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LEGISLATION

NOTICES

Department of Environmental Affairs – Gen Notice 497 in GG 40949 of 30 June 2017 - Notice of publication of Draft Third National Communication (TNC) Report to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – for comment

National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 - GN R626 in GG 40954 of 30 June 2017 - Proposed Regulation to Phase-out the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2017 - for comment

National Forests Act 84 of 1998 – Gen Notice 482 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Proposed list of particular trees and particular groups of trees to be declared 'Champion Trees' - for comment <http://www.gov.za/documents/national-forests-act-proposed-list-particular-trees-and-particular-groups-trees-0>

Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 – Gen Notice 486 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Description submitted in terms of s. 15 (1) by the Swellendam Municipality

National Railway Safety Regulator Act 16 of 2002 - GN 617 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Draft Security Matters Regulations, 2017 - for comment

National Railway Safety Regulator Act 16 of 2002 – GN 618 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Draft Regulations regarding infrastructure or activity affecting safe railway operations, 2017 - for comment

Gas Regulator Levies Act 75 of 2002 – Gen Notice 621 in GG 40950 of 30 June 2017 - Levy and interest payable on the piped-gas industry for the 2017/18 financial year

Petroleum Pipelines Levies Act 28 of 2004 – Gen Notice 622 in GG 40950 of 30 June 2017 - Levy and interest payable on the petroleum pipeline industry for the 2017/18 financial year

Financial Markets Act 19 of 2012 - BN 119 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Proposed amendments to the JSE Debt Listing Requirements - for comment

National Health Act 61 of 2003 – GN 604 in GG 40945 of 30 June 2017 - Proposed Regulations Relating to the Surveillance and the Control of Notifiable Medical Conditions, 2017 - for comment

PROVINCES

Limpopo

Limpopo Environmental Management Act 7 of 2003 – Gen Notice 83 in PG 2826 of 23 June 2017 - Notice of intention to withdraw the declaration of Part of Private Nature Reserve Boerboomkraal - for comment

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 – Gen Notice 84 in PG 2826 of 23 June 2017 - Makhado Local Municipality - Correction notice - Electricity tariffs as published under LAN 68 in PG 2822 of 16 June 2017

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 – LAN 74 in PG 2829 of 30 June 2017 - Makhado Local Municipality - Correction notice - Electricity – Other charges as published under LAN 68 in PG 2822 of 16 June 2017

KwaZulu-Natal

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013 - PN 70 in PG 1842 of 29 June 2017 - Alfred Duma Local Municipality - Notice of establishment of Municipal Planning Tribunal and appointment of members

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - PN 72 in PG 1842 of 29 June 2017 - Alfred Duma Local Municipality - Cemeteries and Crematoria By-law; Electricity Supply By-law; Outdoor Advertising By-law, 2015; and Storm Water By-law

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - PN 72 in PG 1842 of 29 June 2017 - Alfred Duma Local Municipality - Fire Brigade (Emergency Services) By-law; Landfill Site (Refuse Disposal) By-laws; Pound By-laws, 2016; and Problem Building By-law

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - PN 72 in PG 1842 of 29 June 2017 - Alfred Duma Local Municipality - Nuisances and Behaviour in Public Places By-law

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 - PN 72 in *PG* 1842 of 29 June 2017 - Alfred Duma Local Municipality - Waste Management By-law

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - MN 68 in *PG* 1842 of 29 June 2017 - uMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality - Informal Traders By-laws

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Business Act 71 of 1991 - MN 69 in *PG* 1842 of 29 June 2017 - uMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality: Business Licensing By-laws

Gauteng

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - LAN 875 in *PG* 153 of 28 June 2017 - Emfuleni Local Municipality - Notice of adoption of the Operating and capital budget, tariffs and levies and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) - with effect from 1 July 2017

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 - LANs 903-914 in *PG* 153 of 28 June 2017 - Cemeteries, Issuing of certificates and furnishing of information, Electricity tariffs, Land Development Applications, Refuse Removal, Sewer tariffs, Water supply tariffs

