research and Development (ICSEARD)**.
See attached call for papers
- 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?JournalID=2421&utm_source=E&utm_medium=cpJHRSS20130617&utm_campaign=aimScope
- **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>
- A **Special Issue of Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal** on **"Camouflaging of corporate (un)sustainability"** is being guest edited by **Giovanna Michelon, Silvia Pilonato, Federica Ricceri and Robin Roberts**. A call for papers is attached.
See attached call for papers

Other Conferences

- **Copernicus Alliance Conference** "Leadership in a Changing World: Higher education, sustainability and the new Global Action Programme on ESD" 10 – 11 January 2014 University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham Spa, UK
<http://www.copernicus-alliance.org/>
- **Workshop on PRI Reporting Framework and IS resources, 14 January 2014,** Helsinki, Finland
<http://www.unpri.org/events/workshop-on-pri-reporting-framework-and-is-resources/>
- **The Konopka Workshop on Accounting and Management Control** constitutes a discussion forum for researchers with an interest in the **organizational and social aspects of accounting systems**. The **19th Workshop** will be held from **23rd- 24th of January, 2014** organized by the ERGO Research Group, **Universidad de Burgos**.
<http://www.ubu.es/es/depecademp/areas/area-economia-financiera-contabilidad/destacados-area-economia-financiera-contabilidad/19th-konopka-workshop-on-accounting-and-management-control>
Alicia Santidrián, giergo@ubu.es.
- **SDRN Annual Conference: Sustainability 2020: Sustainable development in the UK in 2020, 28th January 2014 BIS Conference Centre, , London**
<http://www.sd-research.org.uk/latest/sdrn-annual-conference>
- **The International Conference on Governance 2014** is taking place from **13 - 15 February 2014, in Jakarta Indonesia**.
<http://www.trisaktiicg.com/index.php/home>
- **The ESRC and British Academy (BA)** are co-hosting a unique **scoping workshop designed to explore issues around sustainable prosperity**. The call for **Expressions of Interest** to attend closes at 12.00 on 7 January 2014. The workshop which will be held on **20 February 2014 at the British Academy, London**
Expressions of interest:
<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/29350/sustainable-prosperity-the-social-science-and-economy-of-the-nexus.aspx>
- **International Conference on "Food Price Volatility: Causes and Challenges" February 27 - 28, 2014, Rabat, Morocco**
<http://www.imf.org/external/np/seminars/eng/2013/rabat/>
- **2014 EMAN Conference**, "From Sustainability Reporting to Sustainability Management Control" will take place from **27-28 March 2014 Rotterdam, The Netherlands**
www.eur.nl/ese/eman2014/eman-conference2014@ese.eur.nl
- **Making a Difference: The Social Audit Network Conference, Newcastle University Business School, Friday 4th April 2014**
<http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk/events-training/san-conference-2014/>
- **2014 BAFA 50th Annual Conference** taking place at **London School of Economics from 14 to 16 April 2014**. For anyone who wishes to attend the conference and awards ceremony details of the BAFA conference are on the website
<http://bafa.group.shef.ac.uk/bafa-events/bafa-annual-conference.html>
- **The International Conference of Critical Accounting** will take place at the **Hunter College Conference Center, City University of New York** from **16th – 17th April 2014**. It will include an **Emerging Critical Scholars Workshop** and the **Accounting and the New Labor Process Symposium (ANLP)**.
<http://aux.zicklin.baruch.cuny.edu/tinker/2014ICCA/>
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- **The 37th Annual Congress of the European Accounting Association** (held jointly by the EAA and the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the **University of Tartu**) will take place in **Tallinn, Estonia** on **May 21-23, 2014**.
<http://www.eaa2014.org/r/home>

Other Conferences (continued)

- **TBLI USA conference United Federation of Teachers (UFT), New York, 29-30th May 2014**
<http://www.tbliconference.com/index.php/usa2014#.UqCX0cRdXAk>
- **2nd Conference on Institutions and Governance: A Multidisciplinary Approach, May 30-31, 2014 CUHK, Hong Kong**
<http://www.bschoo.cuhk.edu.hk/research/cig/events/conference2014/>
- **3rd Interdisciplinary Tourism Research Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 3 – 8 June 2014**
<http://www.interdisciplinaryconference.org/>
- **The Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption** is holding its next global meeting on 'Global Transitions to Sustainable Production and Consumption Systems' from 8th –11th June 2014 and will be hosted by the Fudan Tyndall Centre in Shanghai, China.
<https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=2724&nid=16327>
- The theme of the **2014 Annual Meeting of the International Association for Business & Society (IABS)** is: **Reclaiming the Societal Dimension: New Perspectives on Society and Business**. The meeting is being held in **Sydney, Australia, from June 19-22, 2014**.
<http://www.iabs.net/Conference.aspx>
- The **30th EGOS (European Group for Organization Studies) Colloquium in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 3-5 July, 2014**, will host a **subtheme**, entitled 'The rise of accountability: Rethinking management accounting, control and organization theory'.
http://www.egosnet.org/jart/prj3/egos/main.jart?rel=de&reserve-mode=active&content-id=1368705858152&subtheme_id=1334581237115
- The next **Critical Perspectives Conference** will be held on **July 7 - 9, 2014** at the **Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto, Canada**. The **Emerging Scholar's Colloquium** will be held on **July 6, 2014**.
See attached Call for Papers
- The **8th International Conference on Management and Service Science (MASS 2014)** will be held from **August 24-26, 2014** in **Suzhou, China**.
http://www.massconf.org/2014/Home.aspx?utm_campaign=mass&utm_source=e_cp&utm_medium=e_cp_conf_mass_1_20131106
- **Deltas in Times of Climate Change II International Conference**. The second Deltas in Times of Climate Change conference which will explore how deltas can adapt to climate change is to be held in **Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 24-26 September 2014**.
<http://climatenl.m10.mailplus.nl/archief/maailing-31159506.html>
- The **UAE** are to host the **First Global Conference on UN Partnership for Action on the Green Economy**
<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2755&ArticleID=9676&I=en>

