

## FSB STARTS PEER REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) has launched a peer review to determine how FSB member jurisdictions have addressed the G20/Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) Principles of Corporate Governance. The objective is to identify effective practices and areas where good

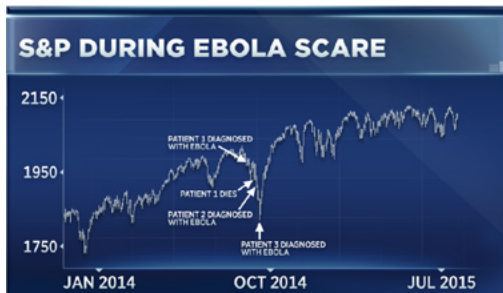
progress has been made while noting gaps and areas of weakness. The FSB members have received a questionnaire to gather information from national authorities. The responses will be analyzed and discussed by the FSB later this year. The peer review report will be published in early 2017. [READ MORE](#)

### @SICMGMT TWEET OF THE WEEK

At the opening ceremony of #Rio2016, a video on climate change aired and was watched by roughly 3.3 billion people. <https://goo.gl/zJd9yh>

### INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

All eyes are on this chart of the S&P 500 during the Ebola crisis as mosquito-borne Zika spreads to the US



Source: CNBC

### REWIND

In March 2016 palm oil giant, IOI, was stripped of its RSPO certification. It has just [now been reinstated](#) after it was judged to have fulfilled the organization's demands to improve its environmental performance.

## MORNINGSTAR PLANS NEW ESG INDICES WITH SUSTAINALYTICS

Morningstar announced earlier this year that it is launching new sustainable fund ratings using ESG research from Sustainalytics. Now it will offer ESG indices, again with Sustainalytics.

Meanwhile, the UK-based environmental data specialist Trucost is looking for buyers. The board agreed to put the company up for sale. [READ MORE](#)

### THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

12,000

UK companies were targeted to sign a new voluntary slavery database. Only 100 actually signed it.

5,548

Zika case counts recorded in US Territories (as at 3 August 2016)

300

million were affected by water shortages in India this summer with half a million left completely dry

150

minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity per week for 18-64 years old people is recommended by WHO

8

Chinese provinces dispatched inspectors to check on metal producers' environmental standards

2.5

billion US Dollars could be the cost to US power consumers for nuclear plants that exist only on paper

1.1

billion US Dollars of funding against the Zika virus, passed by the Senate, was rejected by the House of Representatives

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## LARGE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING FIRMS SUFFER WITH OIL AND MINING DOWNTURN

Environmental consulting firms – especially large firms – have seen a drop in revenue, due in large part to their exposure to the downturn in major mining and natural resources projects and low oil and gas prices. A survey of hundreds of environmental

consultants and managers found that the firms saw an average revenue growth of 3.1 percent within their environmental consulting businesses in 2015.

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[See report here \(subscription only\)](#)

### WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Thousands in China are protesting against a nuclear-fuel waste plant in Eastern City Lianyungang. Communist Party officials warned that the demonstrations are illegal and cautioned party members not to join them. [STAY TUNED](#)

### DID YOU SEE...?

A new search engine was just released for publicly listed corporate filings from extractive industries. [OpenOil](#) announced this week that it is launching 'Aleph' a tool which will "allow government officials, journalists, financial analysts and researchers to search through corporate filings of publicly listed extractive companies across multiple jurisdictions."

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## PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM GETS SERIOUS ON SOCIAL IMPACT

[Bain Capital](#), the USD 75B private equity firm, has launched a new fund to "help 'mission-driven companies' get to scale and drive meaningful change." The new offering – called [Double Impact](#) – was spearheaded by former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, who joined the firm last year to "found a new

business to focus on delivering attractive financial returns by investing in projects with significant, measurable social impact." The three core themes are sustainability; health & wellness; and community building.

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### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Kenyan farmers are trapping and storing rainfall and using the small amount of water (in "home dams") to cultivate catfish as an additional source of income.

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