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How to get ready for the new EU sustainability due diligence law



After four years of negotiations, the European Union passed the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) on Friday. The legislation aims to harmonize the requirements and processes for companies to assess and mitigate the human rights and environmental impacts of their operations and supply chains. After several European countries, including France and Germany, passed their own supply chain regulations in recent years, CSDDD now aims to level the playing field across countries. **Read more:** <https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-get-ready-new-eu-sustainability-due-diligence-law>

Navigating Sustainability In East Africa



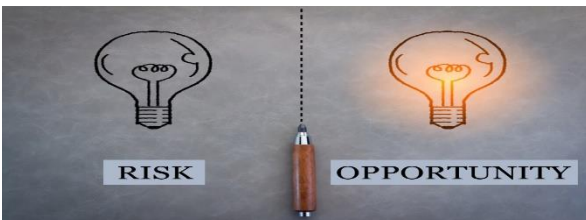
There is no doubt that the last few years has seen sustainability take centre stage across various sectors in the region. From dedicated conferences focused on specific industries to broader discussions encompassing energy, it's evident that East Africa is on a journey towards fostering sustainable development. Here, it's important to look at how Schneider Electric has been involved. We undoubtedly have a strategic understanding of various segments and industries' sustainability challenges and goals. Whether it's the food processing sector, where digitisation and energy measurement have all-prevailing roles, or other industries aligning with specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Schneider Electric endeavours to play a guiding role in these sectors' journeys. **Read more:** <https://cioafrica.co/navigating-sustainability-in-east-africa/>

5 ways that free trade can boost sustainable agriculture in Africa



Africa has the potential to become the world's powerhouse in the coming years. The continent is undergoing unprecedented changes, with the implementation of the African Continent Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - which aims to eliminate trade barriers and boost intra-African trade - projected to represent a single market of 1.7 billion people and \$6.7 trillion in consumer and business spending for the region by 2030. AfCFTA is widely seen as a key step in implementing the Africa Union's Agenda 2063, which aspires to create a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development. **Read more:** <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/05/africa-sustainable-agriculture-afcfta-free-trade/>

How can public sector embrace sustainability reporting standards?



LIKE the private sector, the public sector needs appropriate sustainability reporting standards to enable better-informed decision making, hold government accountable for the environmental impact of their interventions and foster trust in the public sector sustainability efforts. Sustainability reporting standards for the public sector provide a framework for governments and public sector organisations to disclose their sustainability performance and impacts. These standards aim to enhance transparency, accountability, and the ability to measure and manage sustainability-related risks and opportunities. **Read more:** <https://www.newsday.co.zw/theindependent/opinion/article/200027336/how-can-public-sector-embrace-sustainability-reporting-standards>

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Advance Sustainability Initiatives for Africa

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Foster Sustainability Initiatives and innovations towards Green Economy, Sustainable Development and Sustainable Living through applied research, programs and technical support services and across sectors.

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- ✧ A non-partisan research institute
- ✧ An agent for change that promote transformation towards sustainability
- ✧ Committed to rigorous and objective research and analysis to support policy and decision making across sectors
- ✧ Capable of handling complex economic, environmental, developmental, and social issues honestly
- ✧ Committed to environmental sustainability principle, practices and values



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