Northern Cape

Division of Revenue Act 3 of 2016 – Gen Notice 63 in *PG* 2104 of 26 June 2017 - Planned expenditure from the Human Settlements Development Grant for Level 1 and 2 Accredited Municipalities for the 2017/18 MTEF

Division of Revenue Act 3 of 2016 – Gen Notice 65 in *PG* 2105 of 26 June 2017 - Planned expenditure from the Human Settlements Development Grant to the Housing Development Agency for the 2017/18 MTEF

Eastern Cape

Local Government: Municipal Finance Act 56 of 2003 - PN 118 in *PG* 3868 of 27 June 2017 - Senqu Local Municipality - Approved 2017/2018 Annual Budget and Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 - with effect from 1 July 2017

Western Cape

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003 - PN 128 in *PG 7785* of 23 June 2017 - Intention to declare Nature Reserves - Jakkalsdans, Vergelegen, Witkliprug, Wildealsvlei, Oudeberg, Franco Three Fountains, Darling Renosterveld, Paarl Mountain, Buffalo Valley Nature Reserves and Sanbona Wildlife Reserve - for comment

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 - LAN 54726 in *PG 7785* of 23 June 2017 - Swartland Local Municipality - Declaration of a local state of disaster as a result of the devastating fire on 18 March 2017 at the Swartland Hospital in Malmesbury

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 - LAN 54733 in *PG 7785* of 23 June 2017 - Drakenstein Local Municipality - Declaration of a local state of drought disaster (hydrological and agricultural)

CASES

National

The Waste Group Pty (Ltd) v Brereton and Others (31390/17) [2017] ZAGPPHC 291 (23 June 2017)

Restraint of trade – contrary to public policy or not

“[8] There are four dominant and major role players - competing against each other - within the waste management industry in South Africa and various other different and smaller competitors. The four major largest role players within the waste management industry are able to deliver a complete and holistic service over the spectrum of waste management, namely, industrial waste management; commercial waste management; medical waste management; domestic waste management; mining waste management; municipal waste management and landfill management. There is a further sub-category of hazardous waste management created within any of the aforementioned categories. Each of these four main role players in the complete management industry delivers services and conduct business on a national basis.”

International

Burgess v. United States (filed January 2017)

http://www.greatlakeslaw.org/Flint/Burgess_v_USA_Complaint.pdf

The complaint is under the Federal Tort Claims Act for EPA Region V's negligence and disregard for statutory obligations in the Flint water crisis. It details a breakdown of the EPA's role in cooperative federalism and enforcement in the face of citizen concerns and activism with life-and-death implications.

Findings and recommendations communication adopted by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on 19 June 2017 (ACCC/C/2014/99)

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/C2014-99/Findings/C99_Spain_Findings_adopted_advance_unedited.pdf

Findings record

<http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/public-participation/aarhus-convention/tfwg/envppcc/envpppubcom/acccc201499-spain.html>

PUBLICATIONS

2017 *SA Crime Quarterly* No 60 - Special issue on organised environmental crime funded by the Global Initiative

<https://journals.assaf.org.za/sacq/issue/view/319/showToc>

2016 *South African Journal for Environmental Law and Policy* (now published by Juta) Volume 22

<https://juta.co.za/products/south-african-journal-of-environmental-law-and-policy/>