Accounting and Reporting

- **Climate Armageddon! So what's new? The IPCC's new report** confirms previous dire messages, but business doesn't seem to want to listen. So went the **headline findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's new Fifth Assessment Report**, examining the physical science basis for global climate change.
<http://www.ethicalcorp.com/environment/ipcc-report-%E2%80%93climate-armageddon-so-what%E2%80%99s-new?http://www.ipcc.ch/>

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There are **several items** from the **GRI (Global Reporting Initiative)** this quarter:

- **Ernst Ligteringen** (Chief Executive) was invited to **submit an article** for a high-level publication to coincide with the **G20 summit in Russia in September**. Read his reflections on how **political leaders** can use their **influence to promote sustainable business**: <https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Political-leadership-sustainable-business-How-information-can-drive-transformation-for-a-more-sustainable-world.aspx>
- **GRI** has been **ranked** in the **top three** most **widely used** and **respected sustainability frameworks**, according to a **new survey** by thought leaders and business executives: <https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Ranking-the-standards-Which-sustainability-frameworks-are-best-.aspx>
- The next generation of the **Global Reporting Initiative's Sustainability Reporting Guidelines – G4** – was launched in the Netherlands on 7 November: <https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/G4-Next-Step.aspx>
- The GRI has launched the **GRI Taxonomy 2013** that has been **fully updated** for use with **G4**, GRI's latest version of the Sustainability Reporting Guidelines. The GRI Taxonomy 2013 is developed using **XBRL**:
<https://www.globalreporting.org/reporting/reporting-support/xbri/Pages/default.aspx>;
<https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/GRI-launches-GRI-Taxonomy-2013-to-support-digital-disclosure-of-sustainability-information.aspx>
- The **G4 Monitoring Program** objective is to gain a clear **understanding** of how **users** have **experienced G4** so far, to gather views on perceived strengths and weaknesses, and to **identify areas** that may require **further explanation, clarification or improvement**: <https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Monitor-and-improve-GRI-asks-users-to-provide-feedback-on-G4.aspx> ; <https://www.globalreporting.org/reporting/g4/Pages/G4monitoring.aspx>
- GRI has established the **G4 Pioneers Program** – a new initiative **exclusively available to Organizational Stakeholders (OS)** – GRI's core supporters. The Pioneers Program provides a chance for OS who are committed to producing a G4 report in their next reporting cycle, to **ask GRI experts any burning questions they have about G4**:
<https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/80-pioneers-lead-the-way-on-G4.aspx>
- On 2 December the **GRI launched a new service** to check **whether** the most **critical disclosures** in **reports based on the G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines** are located as stated, and **can be easily found** by readers:
<https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/GRI-to-launch-new-check-service-for-G4-reports.aspx>
- The **GRI and the Reporting and Assurance Frameworks Initiative (RAFI)** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to underline their mutual commitment to **advancing meaningful corporate human rights reporting**:
<https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/GRI-and-RAFI-collaborate-to-leverage-the-power-of-business-to-advance-respect-for-human-rights.aspx>
- **ICMM's 21 member** companies have made a **commitment** to prepare their **sustainability reports** in accordance with the **core option** of the recently launched **GRI G4 Guidelines**: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7a299f430392125fd155beddb&id=85e1eb38c9&e=5bf20e32ac>;
<https://www.globalreporting.org/reporting/g4/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Paul Druckman**, CEO of the **International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)** addresses some of the **misconceptions** about what integrated reporting is – and is not – providing insights into how it will develop in this **interview with Carol Adams**.
<http://drcaroladams.net/integrated-reporting-what-it-is-and-is-not-an-interview-with-paul-druckman/#!>
- This year's **State of Green Business report** has been published and includes significant changes. They've **partnered with Trucost**, a leading research firm focusing on **natural capital and sustainability metrics**, to **revamp the indicators** by which they assess progress within the **private sector in addressing global environmental challenges**.
<http://www.greenbiz.com/research/report/2013/02/state-green-business-report-2013>

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Similarly there are **several items** from the **UN Global Compact** this quarter:

