



United Nations Global Compact CEO Water Mandate Communication of Progress for 2014

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Nedbank Group signed up to the CEO Water Mandate in March 2011. This is therefore the group's fourth Communication of Progress. It is intended to fulfill the annual reporting requirements of our commitment to the UN CEO Water Mandate and discloses the group's progress against the six principles contained therein. Much of the information contained in this report has also been disclosed in the Nedbank Group Integrated Report 2014 or the Sustainability Review 2014 – Both these reports can be accessed on the Nedbank Group website www.nedbankgroup.co.za.

1. Commitment to the UN Global Compact & CEO Water Mandate

Letter from Chief Executive

April 2015

Attention: United Nations Global Compact Office

Nedbank Group - continued commitment to the United Nations Global Compact

As Chief Executive of Nedbank Group, I reaffirm our commitment to the United Nations Global Compact and the 10 principles that underpin it.

In addition, as a Group, we remain a signatory to the Equator Principles and the CEO Water mandate and we continue to actively support the UNEP FI African Task Force. These commitments form an important part of our overall sustainability journey as we aspire to a better future for all.

We consider it a privilege to be a part of such a vital and valuable initiative.

Yours sincerely




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2 Introduction to Nedbank Group

Nedbank Group is one of SA's four largest banking groups by assets and deposits, with Nedbank Limited being our principal banking subsidiary. We are a JSE Top 40 company with our ordinary shares listed on the JSE since 1969 and on the Namibian Stock Exchange since 2007. Our market capitalisation was R124bn at 31 December 2014. Old Mutual plc is our majority shareholder, with a 54% ownership of the group.

We provide a wide range of wholesale and retail banking services and a growing insurance, asset management and wealth management offering through five main business operations, namely Nedbank Capital, Nedbank Corporate, Nedbank Business Banking, Nedbank Retail and Nedbank Wealth. From 31 December 2014 we simplified these clusters into Nedbank Corporate and Investment Bank, Nedbank Retail and Business Banking, and Nedbank Wealth. Our Rest of Africa Division, which is small but growing in bottom line contribution at this stage, is housed within the Chief Operating Officer's portfolio.

Our growth-orientated strategy is underpinned by a strong wholesale business, growing retail franchise as well as our business into the rest of Africa. We are a market-leading wholesale bank and are well positioned in commercial property finance, business banking, investment banking, vehicle finance, card-acquiring, deposit-taking, and asset and wealth management.

Nedbank Group's primary market remains SA, however, we are continuing to expand into the rest of Africa. Outside SA we have a presence in six countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East Africa region where we own subsidiaries and banks in Namibia, Swaziland, Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, as well as representative offices in Angola and Kenya.

In West and Central Africa we have a partnership strategy and concluded the acquisition of an approximate 20% shareholding in Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) in 2014, enabling a unique one-bank experience to our clients across the largest banking network in Africa, comprising more than 2 000 branches in 39 countries. Outside Africa we have presence in key global financial centres to provide international banking services for SA-based multinational and high-net-worth clients in the Isle of Man, Guernsey, Jersey and London, Toronto and Dubai (UAE).

3 Overview of Water in South African Context

South Africa, the world's 30th driest country, is 'water stressed' and its current inability to provide clean water to communities contributes to poverty, inequality and poor health. According to projections by the National Treasury South Africa's water demand will outstrip its supply between 2025 and 2030. This will be a limiting factor to the country's growth and development. Although it can be argued that this risk is already playing out with many of the South African companies that participate in the Carbon Disclosure Project's Water Disclosure survey saying that they are already exposed to physical water risk.

The greatest threats to South Africa's water supply are over-abstraction, thirsty invasive alien plants, and pollution from mining, municipal and agricultural waste water treatment plants and poor land management.

Climate change exacerbates South Africa's significant water challenges as does the degradation of water quality (including Acid Mine Drainage) in some parts of the country. According to the WWF 2013 water source report, South Africa must act urgently to protect water resources and ensure that we use what we have in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Government proactively working on water issues

The Department of Water Affairs has boosted its estimate of the amount of money it needs to spend on water infrastructure over the next decade by almost a quarter to R700 billion. This is for spending on water provision over the next 10 years and includes sanitation, refurbishment of existing infrastructure and irrigation. The country has budgeted for about 45% of the R700 billion needed, leaving a funding gap of R385 billion. They will look to the bond markets, banks and increasing customer revenue to finance it.