- Gebregiorgis MT “What are the instrumental roles of the introduction of environmental tax in the realisation of the polluter-pays principle in Ethiopia?”
- Kuschke Birgit “Aspects of insurance for environmental damage claims: Some issues raised by proposed hydraulic fracturing”
- Umejesi Ikechukwu “Colonial era practices of eminent domain and state-community contestation for mineral-resource ownership in postcolonial Nigeria: the search for a sustainable synergy”
- Knetsch Jonas & Ollard Romain “The impact of the precautionary principle on civil and criminal liability: A French perspective on South African law”
- Surbun Vishal “The regulation of offshore seismic surveys for petroleum resources in South Africa’s maritime realm”
- Ladan MT “SDGs framework as the blueprint for climate change action and sustainable development in Africa: role of law and parliamentarians”
- Mugadza Amanda “An overview of sustainable tourism development in transfrontier conservation areas (TFCAs): A legal perspective”
- Mkhonza Amanda “The *Palala* Judgment: A Harmonious Relationship between the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act and the Companies Act?”
- Couzens Ed et al “‘The Baboon Behaved Impeccably’: Animal rights and welfare in South Africa, some recent foreign judgments, and the case of *Macrae v State* [SCA, 2014]”

2017 SAJELP: Call for articles, notes and case notes

The editorial committee seeks contributions for 2017 *SAJELP*. Submit contributions to the editorial committee.

Badenhorst P “The Nature of New Order Prospecting Rights and Mining Rights: A Can of Worms?” 2017 *SALJ* 361-382

Burns W "Human Rights Dimensions of Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage: A Framework for Climate Justice in the Realm of Climate Geoengineering" in Randall Abate (ed) *Climate Justice: Case Studies in Global and Regional Governance Challenges* 149-176 (2017) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2871527

Craik N and Burns W "Climate Engineering Under the Paris Agreement: A Legal and Policy Primer" *Climate Engineering under the Paris Agreement: A Legal and Policy Primer, Special Report*, Centre for International Governance Innovation (November 2016) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2872528

Whittaker Sean "The Right of Access to Environmental Information and Legal Transplant Theory: Lessons from London and Beijing" 2017 *Transnational Environmental Law* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2047102517000115>

Scholtz Werner "Injecting Compassion into International Wildlife Law: From Conservation to Protection?" 2017 *Transnational Environmental Law* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2047102517000103>

Kotzé Louis J and Villavicencio Calzadilla Paola "Somewhere between Rhetoric and Reality: Environmental Constitutionalism and the Rights of Nature in Ecuador" DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2047102517000061>

2017 *Transnational Environmental Law* 6(2)

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/transnational-environmental-law/issue/D82E48FC952497AFBBCBD4D1C4415C57>

- Thijs Ety, Veerle Heyvaert, Cinnamon Carlarne, Dan Farber, Bruce Huber, Josephine van Zeben "The Maturing of Transnational Environmental Law"
- Heyvaert Veerle "The Transnationalization of Law: Rethinking Law through Transnational Environmental Regulation"
- Turner Stephen J "The Use of 'Macro' Legal Analysis in the Understanding and Development of Global Environmental Governance"
- Green Jessica F and Auld Graeme "Unbundling the Regime Complex: The Effects of Private Authority"
- Blanco Elena Merinoa and Pontin Ben "Litigating Extraterritorial Nuisances under English Common Law and UK Statute"
- Razzaque Jona "Payments for Ecosystem Services in Sustainable Mangrove Forest Management in Bangladesh"
- Black Celeste M "Taxation of Cross-Border Transfers of Carbon Emission Allowances under Linked Emissions Trading Schemes"
- Couzens Ed "Size Still Matters, Although It Shouldn't: The Debate on Small Cetaceans, IWC 65, and Monaco's Resolution on Highly Migratory Cetaceans"

Driesen DM "Emissions Trading Versus Pollution Taxes: Playing Nice with Other Instruments" June 2017 https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2985669

Kalen S “Policing Federal Supremacy: Preemption and Common Law Damage Claims as a Ceiling to the Clean Air Act Regulatory Floor” 2016 *Florida Law Review* <http://www.floridalawreview.com/2017/policing-federal-supremacy-preemption-common-law-damage-claims-ceiling-regulatory-floor/>

Kalen S “Muddling through Modern Energy Policy: The Dormant Commerce Clause and Unmasking the Illusion of an Attleboro Line” 2016 *NYU Environmental Law Journal* http://www.nyuelj.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Kalen_ready_for_printer_1.pdf