- At the **UN Global Compact's triennial Leaders' Summit** in New York, the UN unveiled a **new business engagement architecture** that presents a major opportunity to **leverage sustainability reporting** to drive the **private sector's contribution to sustainable development**: <https://www.globalreporting.org/information/news-and-press-center/Pages/Sustainability-reporting-Bridging-the-divide-between-business-and-sustainable-development.aspx>
- **Oxfam International** and the **United Nations Global Compact** announced a **collaboration** to urge Global Compact companies to **work in conjunction** with **civil society organizations** to undertake a **poverty footprint assessment**: <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/561-10-17-2013>
- Embarking on a **new era of engagement** with its **non-business participants**, the **UN Global Compact** has introduced a **Communication on Engagement (COE)**: <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/571-10-31-2013>
- For the **first time ever**, companies have a **guide to manage and report on their direct and indirect influences on climate policy**. The **UN Global Compact** has released **guidelines** to help companies **engage in climate policy in a transparent and accountable way** that is consistent with their **sustainability commitments**: <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/641-11-14-2013>; http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/Environment/climate/Guide_Responsible_Corporate_Engagement_Climate_Policy.pdf
- The **UN Global Compact** has released a **Business Reference Guide** to the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** as part of the **second annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights** in Geneva: <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/711-12-02-2013>; http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/IndigenousPeoples/BusinessGuide.pdf
- The **U.N. Global Compact** recently launched the **Global Compact 100**. Initial **back-tested performance** shows a **neutral or positive correlation to financial performance**: http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2013/09/24/why-sustainability-indexes-miss-mark?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRoksqTAZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMl%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4DS8VhI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
- **Company bosses** feel **constrained by market expectations**, but **transformational leaders are emerging**. This was the **prevailing view** that emerged from a new **UN Global Compact-Accenture** study of more than **1,000 global CEOs from 27 industries and 103 countries**: http://www.ethicalcorp.com/business-strategy/analysis-ceo-survey-%E2%80%93bosses-seek-sustainability-value?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2ffc_ethicalcorporationlz%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1679+Finance+Clicks+Nov+13+Content+e1&utm_term=Latest+CSR+and+SRI+analysis+from+EthicalCorp.com&utm_content=42046
- The **Emerging Integrated Reporting Database** contains examples of **emerging practice in Integrated Reporting** that illustrate how organizations are currently **reporting concise information** about how their **strategy, governance, performance and prospects**, leads to the creation of value over the short, medium and long term. <http://examples.theirc.org/home>
- **Pioneering new management and measurement approach** values **PwC UK tax, economic, social and environmental contribution at £3.7bn**. PwC UK has launched its **2013 Sustainability Report**, which includes the first valuation of the total contribution of a business to the UK. <http://www.ethicalcorp.com/csr-reports/pwc-uk-2013-sustainability-report>
<http://www.pwc.co.uk/corporate-sustainability/index.jhtml>
- The **Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)** has produced an **ethical scenario tool** to help people comply with **ethical standards** in a volatile and complex business environment. <http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/172/1233209/>
<http://www.cimaglobal.com/About-us/Press-office/Press-releases/2013/CIMA-shows-professionals-how-to-do-the-right-thing/>

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- **GreenBiz** has an interesting article on **The Sustainability Consortium and its expansion to China**. Still in its infancy, the group has successfully stayed under the radar as it worked with its **influential members and academic partners to evolve tools and methodologies for standardizing consumer products sustainability**.
http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2013/09/20/how-far-sustainability-consortium-reach-china?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRoksQ7MZKXonjHpfsX66OQoXq%2B2IMl%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4DS8Fml%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFSLHEMa5qw7gMXRQ%3D
<http://www.sustainabilityconsortium.org/>
- The **Guardian** has launched a **new circular economy hub**. Please see their **website** for information on how you can help then **shape their content** and what you would like to see covered
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/circular-economy-hot-topics-talk-point?CMP=&et_cid=50534&et rid=5613545&Linkid=Circular+economy%3a+what+are+the+hot+to+pics%3f+-+talk+point
- The **first inaugural** meeting of the **UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform** was attended by **Presidents, prime ministers**, and other high-ranking officials, representing a follow-up of the **commitment made at Rio+20** to continue to press for action on **sustainable development at the highest levels**.
<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1556>
- **Fuji Xerox (China) Limited** issued its first sustainability **report** that describes their **corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities** throughout the **entire value chain**, from procurement, manufacturing and sales to recycling of end-of-life products.
http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id034252.html
<http://www.fxasustainability.com.au/2013/>
- **Australia** could be the **next country** to require its **publicly owned companies** to **disclose the environmental risks** they are exposed to. The **Corporate Governance Council of the Australian Stock Exchange** has published a **draft update to its principles** that would oblige listed firms to **report on environmental issues** or explain why they are not doing so.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/environment/sustainability-news-roundup-%E2%80%93-october-2013?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2ffcc_ethicalcorporation%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+021013&utm_term=Ethical+Corp+news%3a+the+latest&utm_content=42046
- **Tax avoidance** shows no sign of abating. **Google**, the company with the slogan "Don't be evil", is at it again. The company has been **named and shamed** by the **UK House of Commons' Public Accounts Committee**. Another company using **complex corporate structures** and **intergroup transactions** to **avoid taxes** is **ExxonMobil**. All over the world tax authorities are **overwhelmed** by the **tide of avoidance** and **lack the financial and political resources to investigate giant corporations**.
<https://theconversation.com/google-and-exxonmobil-run-rings-around-outdated-tax-laws-18845>
- The **Crown Estate** has published its first integrated report.
<http://ar2013.thecrownestate.co.uk/>
- **Worries about tax avoidance** have shot to the **top of public concerns** about **business behaviour** according to the **latest survey of public opinion** conducted for the **Institute of Business Ethics** by **IPSOS Mori**.
<http://www.ibe.org.uk/index.asp?upid=30&msid=4#>
<http://www.ibe.org.uk/userfiles/pressreleases/attitudes2013.pdf>
<http://www.ibe.org.uk/userfiles/surveys/attitudes10yr2013.pdf>
- **Environmental activism – power without accountability?** Activists' **emotive** sound bites tend to **win the PR war** over companies' technical jargon. But while **activism is valuable**, **it's not always accountable**, writes **Joseph Zammit-Lucia**. The full article in the Guardian is worth a read.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/blog/environmental-activism-power-without-accountability?CMP=&et_cid=47548&et rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fblog%2fenvironmental-activism-power-without-accountability

