



As the year draws to a close, we have a lot of developmental shifts to mull over, including resolutions passed at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 27), which was held in Egypt in November. The United Nations has proposed a loss and damage fund to assist those countries most vulnerable to the effect of climate change. Although this seems positive, it shouldn't be forgotten that similar promises to developing countries have yet to be fulfilled.

Closer to home, South Africa's Just Energy Transition Partnership will help us to move towards a low-carbon economy and reduce our reliance on Eskom as an energy source – good news as we are currently losing about R4 billion a day to loadshedding according to Cas Coovadia, CEO of Business Unity SA. Although loadshedding is expected to continue until 2027, further investment in renewable energy will provide hope for a way out of the deadlock, which is the silver lining we need going into 2023.

Some other good news is that we estimate [total corporate social investment in South Africa increased marginally during the year to R10.9 billion](#), and that companies are optimistic this will increase further over the next two years – a welcome development after pandemic contractions.

As we write this, the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15), is getting underway in Montreal, Canada. This conference will see governments agreeing to a new set of goals for nature for the next decade. Read about how companies can boost the biodiversity economy in our 25th edition of the *Dialogue Business in Society Handbook* (see more below).

We would like to wish all our partners, sponsors, suppliers and contributors a wonderful festive season. We look forward to collaborating with you in the new year!

Warmest wishes,
Team Trialogue

DOWNLOAD THE 25TH EDITION OF THE TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY HANDBOOK

This year, we published our very special silver anniversary edition of the *Dialogue Business in Society Handbook*.

The publication considers how corporate responsibility social expectations and giving practices have changed over time, within the broader context of major socioeconomic shifts. It includes articles on capitalism, the changing workplace, corruption in the private sector, the evolution of ESG, why biodiversity is the next big conversation after climate, and how to measure social impact. It also features Trialogue's primary research into CSI spend and practices for 2022.

[Download](#) a copy of the Handbook for insights and inspiration from a wide variety of experts, including our valued clients, whose work continues to lead the way in development.



THE TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2023 – SAVE THE DATE!

The Trialogue Business in Society Conference will take place on **9 and 10 May 2023**. Save the date and make sure to register when booking opens in the new year.



TRIALOGUE KNOWLEDGE HUB

THE LAUNCH OF KNOWLEDGE HUB 2.0!



We are excited to announce that the Trialogue Knowledge Hub – a leading information resource for social investors in Africa – is being relaunched in the new year! It will have a fresh new look, easier navigation and four ways to participate:

Storytelling package:

Secure your own company home page on the Knowledge Hub and work with Trialogue's specialists to deliver your unique stories in the form of case studies, opinion pieces, press releases and multimedia items. With up to 12 items available to you during the year, you can profile your development or responsible business work on a platform viewed by thousands of social investors.

Topic sponsorship package:

Sponsor a topic with your own branded topic site, showing the full scope of your work across a sector and presenting curated evidence and research. Select stories will be shared via our social media channels, this Trialogue Sustainable Times newsletter, and Bizcommunity's newsletters and website.

Online-only case study: Share a case study that demonstrates the lessons you have learnt, evidence of the impact you create and your commitment to the sector in which you work. All case studies in the Trialogue Business in Society Handbook will be uploaded to the Trialogue Knowledge Hub.

NPO Directory: List your NPO in this searchable map and directory on the Knowledge Hub.

Please contact [Lerato Ramoba](#) for more information on participation options.

TOPIC FOCUS: MATHS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Maths and science are critical subjects that play a key role in supporting development, industrialisation and economic prosperity in the country. Read more about how companies can invest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects in this Investec-sponsored [topic](#) on the Trialogue Knowledge Hub.

WEBINAR REVIEW: ACHIEVING BUY-IN FROM SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS TO ENHANCE LEARNER OUTCOMES

What role can corporates and other funders play in improving learning outcomes and optimising the impact of their investments in the education system? This was the topic of our October webinar, with panellists that included Nobuntu Lange (Corporate and Government Affairs at VW South Africa), Nikki Green (Community Programme Coordinator the Centre for Social Development, Rhodes University) and Jonathan Molver (Country Director, South Africa: Education Partnerships Group). Read about the discussion or view the webinar [here](#).