Kalen S “An Aspirational Right to a Healthy Environment” 2016 *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy* <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/98v1z2c1>

Kalen S “Historical Flow of Hydroelectric Regulation: A Brief History” 2017 *Idaho L. Review* <https://www.uidaho.edu/law/law-review/nrel-edition>

“Foot Off The Gas: Increased Reliance on Natural Gas in the Power Sector Risks an Emissions Lock-In” (June 2017) http://climateactiontracker.org/assets/publications/briefing_papers/CAT-2017-06-16-DecarbonisationSeries-NaturalGas.pdf

“Land degradation and cities: The essential role of local and regional governments” (ICLEI Briefing Sheet 2017, No. 3 - Land Degradation and Cities) http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/PUBLICATIONS/Briefing_Sheets/Land_Degradation/ICLEI_Briefing_Sheet_Land_Degradation.pdf

IRENA “Accelerating the Energy Transition through Innovation, a working paper based on global REmap analysis” (IRENA Abu Dhabi 2017) http://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloads/Publications/IRENA_Energy_Transition_Innovation_2017.pdf

BLOGS, WEBSITES, DATABASES, VIDEOS, OPINIONS, ETC

Blog: Takings Litigation: Big Victory for State and Local Governments in Murr” 26 June 2017 <https://takingslitigation.com/2017/06/26/big-victory-for-state-and-local-governments-in-murr/>

Desmog Blog: Dermansky Julie “Pastor Leads Lawsuit Opposing Bayou Bridge Pipeline to Protect Louisiana Cancer Alley Community” 26 June 2017 <https://www.desmogblog.com/2017/06/26/pastor-leads-lawsuit-opposing-bayou-bridge-pipeline-protect-louisiana-cancer-alley-community>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Elena Kosolapova “Mayors of Major Cities Commit to Implement Paris Agreement, SDG 11” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tZwO0m>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Elena Kosolapova “UN Council Calls for Considering Human Rights under UNFCCC” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2s8pvSw>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Mead L “Environmental Assessments Key to Achieving SDGs, Climate Goals” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tm3uTS>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Jungcurt S “Toolkit Aims to Boost Energy Efficiency Finance” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2snOFfk>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Jungcurt S “Investments in Renewable Energy to Top US\$7 Trillion by 2040” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tsXbxS>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Elena Kosolapova “Transparency and Compliance Update: Kyoto Protocol Parties Submissions Reviewed, 2017 GHG Inventory Status Reports Released” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2ujWa8F>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Mwangi W “Expert Meeting Explores Ethnic-based Land Conflicts in Africa” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sSSTPH>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Paul D “UN Environment Encourages Individual Pledges on Water-Related SDGs” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sioSdg>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Mwangi W “UN Projects Tackle Desertification in the Mid-East, Asia and Africa” 27 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tTdHd>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Paul D “UN Agencies, World Bank Urge Preparation for Drought, Climate Change” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sY7RE0>

IISD SDB Knowledge Hub: Tsioumani Elsa “IISD Examines Impacts of Voluntary Agricultural Standards on Biodiversity” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2ttvsgB>

IISD SDG Knowledge Hub: Wagner L “Sustainable Development Innovations Added to African Knowledge Hub” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2s9mr8K>

Wbcsd: Natural Capital Protocol Toolkit [Source: National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) - June 2017 Newsletter] https://www.naturalcapitaltoolkit.org/?dm_i=2GI3,12UQP,48BTMK,38XVC,1

Science Daily: “Climate change damages US economy, increases inequality” 29 June 2017 <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/06/170629142958.htm>

2017 *Transnational Environmental Law* (free download until 30 July 2017) <http://bit.ly/2tvZllp>

The Conversation: Dunhill Alex “Five mass extinctions – and what we can learn from them about the planet today” 29 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2s82GOQ>

The Conversation: Radley Ben “The DRC is revisiting its mining code. Why reform is long overdue” 28 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2s8KRiY>

The Conversation: Sam Williams “How badly implemented land reform can affect wildlife: a Zimbabwean case study” 28 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tsjKD8>