Accounting and Reporting (continued)

- The **Diageo Sustainability and Responsibility Report 2013** needs more **punch** writes **Elaine Cohen**. Drinks giant Diageo puts forward a clear view of its big challenges, but **let's itself down in the reporting of its performance**.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/communications-reporting/diageo-sustainability-and-responsibility-report-2013-%E2%80%93-needs-more-punch?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2fffc_ethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1679+reporting+guys+1010&utm_term=CR+reporting+roundup&utm_content=434583
<http://srreport2013.diageoreports.com/>
- **Hess 2012 Corporate Sustainability report – A gush of transparency?** With an **A+ GRI (G3) application rating**, the **Hess Corporation** seems to take **transparency** to the **highest level**. The **honesty of Hess's reporting** is **laudable**. But **failing to include sustainability** in its core values is a notable **failing**.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/communications-reporting/hess-2012-corporate-sustainability-report-%E2%80%93-gush-transparency?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2fffc_ethicalcorporationl%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1679+reporting+guys+1010&utm_term=CR+reporting+roundup&utm_content=434583
<http://www.hess.com/sustainability/reports.aspx>
- An article in the **Guardian** tackles the question - **What are the steps that sustainability professionals can take to advance the circular economy**. It indicates the **10 ways sustainability professionals can scale up the circular economy**.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/sustainability-professionals-scale-circular-economy?CMP=&et_cid=53283&et_rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fsustainability-professionals-scale-circular-economy
- The **UNEP** and a **coalition of different institutions** convened in Bangkok to explore ways to **incorporate green accounting** into **national measures of wealth**, urging countries put a **value** to their **natural resources** and **ecosystem services**. The workshop called for green accounting **rather than** the use of **traditional gross domestic product (GDP)** in Asia.
<http://www.eco-business.com/news/unep-convenes-green-accounting-summit-move-beyond-gdp/>
<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2752&ArticleID=9645&language=en>
- **Eldis** has partnered with **SPARC (the State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability programme)** to offer the latest resources on **good governance in Nigeria**.
<http://sparc-nigeria.com/>
<http://eldis.org/go/latest-news/news/sparc-governance-reforms-in-nigeria#.UpX3FsRSh8E>
- Is 'natural capital' the next generation of corporate social responsibility? **Accounting for environmental impact** by placing **monetary value** on the **natural world** could allow corporations to **manage resources sustainably**. Following on from the **World Forum on Natural Capital** which took place between 21 - 22 November, the **Guardian** has an article that discusses **Natural Capital and Environmental Profit and Loss Accounts vs CSR reporting**.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/blog/natural-capital-next-generation-csr?CMP=&et_cid=53283&et_rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fblog%2fnatural-capital-next-generation-csr
- **Corporate responsibility reports**, once considered a **niche activity** only practiced by a few companies, has **increased rapidly since 2000**, but the **rate of adoption** has **slowed** in the **past two years**, according the **CR Perspectives 2013 – Global CR Reporting Trends and Stakeholder Views report**.
<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/20/cr-reporting-adoption-rate-slows-study-finds/>
<http://www.corporateregister.com/downloads/files.html>
- The **OECD** has released its **Environmental Performance Review of South Africa**. The review examines South Africa's **environmental policy framework** and analyses **progress on greening its economy**, preserving biodiversity and improving environmental governance.
<http://www.oecd.org/env/country-reviews/southafrica2013.htm>
<http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/oecd-launches-its-environmental-performance-review-of-south-africa.htm>
- Voting for the **CR Reporting Awards 2014** is **now open**, and will close on the **31st January 2014**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/crra/>

