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A point of reference to apply your mind' brings the reader focussed information on events, developments and updates occurring in the area of sustainability. This quarterly newsletter is aimed at the busy director and social and ethics committee member who wish to keep abreast of developments in the sustainability area at a glance.

The content of this publication takes its lead from the World Economic Forum's Global Risk Report and the ten global risks of highest concern in 2014:

1. Food crises
2. Structurally high unemployment/underemployment
3. Fiscal crises in key economies
4. Water crises
5. Severe income disparity
6. Failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation
7. Great incidence of extreme weather events
8. Global governance failure
9. Failure of a major financial mechanism/institution
10. Profound political and social instability

Food

'A sustainability review of the global food system': Underlying the impact which food systems have on business is the understanding that a society's ability to feed itself in turn defines the form that society takes. The global food system exists in a state of increasing dysfunctionality: one in six children are undernourished, yet one in four are overweight.

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Unemployment/underemployment

The community investment dividend: The report from KPMG looking at the methodologies, challenges and considerations for resources companies when valuing community investments

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Economics

Remaking the industrial economy: A regenerative economic model – the circular economy – is starting to help companies create more value while reducing their dependency on scarce resources.

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Global governance

Sustainability - Directors must focus on their personal values: "The reason why business struggles to implement sustainability practices is that they are generally using the wrong criteria to judge their own success."

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Water pollution near mines prompts South African probe: South Africa's anti-corruption ombudsman has begun a probe into water pollution allegedly caused by mining companies. A Bloomberg report looks at criminal complaints filed against mining companies

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Articles of interest

[Future State 2030](#): A series that explores how governments must respond to the global megatrends driving change into 2030.

Events

8-10 October 2014

[2014 Joburg Indaba](#): Investing in Resources and Mining in Africa
The Inanda Club, Johannesburg

2-3 December 2014

[International Conference on Sustainable Development 2014](#)
Protea Hotel Water Front, Richards Bay



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