The Conversation: Winkler Hartmut “Nuclear and coal lobbies threaten to scupper renewables in South Africa” 26 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2su2ZD4>

The Conversation: Parker Saahier “South Africans don't know much about science. Why this is a problem” 25 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2spsRoF>

Science: Qiu Jane “Surge in wildlife killings is wiping out giraffes” 22 June 2017 http://www.sciencemaq.org/news/2017/06/surge-wildlife-killings-wiping-out-giraffes?utm_campaign=news_weekly_2017-06-23&et rid=307814892&et cid=1401874

Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment: Working Paper Series <http://ceassessment.org/wps/>

IISD: Antarctica Today and Tomorrow Bulletin - International Conference: Antarctica Today and Tomorrow <http://enb.iisd.org/oceans/antarctica/2017/>

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING/WORKSHOPS¹

National

ELA Student Conference: The Impacts of Contemporary Societal and Developmental Trends – Novel Environmental Law and Governance Responses

Date: 15-16 September 2017

Place: Potchefstroom

No Registration Fee

Submission of Abstracts to ELA Secretariat: enviro.association.sa@gmail.com

Queries: Prof Anél du Plessis anel.duplessis@nwu.ac.za 018 299 1924

Abstract Submission date: 20 July 2017

ELA Annual Conference and AGM: Save the Date

Date: 10-11 November 2017

Venue: School of Law, University of Cape Town

More information will follow soon

2017 NACA (National Association for Clean Air) Conference

Date: 4-6 October 2017

Venue: CedarWoods of Sandton Conference Centre, 120 Western Service Rd, Woodmead, Sandton, Gauteng

For more information visit the NACA website at: www.naca.org.za

Or contact Beverley Terry at 071 683 9770

¹ Courses/conferences/workshops etc advertised on the ELA Newsletter do not imply endorsement by the ELA. The information is disseminated as it is one of the aims of the ELA to make information on environmental events/issues generally available.

CBSS Training Workshop, Pretoria and Cape Town: Integrated Water Resource Management, the National Water Act and Water Use Authorisations

Date: 15-17 Augustus 2017

Venue: Pretoria (Encore Complex, Church Street, near Hatfield Gautrain Station) (Register before 18 July 2017)

Date: 12-14 September 2017:

Venue: Intaka Island (near Century City) (register before 14 August 2017 for discount).

On 24 March 2017, the Minister of Water and Sanitation published new Regulations regarding the Procedural Requirements for water use license applications and Appeals in GN R267. Considering the extensive requirements in this new Regulation, CBSS has updated our popular three-day training workshop on Integrated Water Resource Management, the National Water Act, and Water Use Authorisations, and will be presenting it at the following Venues:

Please click on these links for the Course Description <http://www.cbosss.com/training/course-descriptions/> and Registration Form <http://www.cbosss.com/training/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-CBSS-Course-Appl-Form.pdf>

Seats are limited, so please register without delay should you be interested in attending. Please note that discounts are available for *bona fide* students, bookings for three or more attendees from the same organisation, and for early bird registration, with payment finalised before the dates indicated. More details regarding these discounts are available on our website <http://www.cbosss.com/training/register/>

For more information contact: Glaudin Kruger Course Coordinator Tel 028 316 2905 Email: kruger@krugerassociate

Land Rehabilitation Society of Southern Africa (LaRSSA) 5th Annual conference

Dates: 1-4 August 2017

Venue: Olifantsriver Lodge, Mpumalanga

More information at: <http://larssa.co.za/>

[Source: National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) - May 2017 Newsletter]

IAIAsa 2017 National Conference: Inspiration of Integrated Environmental Management: Crafting Innovative Solutions to Persistent Environmental and Social Problems

Date: 16-18 August 2017

Venue: Goudini Spa, Western Cape

More information on deadlines and participation:

<http://eolstoragewe.blob.core.windows.net/wm-698609-cmsimages/PresentationOptions5final.pdf>

2017 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice: First Announcement - Call for Abstracts and Proposals

Date: 6-10 November 2017

Venue: Fern Hill Conference Centre, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

All interested are invited to submit proposals for special sessions and workshops, and abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 2017 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice.