Save the date for our first webinar of 2023 on Thursday 23 February

TRIALOGUE ACADEMY

Brush up on your skills in the new year, with two Trialogue Academy courses.

FOR COMPANIES: STRATEGIC CSI MASTERCLASS



We're thrilled to announce a new Strategic CSI Masterclass course, which begins on 9 March 2023. This online course with live facilitated sessions will help CSI leaders to think more strategically about CSI and make choices that optimise the business and development value of CSI initiatives. The course is 16 hours in total, runs over four weeks, and contains four live sessions with Nick Rockey as the facilitator. [Book](#) your spot today as places are limited.

FOR NPOs: NPO RESILIENCE BY NEDBANK PRIVATE WEALTH

Non-profit organisation leaders can register for a brand-new FREE course being launched on the Trialogue Academy. 'NPO Resilience', brought to you by Nedbank Private Wealth, provides practical steps to make your organisation more resilient to future shocks. This will, in turn, strengthen your NPO, making it more efficient and more attractive to funders. Six areas of resilience are covered: managing risk, building financial resilience, ensuring strong leadership and teams, partnering and collaborating, managing operations and systems for continuity, and adopting an agile and innovative approach. Register [here](#) today for the self-paced, online course.

INSPIRING CASE STUDIES

RAND WATER: CHANGING LIVES BY REHABILITATING THE VAAL DAM

Quality water and sanitation are imperative to the health and wellbeing of society. The Rejuvenation Community Trust NGO was appointed by the Rand Water Foundation to assist with water purification and ease the level of pollution by cleaning the Vaal Dam in Metsimaholo local municipality. Read more about this project, and the Rand Water Foundation's responsible stewardship, [here](#).

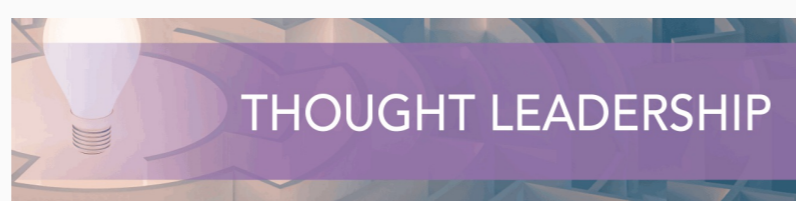


INVESTEC: PROMATHS DELIVERS IMPACT THROUGH EXPANSION

Promaths, Investec's flagship programme, was repurposed in 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, to help grade 12 learners access educational resources during hard lockdowns. The Promaths Online iteration was so successful that grades 10 and 11 were subsequently added. Read about how Investec and implementing partner the Kuitwanong Maths, Science and Technology Centre took Promaths to new heights despite challenges [here](#).



PARTNER WITH TRIALOGUE: OUR 2023 THOUGHT LEADERSHIP PACKAGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



We have finalised our thought leadership packages for 2023 and are looking forward to working with you, our valued partners in responsible business and CSI, to profile your initiatives on our knowledge-sharing platforms.

Our wraparound offerings will allow you to profile your work and share your insights with peers, reinforce your messaging, and participate in our multimedia platforms. A reminder that we have partnered with the award-winning Espresso breakfast show on SABC3 to provide you with the opportunity to showcase your work. For more about these integrated knowledge-sharing platforms, contact [Lerato Ramoba](#).

VISIT OUR BBBEE PARTNER: MAHARISHI INVINCIBILITY INSTITUTE BREAKFASTS

Learn more about Trialogue's partner, the [Maharishi Invincibility Institute \(MI\)](#), at their monthly breakfast sessions in 2023. Visit the MI main campus – meet the students and staff and learn about how they are transforming the lives of young South Africans and their families through one of the most unique and remarkable models. Amid 34 international and local awards, MI was selected by Stanford University as one of the 12 most innovative education institutions in the world (one of two in Africa) in their Guide to 'Re-Imagining Higher Education for 2025'.

2023 Breakfast Dates: 22-Feb, 15-Mar, 19-Apr, 17-May, 14-Jun, 23-Aug, 13-Sep, 18-Oct, 15-Nov. For details and registration please contact [Nano Ngwane](#).