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- The **Enough Project** along with the **Responsible Sourcing Network** released a report, "**Expectations for Companies' Conflict Minerals Reporting**", that articulates key reporting components that **are important to socially responsible investors** and **rights groups** who have been advocates for a **clean minerals trade**.
<http://www.enoughproject.org/blogs/new-report-expectations-companies-conflict-minerals-reporting>
<http://www.sourcingnetwork.org/>
- There is an interesting piece by **Jo Confino** about **Rachel Kyte**, the incoming **head of climate change** at the **World Bank**, on **political leadership**, **carbon pricing**, the **psychology of communicating** and **rising anger at climate change inaction**.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/world-bank-fight-climate-change?CMP=&et_cid=53283&et rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fworld-bank-fight-climate-change
- "**Sustainable banks start by determining basic human needs to be met and then deliver financial services which meet those needs**," said **David Korslund**, senior advisor to the **Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV)**. "**In contrast**", he suggests, "**most banks start by asking: 'How can we make as much money as possible?'**" Read the full article in the **Guardian**.
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/sustainable-banking-human-needs-david-korslund>
http://www.gabv.org/wp-content/uploads/New-13-5923_GABV_report_Washington_07mvd1.pdf
<http://www.gabv.org/>
- The **Nippon Foundation** has launched the "**Wagamachi Fund**" project, a fund designed to help **non-profit organizations**, **social entrepreneurs**, and **social businesses** in **cooperation with local financial institutions** such as **credit unions**.
http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id034208.html
- The **Sustainalytics Prize for Academic and Student research**, sponsored by research provider **Sustainalytics**, and prizes for best Masters, PhD, **published article and doctoral fellowship**, awarded in **conjunction** with the **French social investment forum (FIR)**, were presented at separate ceremonies in Paris on 13 and 14 November.
<http://www.unpri.org/whatsnew/pri-academic-network-conference-awards-recognise-excellence-in-responsible-investment-research/>
<http://www.sustainalytics.com/>
<http://www.unpri.org/press/conference-prize-rewards-innovative-research-into-responsible-investment/>
- The **PRI Academic Network** is pleased to introduce the **RI Quarterly**, a **new publication** which aims to provide **investment professionals** and others the latest **research on responsible investment**.
<http://d2m27378y09r06.cloudfront.net/viewer/?file=wp-content/uploads/RIQUARTERLYvol1.pdf>
<http://www.unpri.org/whatsnew/launch-of-the-ri-quarterly/>
- **GATE Global Impact (GATE)** has announced collaboration with the **UN Global Compact** to feature **select projects** from the **newly launched Social Enterprise Action Hub** on its own **GATEWAY Platform**. The partnership aims to **raise the profile of social enterprise projects to an investor audience**.
<http://gateglobalimpact.com/>
<http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/gate-global-impact-provide-funding-opportunities-entrepreneurs-on-social-enterprise-1832545.htm>
- **Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank** announced that it has started to make efforts to **measure how much a company depends on natural capital** by expanding observations **upstream the supply chain**, and including this **evaluation in loan criteria**, a **first worldwide**: The newly developed product named **Environmental Rating Loans with the Evaluation of Natural Capital Preservation**. The **Sanden Corporation**, became the **first company** to be **financed with this product**.
http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id034307.html
<http://www.smtb.jp/tools/english/>
- The **Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility (the ACCR)** is a **not-for-profit association** whose mission is to **promote ethical investment**.
<http://www.accr.org.au/>

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- There is a new push in **Australia** to raise the **profile** of the **co-operative** and **mutual business model**, which proponents say inherently **melds social and economic goals** while contributing to a **diversified economy**. The recently launched **Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals (BCCM)** are developing a **campaign and policy agenda** to **raise awareness** about the **function and power of member-owned businesses**.
<http://www.thesustainabilityreport.com.au/new-co-op-body-to-stress-economic-social-value-of-model/4345/>
<http://bccm.coop/>
- The **International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)** - with the scientific and technical support of **Euricse** – has launched the **2013 report** of its **global statistical project: The World Co-operative Monitor**.
http://www.euricse.eu/sites/euricse.eu/files/factscomments2013-2_1.pdf
<http://ica.coop/en>
- **One PacificCoast Bank** is driven by a mission to **serve low-income communities** and the **environment** and has **partnered** with the **Sierra Club** to make it happen. One PacificCoast (based in Oakland, CA), offers a **socially and environmentally preferable alternative**: a bank with a mission to serve low-income communities and the environment.
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/bank-with-a-mission?CMP=>
- **Prem Sikka** has written an interesting article in the **Guardian** giving **George Osborne five tips for banking reform**.
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/26/five-tips-for-george-osborne-on-banking-reform>
- The **UKSIF (The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association) Annual Review 2012-13** is now available.
<http://uksif.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Annual-Review-2012-13-FINAL.pdf>
- **Morgan Stanley** has launched a **new institute**, aiming to achieve a **significant scale of sustainable investment** by attracting a **broad range of private sector capital**. The new investment body, named the **Institute of Sustainable Investing**, will build on the financial services giant's ongoing work to **advance market-based solutions to economic, social and environmental challenges**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=577>