National government further committed to supporting municipalities in dealing with the challenges of water shortages and water leakages during the State of the Nation address in early 2015. This commitment is in-line with their national development imperatives. Other major projects include Umzimvubu Water Project in the Eastern Cape, Jozini Dam in Umkhanyakude in KwaZulu-Natal and projects in Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga and phase one of the Mokolo Crocodile Water Augmentation in Limpopo.

4. Responding to Environmental Risks and Opportunities

Nedbank Group acknowledges the risks posed by climate change and the interrelatedness of water, food and energy security. In line with group's philosophy of effectively managing risk and harnessing the opportunities it presents, climate change is approached from the dual perspective of limiting its impact on stakeholders, while unlocking any potential benefits.

Key risk	Impacts	Responses and opportunities
Energy security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic challenges • Political uncertainty • Resource instability • Price increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Nedbank has been carbon neutral for 6 years – We have a set of 8 Long-term Goals that guide the Nedbank strategy- one of which focuses on the reduction of carbon while another focuses on driving energy efficiency. – Our continued achievement with regard to energy efficiency within our operations tangibly contributes to addressing the country's energy challenges. Through 'learning by doing' we are able to offer guidance to our clients and other stakeholders as they strive for more energy efficient operations. – We provide input into regulatory developments to ensure that legislation accommodates all stakeholder interests where possible. – Our renewable-energy investments are the fastest growing of all sectors in the investment bank arena. This is evidence of our commitment to helping transform SA's energy mix.
Water security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health risks • Reduced crop yields/food shortages • Economic stagnation and decline • Water restrictions • Price increases 	<p>Our water strategy is 3 pronged, focusing on water quality, quantity and access. Below is evidence of projects that support this strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We have a set of 8 Long-term Goals that guide the Nedbank strategy- one of which focuses particularly on sustainable water extraction while another focuses on provision of clean water and sanitation. – Quantity and Quality: We have invested R9m in the WWF-SA Water Balance Programme, which is aimed at clearing alien vegetation at key water catchment areas around the country. Our investment over a five-year period, and, since inception in 2011, has resulted in 283 ha (2014: 90) of alien vegetation being cleared. This has released over 580 000 kℓ (2014: 187 000 kℓ) of water into the country's ecosystem, while also creating over 15 000 (2014: 7 258) workdays for members of communities in and around the targeted areas. – Quantity and Quality: We advocate for behaviour change in our staff base. One such campaign was our food security campaign that was run with staff to highlight the link between our food, energy and water and how by shopping more wisely we can waste less and have a positive impact on the environment and our precious natural resources. Also continued with staff in 2015, was the 'Flush light' campaign which urged staff to use the light-flush option on our dual flush toilets to help Nedbank save water. In addition we partnered with Unilever SA and distributed 30 000 Skip liquid detergent bottles to all staff (during late 2013 / early 2014). By simply switching from a powder soap to a phosphate-free liquid detergent, staff were able to play their part in promoting water quality. – Quantity and Quality: Nedbank Group has a Social and Environmental Management System (SEMS) to help us manage the related risk in our lending book. Our social and environmental assessment tool also provides a screening mechanism to aid finance decision-making within high-risk sectors. This evaluation tool has proved invaluable in its ability to provide us and our clients with an independent review of risk and compliance, thereby enabling sustainable lending decisions and even helping clients refine their plans or projects to meet higher sustainability standards. The risk assessment tool includes full evaluation of Environmental issues (air pollution, water pollution, solid and hazardous wastes, noise, site health and safety, chemical hazards and emergency management)