Please submit all proposals for special sessions and/or workshops for consideration by 30 June 2017 using the online submission system: <http://ocs.conservationssymposium.com/sccp/2017/login?source=%2Fscpp%2F2017%2Fauthor%2Fsubmit%3FrequiresAuthor%3D1>

Please submit all abstracts for oral and poster presentations for consideration by 4 August 2017 using the online submission system.

For any queries, contact Freyni or Erica: secretariat@conservationssymposium.com

Tel: +27 (0)49 842 4335 or +27 (0)83 256 7202

EOH Legal Services: 3 day Environmental Law Course

Date: 10-12 July 2017

Venue: St George's Hotel

Contact: The contact person for the reservations or any additional information is: Jolene Mascini on 087-405-1825, email address: Jolene.Mascini@eoh.co.za

IMBEWU: Environmental Law Update Workshop

Date: 22 August 2017

Venue: IMBEWU's Offices – Rosebank, JHB

Time: 08:30-16:30

Contact: Lulu@imbewu.co.za or www.imbewu.co.za or call at 011 214 0660/1

WRC Symposium – Save the Date

Date: 18-20 September 2017

More information follows later

2017 joint Biodiversity Information Management Forum (BIMF) and Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) Forum

Dates: 14th – 17th August 2017

Place: Umhlali, KwaZulu-Natal

Registration for the forum is free to delegates. Please note that abstract submissions for the Forum is due by the 16th June 2017. Please ensure the submission of the registration form by the 14th July if accommodation assistance is required. All other delegates please submit the registration form by 25th July 2017. To submit abstracts and registration forms and for further information please email BIMF_FBIP@sanbi.org.za

[Source: National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) - June 2017 Newsletter]

NWU: CEM Courses 2017

- **Environmental law (CEM-02.1.1)**
Date: 10-15 July 2017 Johannesburg (Holiday Inn Johannesburg Airport)
- **Environmental law - for the mining sector CEM-02.1.8**
Date: 17-21 July 2017 (Potchefstroom)
- **Environmental law -integrated waste management CEM-02.1.3**
Date: 18-19 September 2017
- **Mine Health and Safety Law CEM-02.2.2**
Date: 31 July-4 August 2017
- **Environmental Management System Transition (CEM-03.7.1)**
Prerequisites: Prior learning and/or experience in ISO 14001:2004
Dates: 26-27 September 2017 (Potchefstroom)
- **Environmental Management System - auditor transition (CEM-03.7.1.1)**
Dates: 28 September 2017 (Potchefstroom)
- **Integrated Waste Management (CEM-06.2.1)**
Date: 24-28 July 2017 (Potchefstroom)
- **Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems CEM-03.2.1**
Date: 17-21 July 2017
- **Environmental Risk Assessment and Management (ERAM) CEM-05.3.1**
Date: 17-21 July 2017
- **Environmental Management Systems CEM-03.1.1**
***Course based on ISO 14001:2015
Date: 31 July - 4 August 2017

A course will only be presented if enough participants register. In-house courses may, however, also be arranged Contact: Ms Theresa Bowen (018) 299 2714 / ceminfo@nwu.ac.za / <http://www.cem-nwu.co.za/>

International

Adaptation Webinar

Date: 3 July 2017

If you register for the webinar in advance you will receive a mail-reminder before the webinar starts, which is especially helpful if you are in another time-zone. You can also participate without a registration. Then you just click the Webinar link at the appropriate time.

Registration for the Webinar:

<https://www.proprofs.com/survey/t/?title=fs-webinar-on-online-master-of-leadership-in-development-finance>

Access to the Webinar: <https://efiport.adobeconnect.com/adaptationf/>

Below the official invitation for your information:

In order to increase the understanding of the many faces of climate change adaptation finance, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management online programme organizes a free Webinar: "The many faces of Adaptation" by Frankfurt School of Finance and Management.

