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City Water, Energy and Waste Forum. This event held on 13 August at the Old



Mutual conference centre drew about 200 people and was opened by Councillor Limbergh. WCape Government's Eddie Hanekom pointed to regionalisation as the way of the future, while Alison Davison (at left), the City's Waste Minimisation Officer gave highlights including that their illegal dumping budget for 2018/19 was R112 m, and Think Twice sep@source programme enabled 20 385 tons to be recycled during the period. Bonte Edwards of

JGAfrika presented an analysis of the City's waste materials, which was followed by talks on the Circular Economy and the SA Plastic Pact.

South African Plastics Pact shaping up. SAPRO, WWF, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, WRAP and the CGCSA are bringing the plastics packaging value chain behind a common vision aimed at realising a circular economy for plastics. Leading retailers, brand owners and converters are committing as the first cohort of founding members of the South African Plastics Pact which will be formally launched on the 27 or 28th November 2019 in Cape Town. For more information contact Lorren de Kock at WWF-SA: ldekock@wwf.org.za

Catering for compostables. The proliferation of non-fossil fuel based packaging materials is creating headaches for green caterers as well as organics and composting operations. A comprehensive article from the Events Greening Forum outlines the issues and provides more clarity at: <https://tinyurl.com/yyr28rme>



Sustainable Fashion Awards The inaugural Twyg Sustainable Fashion Awards recognising innovative and sustainable work was held in Cape Town recently sponsored by PETCO. Awards were handed out in various categories which recognise ethical labour practices, limits on toxic chemicals and sustainability. The award for sustainable accessories was won by [Sealand](#) whose products are made from materials including yacht sail, 100% recycled plastic bottles, cotton waste and hemp.



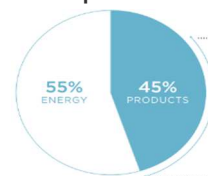
K-Way padded jackets from rPET. K-Way partnered with WWF-SA to make padded jackets from rPET. Each garment re-uses approximately 58 bottles. 96% of the fabric has been made using the recycled material. Available at [Cape Union Mart](#) who have committed to review their supply chain's impact on the environment.

Talking Trash - A Citizen's Guide. In an outreach to the general public, WMRIG convened a well-attended 'First Thursday' event at Workshop 17 in Kloof Street on 3 October. MC'd by Gareth Morgan, the City's director of Resilience Strategy, speakers tackled topics including SA's new recycling label (Zaynab Sadan -WWF); Impacts of household food waste (Melanie Ludwig - ORASA); Waste pickers - recycling's unsung heroes (Quinton Williams - GreenCape); Partnering the City in managing waste (Alison Davison - City of Cape Town); Citizen's guide to waste management (Sam Smout - GreenCape). Check the WMRIG pages of the [IWMSA website](#) for the presentations in due course.

C&D waste educational video. The City of Cape Town has produced a video to educate stakeholders how to manage construction and demolition waste responsibly. Focussing on challenges, opportunities and impacts around building and demolition waste, it outlines the City's requirements for this waste type, and showcases case studies from City and private sector to better realise its value. Watch at: <https://youtu.be/l8eFl2IglIE>



Circular Economy tackles Climate Change. During 'Climate Week' in September, the Ellen McArthur Foundation released a report which, according to [GreenBiz](#) 'by keeping materials in play, companies can decouple economic activity from the consumption of resources vulnerable to climate risks - and therefore build greater flexibility if supply chains are significantly disrupted.' The full report at: <https://tinyurl.com/yydq2pzg>



Western Cape Government E-Guide to Municipal S@S. The Western Cape government's Waste Directorate has published a comprehensive E-Guide for municipalities on separation-at-source recycling. The guide is over 100 pages and was compiled by a collaboration of authors under the Waste Directorate, copy-edited by GreenEdge. It is available for download at: <https://tinyurl.com/y334zlyj>



The annual SAPRO Recycled Plastic Product Awards are being held in Cape Town on Monday 4 November at Workshop 17, Kloof Street. Seats are limited and reservations can be made through Quicket at: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfsx9d4>



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