		<p>and resource utilisation (water, construction material, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access: Through the Nedbank Foundation we fund boreholes for needy communities and Hippo water rollers to help communities that don't have access to running water nearby. <p>In addition we fund large water infrastructure through our Nedbank Capital team, however there were no deals in this regard in 2014.</p>
Food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic decline • Health risks • Food shortages • Price increases • Land use change • Social unrest 	<p>Given the importance of sustainable agriculture for SA's future, we have partnered with the WWF-SA in its Sustainable Agriculture Programme to gain a better understanding of the challenges it faces and to develop workable, sustainable solutions.</p> <p>The Nedbank WWF-SA Sustainable Agriculture Programme harnesses the skills, experience and influence of both WWF and our agriculture specialists to support farmers on the journey to better production. This partnership aims to promote innovative solutions to the resource challenges facing agriculture, while at the same time minimising the impact of agricultural activity. This includes effectively maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems on farmlands through the development and implementation of sustainable production practices and fostering good landowner stewardship models. The programme focuses on five key commodity sectors that occur in high-value biodiversity areas in SA , namely the fruit, wine, dairy, beef (in particular grassland free-range beef) and sugar sectors. Nedbank has invested R8,3m in the programme over a three-year period and will enter a new three-year partnership in mid-2015.</p> <p>Nedbank Business Banking has a formal agriculture structure that offers financial solutions to agricultural clients. Supported by a team of agricultural specialists, we are able to offer customised solutions that not only cater for clients' specific financial requirements, but also help contribute towards longer-term sustainability.</p> <p>In 1990 Nedbank Group created a partnership with WWF-SA through the WWF Nedbank Green Trust as an innovative and sustainable way to raise funds in support of environmental causes. The WWF Nedbank Green Trust's mission is to bring together environmental and social sustainability. The trust funds projects in climate change, freshwater conservation, marine conservation, the preservation of outstanding places, the conservation of species of special concern and conservation leadership.</p>
<p>In addition to the specific responses and initiatives outlined above, a large percentage of the corporate social investment (CSI) activities undertaken by the Nedbank Foundation are focused on addressing the direct and indirect social and environmental impacts of food, water and energy security. Details of some of these projects are provided in the 2014 Sustainability Review available on www.nedbankgroup.co.za.</p>		

5 Meeting the Commitments to the CEO Water Mandate: Direct Operations

Strategic Approach: To be a sustainable business we need to operate within the confines of environmental limits while meeting social needs. While this implies that there are things we need to do less of, it presents an incredible opportunity to develop new solutions that can benefit the broader environment, our clients and the bank.

The establishment of our Long-term Goals for SA and our accompanying Fair Share 2030 strategy represent our concerted and committed response to doing what needs to be done. In essence the Long-term Goals encompass: affordable energy services while containing carbon emissions; sustainable water extraction, access to clean water and sanitation; employment rates comparable to other prosperous nations; savings and investments that support national development objectives; and good, cost-effective health and educational outcomes. These goals address socioeconomic and environmental issues, and their interplay. Achieving them will also enable other desirable outcomes, including improved food security, greater resource efficiency and less divided communities.

As our strategic response, Fair Share 2030 harnesses the full suite of our business and investment capabilities to help meet the societal needs of SA going forward. While Fair Share 2030 is not intended to replace any aspect of our existing commitment to sustainability or our vision as a business, it is a deliberate effort to enable sustainability through our products and services. In this way Fair Share 2030 is our blueprint for remaining a truly successful bank and an effective corporate citizen in every respect.

Operational Targets: Reduction targets have been set as a way to accurately measure and manage the group's carbon emissions as well as its impact on natural resources. Nedbank measures actual water consumption (in owned and managed buildings) against our water intensity reduction target and progress reports are given to the Environmental Impact Reduction Task Team and, where relevant, to the Group Transformation, Social and Ethics Committee, a sub-committee of the Nedbank Group Board. The water data and supporting information is reported annually in the Nedbank Group Integrated Report and the Sustainability Review. The data is also externally and independently assured as part of the Deloitte and KPMG assurance of the report.

Our water target was a 6% reduction by the end of 2016 based on 2011 levels or consumption of 15,01 kℓ per FTE. The 2014 water use, at 14,78 kℓ per FTE, decreased substantially from the 2013 value of 16,64 kℓ per FTE. Our target for water was therefore met well before the timeline we anticipated. As such, we will be reviewing our target setting process. We will also further interrogate the reasons for the large reductions, as in some cases these are one-off events that may mean the reductions can't be maintained. While this process is underway, the current targets will remain in place.