Webinar: The many faces of Adaptation

When: Monday 3rd July 12:00 – 13:00 CET

The presentation will be held by Prof. Dr. Ulf Moslener, professor for Sustainable Energy Finance at the faculty of Frankfurt School and also Head of Research at the FS UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance.

The webinar content is extracted from training materials included in the eLearning course “Certified Expert in Climate Adaptation Finance” and will focus on the different stakeholders involved in adaptation and adaptation finance but also provide a brief introduction to the concept of adaptation as a starting point.

FS UNEP Collaborating Centre has developed two eLearning courses in collaboration with the Frankfurt School Development Finance e-Campus: “Certified Expert in Climate Adaptation Finance” (CECAF) and Certified Expert in Climate & Renewable Energy Finance (CECRF).

Both courses are accredited (6 ECTS credits/course) and are elective parts of the online Master of Leadership in Development Finance.

More information about both the courses and the online Master are available on the FS UNEP Centre: <http://fs-unep-centre.org/content/e-learning-certified-expert-climate-renewable-energy-finance-and-climate-adaptation-finance>

Global Nature Fund’s international Natural Capital Conference

Place: Frankfurt, Germany

Date: Thursday 5 October 2017

At this conference you will learn about recent developments in policy, economics and science regarding natural capital. Practitioners from various industries will share their experiences about how to integrate natural capital into their daily business. You will be challenged to take some steps yourself..

Click here. <http://www.business-biodiversity.eu/en/natural-capital-conference>

[Source: National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) - June 2017 Newsletter]

Resilient Cities 2018

Place: Bonn

Date: 26-28 April 2018

Website: <http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/>

NEWS

Peyper Liesl Legal experts clash over constitutionality of minerals bill *Fin24* 29 June 2017 <http://www.fin24.com/Companies/Mining/legal-experts-clash-over-constitutionality-of-minerals-bill-20170629>

“Nigerian widows seek to sue Shell in Dutch courts” *News24* 29 June 2017 <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/nigerian-widows-seek-to-sue-shell-in-dutch-courts-20170629>

Tairo Apolinari “Selous park in Tanzania at risk of losing status as World Heritage site” *eTN* 29 June 2017 <http://www.eturbonews.com/158461/selous-park-tanzania-risk-losing-status-world-heritage-site>

Governance: Umgeni Water board to go amid forensic probe

“Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane would not renew the term of the current board of Umgeni Water when it expired this month, the parastatal announced yesterday (Wednesday), according to a report in The Mercury. The term of the 10-member board ends on 1 July. The report notes an anonymous whistle-blower recently made damning allegations of corruption and wrongdoing against senior officials of the state-owned water company. The allegations led to chief executive Cyril Gamede being placed on precautionary suspension. A forensic investigation is expected to start next week. Umgeni Water spokesperson Shami Harichunder said the Minister would soon begin the process of replacing the board.”

Full report in The Mercury (subscription needed) *Legalbrief Forensic* 29 June 2017

Legislation: Protected Disclosures Bill on way to President

“The Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill is finally on its way to President Jacob Zuma for signature. Reflecting NCOP recommendations for a strengthened definition of the term ‘occupational detriment’, a ‘D’ version of the Bill not yet publicly available was passed yesterday by the National Assembly – paving the way for the introduction of measures aimed at facilitating the disclosure of unlawful or irregular conduct on the part of both public and private sector employers. Opposed by the DA and ACDP, the Bill has been criticised by some public interest organisations for its perceived potential to deter whistle-blowing (GroundUp).”

Read full report in Legalbrief Policy Watch *Legalbrief Forensic* 29 June 2017

Herman P “Treasury paints bleak picture of water dept’s finances” *News24* 28 June 2017 <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/treasury-paints-bleak-picture-of-water-depts-finances-20170628>

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