

INVITATION



Launch of 2009 South African Carbon Disclosure Report Is Business in South Africa up to the Challenge of Climate Change?

As we approach the latest round of International Climate Change negotiations in December in Copenhagen this year, it is important to assess whether business in South Africa is significantly prepared to respond to international and national calls to action and strategic responses to climate change. Furthermore, as the negotiating blocs lobby for a new deal in Copenhagen, it is clear that climate change is increasingly presenting a threat not only to the environment but to business as well.

The National Business Initiative is pleased to invite you to the launch of the 2009 South African Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) report where the results and analysis of the third South African CDP report will be presented. The CDP report which has been well received among the Top 100 JSE listed companies over the past three years continues to show improving response rates and improved quality of information. It also continues to attract interest from international and local investors, government, academia and consulting firms since it offers a comprehensive and rich source of data on how South African companies are responding to climate change.

This year's report will present the top 16 companies in terms of their Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index scores and recognition will be given to the top three companies in correlation with these scores. The report will also reflect commentary based on actual performance of the top performing companies with a view to improving business strategy, action, measurement and verification. Equally important, the 2009 CDP report shows significant improvement in disclosure compared to the CDP 2008.

The report will be launched alongside a number of United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEPFI) events to be hosted as part of a green week in Cape Town. The programme will feature a high level interactive panel discussion and critique on how business is dealing with the challenges of climate change.

We look forward to welcoming you to this cutting edge event.

Date:	Wednesday, 21 October 2009	
Time:	15:30 for 16:00 to 19:30 followed by cocktails	
Venue:	Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street. Cape Town	Map/Directions
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