In 2014 total water consumption across all campus sites decreased by 1,61% to 294 873 kℓ (2013: 299 694 kℓ). Water leaks remain one of the main challenges in terms of reducing our water consumption. We continue to invest significant resources in the monitoring and maintenance of our water infrastructure. Water leaks typically demand immediate action when they occur and cannot necessarily be fully prevented by proactive means. Often the only way of identifying a water leak is through meter readings, which means that substantial volumes can be lost before a leak is noticed. The measurement of water usage will be expanded in 2015 to assist in tracking leaks and to expand our water usage trend analysis.

Water-Saving initiatives

Nedbank advocates behavioural change in our staff base. The following campaigns and activities were used in 2014 to drive staff awareness on the importance of water conservation:

- Food security campaign: Our food security campaign that was run with staff to highlight the link between our food, energy and water and how by shopping more wisely we can waste less and have a positive impact on the environment and our precious natural resources.
- Flush light campaign: In support of the 'quantity' element of our water strategy, this initiative was continued in 2014, it was initiated after we discovered that many staffmembers were unaware of the benefits of using a dual-flush toilet, with some even pushing both buttons at all times to be 'safe'. The campaign urged staff to use the light- flush option on our dual-flush toilets to help Nedbank save water. Awareness was driven through the use of email communications and stickers in the bathrooms.

- Water Quality Campaign: In addition to, and in support of, the ‘quality’ element of our water stewardship strategy, we partnered with Unilever SA to distribute 30 000 Skip liquid detergent bottles to all staffmembers. By simply switching from a powdered soap to a phosphate-free liquid detergent, staff have played a part in promoting water quality.
- Nedbank participation in the WWF Water Balance Programme: Access to clean drinking water is not only a basic human right, but it is also essential for economic growth. For this reason we have invested R9m in the WWF Water Balance Programme, which is aimed at clearing alien vegetation at key water catchment areas around the country. Our investment over a five-year period, and, since inception in 2011, has resulted in 283 ha (2014: 90) of alien vegetation being cleared. This has released over 580 000 kℓ (2014: 187 000 kℓ) of water into the country’s ecosystem, while also creating over 15 000 (2014: 7 258) workdays for members of communities in and around the targeted areas.

It is an important investment that is key to improving water security in the country as approximately 3,300 million kilolitres of water is trapped by invasive alien species in South Africa – equating to around 7% of the country’s water run-off

Water Risks: Nedbank is dependent on its clients being able to access banking services with ease. The physical impacts of climate change have the potential, in extreme circumstances, to affect our ability to service our clients. Our climate change strategic plans take account of this potential physical risk and provide for action plans (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery) for the medium term (3-5 years). Nedbank has already experienced incidences of branch closures due to unstable energy supply/blackouts, water restrictions in certain areas and even extreme weather events such as flooding. The Nedbank risk management processes and Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans are designed to identify and address such potential physical impacts of climate change on our business processes and premises. The Nedbank business continuity management policy and programme addresses physical risks on a site specific as well as regional basis.

Lending: As discussed under the strategy heading above, Fair Share 2030 represents Nedbank’s strategy to get money working for the future we want. It provides an annual flow of funding – starting with a target of R6bn in 2015 – to be channelled through new products, services and projects that promise to deliver an intentional nonfinancial impact towards meeting the Long-term Goals. The outcomes of this lending will be ‘additional’ to what would otherwise have happened in the absence of Fair Share 2030.

In 2014 Nedbank concluded a ‘proof of concept’ which generated important insights that served to inform our business planning process and will prove invaluable as we scale up through 2015 and beyond. Among other learnings, we understand better how products and services can be reconceived and new partnerships created to drive superior non-financial impacts while still generating an appropriate financial return.

