



FIRST PLASTICS PACT IN AFRICA LAUNCHED

The SA Plastics Pact that was developed by the WorldWide Fund for Nature (WWF-SA), in partnership with the South African Plastics Recycling Organisation (SAPRO), and UK's WRAP was launched on 30 January. The SA Plastics Pact is the latest to join The Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Plastics Pact global network. **Read more about the Pact [here](#).**

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DID YOU KNOW ABOUT CAPE TOWN'S HOME COMPOSTING PROGRAMME?

The city provides free home composting containers to help people deal with organic household waste and to create a good compost system. Since the start of the programme in 2016, they have issued more than 21 000 FREE home composting containers to residents throughout the city. **Read more about the programme and see if you qualify [here](#).**



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GREENCAPE APPOINTS SALIEM HEIDER AS CIRCULAR ECONOMY CO-ORDINATOR

Saliem Haider left Stellenbosch Municipality to take up the position of Programme Manager: Circular Economy at the GreenCape Sector development agency at the beginning of February.

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SECTION 18 - AN INDUSTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (INDWMP)MANAGED BY THE PAPER AND PACKAGING INDUSTRY

DEFF Minister Barbara Creecy announced in December that she would be starting an entirely new process under Section 18 of the NEMWA, as this would allow for a Paper and Packaging Industry Waste Management Plan (IndWMP) which is actually managed by the paper and packaging industry, as opposed to this plan being managed through a government tax system. Read more [here](#).

INTEGRATION OF THE INFORMAL WASTE SECTOR INTO THE PET RECYCLING ECONOMY IN SA

PETCO’s role as a leader in voluntary EPR was recently recognised when the organisation was invited by the International Solid Waste Association to submit a paper for their collection on the status of EPR programmes across the globe. PETCO CEO, Cheri Scholtz, submitted a paper entitled “Integration of the Informal Waste Sector Into PET Recycling Economy in South Africa: The Case of PETCO”, To download the paper and other contributions click [here](#).



Image credit: Ben Curtis (From IOL website)

CAPE TOWN TRIALS MOBILE SWOP SHOP

In February, the City of Cape Town began trialing a mobile Swop Shop in 4 areas. It is about minimising household waste and making recycling easier for the residents. The Swop Shop will be stocked with various items to exchange for pre-sorted recyclable items. The benefits of the project includes – the diversion of recyclables from landfill sites, enabling community participation, contributing to a cleaner environment and creating income opportunities. By participating, the residents will be supporting the City’s core values and the overall aim to divert two tons of recyclables per day. Residents of Harare (Khayelitsha), Brooklynm Delft and Bloekombos can visit the Swop Shop for the next 4 months.



Look out for the Swop Shop trailer in the following areas and on the following days:

AREA	ADDRESS	START DATE	TIMES
Harare, Khayelitsha	155 Steve Biko Road	Mondays	10:00 - 13:00
Brooklyn	2 Barbel Road	Wednesdays	10:00 - 13:00
Delft	96 Leiden Avenue	Fridays	10:00 - 13:00
Bloekombos	112 Sam Njokozela Avenue	Wednesdays from 26 February 2020	10:00 - 13:00



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BIODEGRADABLE & COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING - YOUR INPUT NEEDED

The SA Initiative to End Plastic Waste has started the process of developing a position paper on biodegradable and compostable packaging, based on research and stakeholder inputs. It focuses on our capacity to integrate these materials into the existing packaging economy and the direction we need to take moving forward. To see the paper and have your say, send an email to feedback@mossgroup.co.za ASAP.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SST Conference:
Towards ZERO PLASTICS to the seas of Africa.
20 - 24 April 2020
Read more [here](#)



Wastecon: 6-8 October 2020
Read more [here](#)