Other Issues

- The long-anticipated **limits on coal emissions** are welcomed by **environmental groups**, but are loathed by industry. The **Environmental Protection Agency** has released a **draft regulation** to **limit carbon pollution** from **coal-fired power plants**. The draft regulation is the **first of four major regulatory steps** the **EPA** will take to create a significant body of action on **climate change before Obama leaves office**.
<http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/white-house-rolls-out-tough-new-climate-change-rules-20130920>
<http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/regulatory-actions>
- Take a few moments to read this piece about **tackling climate change: Copenhagen's sustainable city design**.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/tackling-climate-change-copenhagen-sustainable-city-design?CMP=&et_cid=47548&et rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2ftackling-climate-change-copenhagen-sustainable-city-design
- The **OECD's Climate and Carbon: Aligning Prices and Policies** document is now available. This report brings together **lessons learned from OECD analysis on carbon pricing and climate policies**.
http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/environment-and-sustainable-development/climate-and-carbon_5k3z11hjg6r7-en

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The **UN Climate Change Conference (COP19)** was held recently in **Warsaw** and there are several articles relating to this:

- **COP19** aims to keep **governments** on a track towards **2015 climate agreement** and included significant **new decisions** that will **cut emissions from deforestation and on loss and damage**:
<http://www.unep.org/climatechange/ClimateChangeConferences/COP19/Blog/tabid/131171/catid/50030/Publications.aspx>
- **COP19**: proved to be just **another cop out**. The idea that a **meaningful agreement** can be forced **upon countries** is **farcical**, writes **Joseph Zammit-Lucia** in the **Guardian**: <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/cop19-un-climate-talks-another-cop-out>
- **Ministers** were urged to **make concrete pledges** to **increase funding** to tackle **climate change up to 2020**:
http://unfccc.int/meetings/warsaw_nov_2013/meeting/7649.php ; <http://gcfund.net/home.html>;
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/cop19-money-climate-change-warsaw-deliver>
- **COP19** concluded successfully with **key decisions** adopted at this conference being decisions on further advancing the **Durban Platform**, the **Green Climate Fund** and **Long-Term Finance**, the **Warsaw Framework for REDD Plus**, the **Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage** and other decisions:
http://unfccc.int/meetings/warsaw_nov_2013/meeting/7649.php
- A **pioneering new guide** has been released by **seven top international organizations** at **COP19** in **Warsaw** that calls on companies to align their **corporate sustainability initiatives and climate policy**: <http://www.theclimategroup.org/what-we-do/news-and-blogs/new-guide-launched-to-help-companies-to-report-their-climate-policy-positions/>;
http://www.theclimategroup.org/_assets/files/Guide-RespCorpEng-Nov14.pdf
- The **OECD's Climate and Carbon: Aligning Prices and Policies** document is now available. This report brings together lessons learned from OECD analysis on **carbon pricing and climate policies**
http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/environment-and-sustainable-development/climate-and-carbon_5k3z11hjg6r7-en
- The **Climate Reality Project** announced that **applications are open** for the **24th Climate Reality Leadership Corps training program**, which will take place **March 12-14, 2014** in **Johannesburg**, South Africa.
<http://climaterealityproject.org/>
- In this **provocative paper**, PCI Executive Director Asher Miller and **Transition Movement Founder** (and PCI Fellow) **Rob Hopkins** make a **convincing case** for why the **environmental community** must **embrace post-growth economics** and **community resilience** in their efforts to **address the climate crisis**.
<http://www.postcarbon.org/report/1882095-climate-aftergrowth#>
- The **Asahi Glass Foundation 2013 Survey** shows the **Environmental Doomsday Clock Set at 9:19**. The **Japanese organization** conducts an **annual survey** on the **sense of crisis** felt by respondents about **human survival** threatened by the **deterioration of the global environment**.
http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id034311.html
- The **University of Tokyo**, the **Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)**, and the **National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)** say they have worked out the **mechanism of a 100,000-year glacial cycle** and **climate change connection**. Please read the article for further details
http://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id034320.html
- **European Cabinet Ministers** responsible for **energy and climate change** came together in October to set out their **vision for a low carbon economy**. The actions are to agree an **"ambitious" EU 2030 Energy and Climate Policy Framework**, reform the structure of the **EU's Emissions Trading System** and ensure the EU is in a position to put an **ambitious emissions reduction** offer on the table at the Ban Ki-Moon-hosted **World Leader's Climate Summit** in autumn 2014.
<http://www.edie.net/news/6/EU-climate-change-Ministers-set-out-low-carbon-vision-in-Brussels-/>

Other Issues (continued)