In concert with the R6bn target for 2015 (to be reviewed in future years), Fair Share 2030 provides for a screening mechanism that will serve to reshape the carbon and water intensity of Nedbank’s lending book over time. We are currently in the process of developing the appropriate tools and processes. With respect to carbon, our strategy will be guided by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) objective of keeping the average global surface temperature rise below 2°C versus the preindustrial era, guided by the latest science and mindful of the developmental context of SA .

In addition, Nedbank Group continues to place increasing emphasis on consolidating its social and environmental risk policies and management processes, not only to deliver positive environmental and social impacts, but also to protect shareholder value and returns on capital investments by ensuring responsible, fair and honest business practices. Nedbank Group’s Social and Environmental Management System (SEMS) is based on ISO 14001 and International Finance Corporation best-practice guidelines, and details the policy, procedures, responsible and accountable staff, and workflow required to identify and assess the environmental (including water) or social impacts of lending activities undertaken by Nedbank Group. Through the SEMS process Nedbank is able to deepen knowledge of and relationships with clients and it is through this relationship that opportunities are identified and can be leveraged.

6 Meeting the Commitments to the CEO Water Mandate: Greening the Supply Chain and Watershed Management

Our procurement philosophy is built on the recognition that fully sustainable procurement cuts across all areas of integrated sustainability and must also emphasise and enable the following:

- Socially and ethically responsible purchasing.
- Minimising environmental impact through the supply chain.
- Delivering economically sound solutions.
- Sound business practices.

We continue to engage with our suppliers, with a particular focus on influencing and guiding them in terms of their incorporation of governance, environmental, social and economic sustainability considerations into their operations to drive their own sustainability journeys. These engagements are not a form of policing, but rather afford us an opportunity to deliver on our partnership-driven approach to sustainability effectiveness by sharing our experience and learnings with our suppliers and encouraging similar actions and behaviours within their businesses.

At an environmental sustainability level, we also require our suppliers to complete an environmental questionnaire about the extent to which they have integrated green considerations into their strategies and operations. At the end of 2014, a total of 2 809 suppliers had completed and returned this questionnaire, with an average environmental integration score of 23%. The assessments also showed that 45% of our top 500 suppliers have proactive recycling systems in place (2013: 41%). While these figures are low, they are a true reflection of the still slow integration of environmental sustainability priorities into many SA businesses. They therefore reinforce the value we will be able to add, over time, by sharing our experience and partnering with our suppliers on their sustainability journeys.

By leveraging this understanding, and through the entrenchment of a groupwide culture of truly sustainable procurement, we delivered a number of notable achievements in 2014, not least of which were:

- Supplier enablement – Our suppliers answer questions around environmental behaviour and are scored against their potential environmental impact. Our procurement practices go beyond compliance with preferential procurement legislation and guidelines, and our various procurement functions work closely with our suppliers to promote and enable greater sustainability across our supply chain. We also intensified our focus on the environmental and ethical performance and governance of new and existing suppliers through the introduction of enhanced declarations on our procurement systems. This information gives Nedbank a better understanding of our suppliers and insight into the level of values alignment.
- Standardised chairs – Across our group 97% of the chairs used by employees are recyclable.
- BPA -free AT M paper – We have installed BPA -free paper in all our ATM s, delivering cost savings as well as health benefits for our clients.
- Courier savings – We have reduced the number of courier trips made to branches where volumes and risk allow for it. This has positively impacted on both our courier costs and the environment.
- Enhanced onboarding – We have included questions regarding local procurement, anti-corruption and the protection of personal information in our supplier onboarding process.
- Risk management – We undertake random sampling checks of BBBEE certificates provided by our suppliers to identify any instances of BBBEE fraud or fronting

7 Meeting the Commitments to the CEO Water Mandate: Collective Action

Nedbank Group plays an active role in facilitating, and contributing to the policy and regulatory developments by feeding comments and suggestions into a variety of industry bodies or directly to the relevant government departments. There are also a number of policies and regulatory developments that the group monitors and contributes to. Many of these policies have an impact on water consumption.

At Nedbank Group we acknowledge that the best way to maximise our positive sustainability impact is through partnerships with like-minded individuals, groups and organisations. We therefore proactively seek out such partnerships across all our stakeholder groups to contribute towards increased awareness and understanding of the sustainable development imperative.

Such partnerships in 2014 included:

- *Sustainability Week* – Sustainability Week was attended by more than 2 000 people in 2014, and aimed at advancing the green economy in SA with a host of conference speakers, exhibitions, and education and training sessions. The event had multiple stakeholders, including national, provincial and local government, government agencies, utilities, and the private sector and civil society. As one of the main Sustainability Week Conference sponsors, we contributed to thought leadership at the event through four key seminars, namely the Food Security Seminar, Energy Seminar, Water Seminar and Green Business Seminar.
- *Hayden Quinn SA Show* – We were a key sponsor of the successful 2014 Hayden Quinn SA Show. Hayden is a celebrity foodie from Australia and was a participant on MasterChef Australia. He is also a surfer, marine biologist and WWF ambassador. The show follows his travels across SA. Our sponsorship allowed us to provide education on sustainable living and showcase some of the work funded by the Nedbank Green Affinity and the WWF Nedbank Green Trust.
- *The Nedbank Green Living Guide* – Launched at the Green Building Council Conference in October 2013, this detailed sustainability guide was produced in collaboration with the Sustainability Institute and endorsed by the Green Building Council SA. It aims to encourage all South Africans to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle so that they can enjoy the economic, social and environmental benefits that such an approach can deliver. It is available free to Nedbank staff and clients, as well as to the general public at nedbankgroup.co.za. To date it has been downloaded almost 13 000 times and approximately 2 500 hard copies have been distributed.
- *Carbon Footprinting Guide* – Authored by Nedbank Group Sustainability Carbon Specialist Dr Marco Lotz, in partnership with Prof Alan Brent from the Sustainability Institute at Stellenbosch University, this is Africa's first carbon calculation guide. It focuses on demystifying carbon footprinting with the aim of assisting small, medium and large enterprises to calculate their greenhouse gas impact. Since its launch in February 2014, the guide, which is available for free at nedbankgroup.co.za, has been downloaded more than 54 000 times. It has also been used as a textbook in related fields of study and was awarded the 2014 SANEA Energy Education Award.
- *Earth Hour* - We again participated in the WWF Earth Hour Campaign on 29 March 2014. Earth Hour is the world's biggest mass action initiative aimed at addressing climate change. For the 2014 campaign, our focus was primarily internal and aimed at maximising participation by our various sites and stakeholders across the country. For the one hour of the initiative, we switched off lights in 36 Nedbank Group buildings around the country, 153 branches and 11 business banking sites. We also encouraged our staff and our top 100 suppliers to participate.

Nedbank Group participates in the UNEP FI Natural Capital Declaration Task team.

Nedbank Group is a member of the South African Banking Association's Sustainable Finance Forum which drives the banking industry's engagement with and lobbying of policy-makers.

Nedbank Group is also represented on the National Business Initiative's Climate Change Advisory Committee.

8 Meeting the Commitments to the CEO Water Mandate: Community Engagement

Nedbank's Green Affinity Programme links into a number of water-related projects within the community. The programme includes Fresh Water projects which address the wise use of water to ensure sustainable development in South Africa as well as marine projects that look at the health and welfare of our oceans and the welfare of the communities that derive their welfare from them. A specific example is:

- **Adopt-a-river** – Based on the understanding that healthy communities need healthy rivers, the Adopt-a-river initiative is managed by the Duzi uMngeni Conservation Trust, in partnership with WESSA. The project works with schools and communities to make people aware of the value of rivers and wetlands in their lives, why waste has to be carefully managed and why alien, invasive plants have to be controlled and cleared. Thanks

to the funding of the WWF Nedbank Green Trust, the number of participating schools grew from 16 in 2013 to 29 in 2014.

- In 2014 Nedbank Green Affinity donations to the WWF Nedbank Green Trust increased by 28% to more than R20,4m (2013: R14,8m). In the same period the Green Affinity reached the notable achievement of becoming the first Nedbank Affinity Programme to enjoy the support of 500 000 linked Nedbank clients.

Nedbank's Caring for our Communities initiative is a comprehensive community education programme aiming to share the many sustainability lessons learned by Nedbank Group with learners and community members, thereby enabling them to harness the power of sustainable thinking and action for their own benefit.