- **Just 50 companies** are responsible for **nearly three quarters** of the **greenhouse gas emissions** of the 500 largest listed businesses in the world, according to a **new study by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)**. The report, co-produced with **PricewaterhouseCoopers**, claims to be **'the most authoritative evaluation of corporate progress on climate change'** so far published.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=538>
- **World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) provisional annual statement on the Status of the Global Climate 2013** provides a **snapshot of regional and national temperatures**.
<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2755&ArticleID=9702&I=en>
http://www.wmo.int/pages/mediacentre/press_releases/documents/ProvisionalStatementStatusClimate2013.pdf
- The **European Environment Agency's** report **'Trends and projections in Europe 2013'** considers **EU progress** in meeting **greenhouse gas emission reduction, renewable energy and energy efficiency targets**.
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/media/newsreleases/climate-and-energy-targets-2013>
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/trends-and-projections-2013>
- The full list of **Annual CDP program reports** are available at this website:
<https://www.cdp.net/en-US/Results/Pages/reports.aspx>
- The **FEEM (Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei) Sustainability Index** is an **aggregate index** comprised of **23 indicators** related to **economic, social and environmental dimensions**. It provides projections of **sustainability performances** at the **national and supranational** scale up to the year **2030**:
<http://www.feemsi.org/>
<http://www.feemsi.org/pag/results.php>
- With a **focus across adaptation, mitigation & development**, **The Climate Change Guide** covers **agriculture & food security, natural resource management, poverty & vulnerability, governance, health, gender, finance, & low carbon energy**.
<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/climate-change#.Up8SHsRSh8E>
<http://www.climate-change-guide.com/>
http://cdkn.org/?s=climate+change+guide&searchsubmit=%C2%BB&loclang=en_gb&type=solr&referrer=CDKN
- **Geo-engineering** is a **hugely controversial theory** but has recently received a **nod** from the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** in its recent climate change report. Read a **thought provoking article** on the subject in the **Guardian**.
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/blog/climate-science-geoengineering-save-world>
- Is it possible for the **chief executives of US corporations** to show anything even **resembling leadership** when it comes to speaking out about the **dangers of climate change**? Another interesting article from the **Guardian**.
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/us-business-leaders-climate-change-silence>
- **Changing mind sets** is **key to preventing social and environmental disaster**. We need to listen to **Einstein** and **change the way we think** if there's any chance of **creating a sustainable society**: 'We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them', **Albert Einstein**. Bold but obvious statements in a piece in the **Guardian** recently.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/changing-mindsets-prevent-environmental-disaster?CMP=&et_cid=53283&et_rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fchanging-mindsets-prevent-environmental-disaster
- The **Global Compact Australia** has released a report on the **Australian Minerals Industry & Human Rights**:
http://www.ethicalinvestor.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2860&Itemid=375
<http://www.unglobalcompact.org.au/assets/Australian-Minerals-Industry-Human-Rights.pdf>

Other Issues (continued)

- The **BRIDGE Cutting Edge** programme on **gender and social movements**, have produced a **report** that provides an **in-depth exploration** of theory, case studies and key learning and routes to change drawn from its programme. The report is intended for a **broad audience** interested and/or involved in work around **social movements** and **on women's rights and gender justice**.
<http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/go/cutting-edge-packs/gender-and-social-movements>
<http://socialmovements.bridge.ids.ac.uk/start-here/overview-report-and-brief-bulletin>
- Please visit the **EthicalCorp website** and listen to the **exclusive podcast** by **John Ruggie** about the next steps for **business and human rights**.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/business-strategy/podcasts/next-steps-business-and-human-rights-exclusive-podcast-john-ruggie?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2ffc_ethicalcorporation%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+161013&utm_term=Exclusive+podcast+with+John+Ruggie%3a+The+next+steps+for+business+and+human+rights&utm_content=42046
- A **new report** from the **International Labour Organization's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)** shows a **steep decline** in **child workers worldwide** during the period **2008-2012**. The report is the latest in IPEC's periodic surveys that aim to measure trends in child labour, towards the **ILO target to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016**.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/supply-chains/analysis-child-labour-%E2%80%93-too-many-children-still-work?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2ffc_ethicalcorporation%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+271113&utm_term=What+can+companies+do+about+investor+short-termism%3f&utm_content=42046
<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/lang-en/index.htm>
http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_221513/lang-en/index.htm
- The clothing chain **Gap** has made **public a review of human rights practices** in its **supply chain**.
<http://www.shiftproject.org/>
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=536>
- The **number of companies** to have signed up to the **Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety** has **now reached 100**. The Accord aims to make the garment industry in Bangladesh '**safe and sustainable for years to come**', partly through an intense series of health and safety checks.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=558>
- **Mauritania, Haiti, and Pakistan** have the **highest rates of forced labour** in the world, according to the **first global survey to catalogue slavery** on a **country-by-country basis**. The **Global Slavery Index**, produced by the **Walk Free Foundation**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=562>
<http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/>
<http://www.walkfreefoundation.org/>
- **December 10th** was **Human Rights Day**, and this year marks **20 years** since the establishment of the **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights**. (UN OHCHR) **Eldis** have published a timeline, that looks at **significant events** and publications that focus particularly on **human rights and the elderly**.
<http://www.eldis.org/go/latest-news/news/human-rights-day-from-the-perspective-of-older-persons#.Up8Ts8RSh8E>
<http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/207336/Human-Rights-Day-2013-Older-people/>
- The Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) of the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is a global programme that **supports country-led efforts** to mainstream **poverty-environment linkages** into **national development** and **sub-national development planning**, from **polycymaking to budgeting, implementation and monitoring**. See more at:
<http://www.unpei.org/>
<http://www.unpei.org/#sthash.6O2q6k6v.dpuf>
- The achievement of **global food security** requires **policy coherence for development (PCD)** at the **global, regional and national levels**. It requires action by advanced economies, by emerging and developing countries, and by civil society and international organisations.
http://eudevdays.eu/topics/global-food-security-and-policy-coherence-development?utm_source=ECDPM+Newsletters+List&utm_campaign=5d18c0e3fc-Weekly_Compass11_15_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f93a3dae14-5d18c0e3fc-388605225

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- The **Ethical Consumer Sector Report on the Food Industry: Food, Justice and Corporate Power** looks at some of the **key issues** in the **global supply chains** such as **GM** and **palm oil** and at those campaigning to **end harmful practices** such as **food speculation**.
http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalreports/foodindustrysectorreport.aspx?utm_source=ECRA+Monthly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=2e4c6b8460-August_newsletter8_26_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9856040c29-2e4c6b8460-268537329
- The **Sahara Forest Project** is a new **environmental solution** to create **re-vegetation** and **green jobs** through **profitable production of food, water, clean electricity and biomass in desert areas**.
<http://saharaforestproject.com/>
- **General Mills** has said that it will **sustainably source ten 'priority ingredients'** – including **wheat, milk, cocoa and corn** – **by 2020**. Because the ingredients make up **50 per cent** of **General Mills' total raw material purchases**, the company says the **commitment** will be a **significant move** towards its eventual goal of **100 per cent sustainable sourcing**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=545>
- The consumer-goods giant, **Unilever**, pledges that **all the palm oil** it buys globally will be **from traceable sources** by the end of **2014**. **Unilever** is one of the **largest buyers of palm oil**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=583>
- **EthicalCorp** has an interesting piece **about Supply chain risk: what companies need to know**.
http://www.ethicalcorp.com/supply-chains/globalethicist-%E2%80%93supply-chain-risk-what-companies-need-know?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fuk.ethicalcorp.com%2f%2fethicalcorporation%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EC+News+091013&utm_term=Supply+chain+risk+%7c+ethical+finance+%7c+Coke+CEO+on+C&utm_content=42046
- The **Water Hub** from the **Guardian Sustainable Business Section** has a very interesting article discussing **conflicting reporting systems** and how they may **hinder companies' water risk strategies**.
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/conflicting-reporting-hinder-risk-water-strategies?CMP=&et_cid=50703&et rid=5613545&Linkid=Conflicting+reporting+systems+may+hinder+companies%26%2339%3b+water+risk+strategies
- Can you **create the green store for the future**? The goal of this challenge is to create a **Green Store prototype**. This **Green Store prototype** must be **sustainable in terms of materials, construction, energy, operation and other aspects and will be realized in Germany**.
<http://thedoschool.org/challenges/green-store-challenge/>
- **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)**'s president on **business partnerships and greenwashing**: Critics say **WWF is too cosy with corporates**, but **Yolanda Kakabadse** asks where would we be **if we didn't engage with the private sector**?
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/wwf-president-business-partnerships-greenwashing?CMP=&et_cid=53283&et rid=lc17@st-andrews.ac.uk&Linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.theguardian.com%2fsustainable-business%2fwwf-president-business-partnerships-greenwashing
- **Eldis** has been following the **World Health Summit 2013**. They have created a **Storify**, focusing specifically on the **Global Health track of the Summit**, bringing together different interesting and relevant information and news on **Global Health from the Summit and beyond**.
<http://www.eldis.org/go/latest-news/news/world-health-summit-2013-an-eldis-storify#.UpqxY8RSh8E>
- The **2013 Gap Report Strengthens Case for Wide-Ranging Global Action to Close Emissions Gap**
<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2755&ArticleID=9683&l=en>
<http://www.unep.org/emissionsgapreport2013/>
- The **United Nations** has **agreed in principle** to implement a **global 'market-based'** scheme that will encourage the **airline industry** to **reduce its carbon emissions**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=548>

Other Issues (continued)

- The **Carbon Trust** launches the **world's first international standard** for **organisational waste reduction**, awarded to organisations able to demonstrate that they are **measuring, managing and reducing their solid and hazardous waste year on year**.
<http://www.corporateregister.com/news/item/?n=578>
<http://www.carbontrust.com/about-us/press/2013/07/carbon-trust-to-take-on-waste>
- **BHP Billiton** has provided an **additional 90 secondary and tertiary scholarships** for **Indigenous students** by committing a further \$10 million to the **Australian Indigenous Education Foundation**. The investment builds on an **existing three-year partnership** with AIEF.
http://www.ethicalinvestor.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2850&Itemid=375

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