The programme follows a two-pronged approach, engaging with adult community members and educating grade 6 and 7 learners from the same community about the basics of sustainability by means of an interactive workshop. The knowledge imparted to both groups is brought to life at the end of the programme by involving all attendees in a project build day. Learners, educators and community members, together with Nedbank Group volunteers, work together to construct a vegetable tunnel, solar cooker, and rainwater harvesting tank or indigenous erosion control garden, depending on the identified community need.

Our 2014 programme continued to showcase the impact of this partnership. In total, 10 127 learners, 284 teachers and 750 community members participated in the programme. In total 46 workshops were held by WESSA and 320 Nedbank staff volunteers assisted with the implementation of the projects. The greatest achievement, however, was the fact that we provided a sustainable and healthy food source for 7 700 learners and income-generating school and community feeding programmes.

In 2014 five new Dobsonville, Soweto, schools and three new Alberton schools joined the programme, bringing the total number of participating schools to 18. Some of the highlights included:

- Awareness of water importance – testing water with the MiniSASS tool taught learners about the importance of water quality and looking after our natural water resources.
- Ten vegetable garden tunnels were erected at nine different schools.
- The Eco-schools curriculum is increasingly being integrated into mainstream school learning programmes and curricula.

From a **water access** point of view Nedbank Capital has played a major funding and advisory role in various high-profile water infrastructure projects in southern Africa. As part of the Nedbank Water Stewardship Programme and through the Nedbank Foundation, we have distributed nearly 4400 Hippo Water Rollers to rural communities in the Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Limpopo. A Hippo water roller is a 90ℓ drum that assists with the transportation of water to households where it is not available on tap, these large reinforced drums have metal handles to allow them to easily be pulled or pushed over rough terrain. Nedbank staff members take part in handovers of the Hippo Rollers to communities. The total investment to date is R6.8m.

9 Meeting the Commitments to the CEO Water Mandate: Transparency

Nedbank Group reports on water as per the GRI G4 principles and King III Integrated Reporting requirements. Nedbank water usage is independently assured by Deloitte and KPMG as part of their assurance of Nedbank Group's Integrated Report.

Nedbank voluntarily disclosed its water use and performance in the CDP Water Disclosure Programme in 2010 and 2011. We have not participated since as we are a relatively small water user and we now have a good understanding of our water footprint. We don't believe that additional reporting is required and will instead focus on taking action.

Nedbank Group Sustainability Credentials:

- Carbon neutral – Africa's first carbon-neutral financial organisation.
- Dow Jones World Sustainability Index membership – the world's premier performance benchmark for companies in terms of corporate sustainability. We were included for the ninth year.
- JSE SRI Index – inclusion since 2004.

- WWF Water Balance Programme – invested R9m in SA's water security.
- WWF-SA Green Trust partnership.
- WWF Sustainable Agriculture Programme – official sponsor – invested R8,3m.
- South African Carbon Disclosure Project Index 2014 – 99% Disclosure Score and an 'A minus' for performance.
- Nedbank occupies six Green Star-rated buildings.
- Natural Capital Leaders Index – Natural Capital Decoupling Leader.
- 2014 – Highest score in the IRAS Sustainability Data Transparency Index in the Banking and Financial Services Sector.
- Inclusion in RobecoSAM 's 2014 yearbook of the most sustainable companies in the world – one of only six SA companies.

Nedbank is represented on:

- Equator Principles.
- Principles for Responsible Investment (through Old Mutual plc).
- UNEP FI African Task Force.
- UNEP FI National Capital Declaration.
- UNEP FI Social Working Group.
- United Nations Global Compact Advisory Committee.
- United Nations Global Compact CEO Water Mandate.
- National Business Initiative Advisory Committee on Climate Change.
- National Energy Efficiency Accord.
- Energy Efficiency Leadership Network Pledge.
- The Banking Association SA : Sustainable Finance Committee.
- Association of Ethics Officers in Africa.
- OECD Financial Sector Mapping Advisory Group.
- National Biodiversity Business Network.
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