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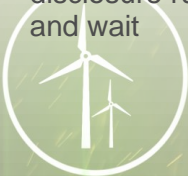
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Climate change is having a significant impact on food and beverage manufacturers, influencing the quality and yield of raw ingredients and the costs involved in producing them. This is forcing many in the sector to think on their feet, adapt quickly and rapidly adopt digital technology to secure a sustainable future. The Manufacturer Editor, Joe Bush, took a whistle stop tour of some manufacturing sites in Spain, known as the fruit and vegetable garden of Europe, to find out what's going on. The food and beverage industry is facing challenges that require a transformative change against the backdrop of a more volatile environment. [Read more:](#)

<https://www.themanufacturer.com/articles/digital-secrets-of-the-garden-securing-a-sustainable-future-for-the-food-and-beverage-industry/>

From Sustainability to Personalisation - Mid-year Retail Trends 2024



The rise and rise of ecommerce, the integration of online and offline, platforming sustainability, contactless and convenient quick and easy payment options, price-sensitive pricing strategies and building customer loyalty - dominated the past six months. So too, and no surprises here, but the broader classification of the consumer is changing yet again. If 2023 was the year of the resilient consumer, it seems that 2024 is seeing the year of the empowered consumer. Mastercard Data&Services [May 2024] reported that despite rising interest rates, inflation and the threat of a recession, consumers still

confidently spent in 2023. [Read more:](#) <https://www.africa.com/from-sustainability-to-personalisation-mid-year-retail-trends-2024/>

Perception of climate change and coping strategies among smallholder irrigators in Zimbabwe

Across sub-Saharan Africa, governments and international aid agencies are making huge investments in smallholder irrigation schemes to enhance food security, climate resilience and economic transformation in rain-fed farming systems. Unfortunately, a majority of the smallholder irrigation schemes have performed dismally on these fronts. Climate change is a major exacerbating factor to existing challenges resulting in the poor performance of the schemes. Hence, it is crucial to understand smallholder irrigators' perceptions of climate change and current adaptation strategies to co-design appropriate and acceptable adaptation strategies to address water stress in the schemes. This area had received less significant research attention. [Read more:](#)

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sustainablefoodsystems/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2023.1027846/full>

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>

Climate and sustainability disclosure rules? Hurry up and wait

The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) recently issued its first two sustainability standards, IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, which deal with general requirements for sustainability disclosure and climate-related disclosure, respectively. Although there has been general support from a range of Canadian stakeholders for the actions taken by ISSB in developing a comprehensive financial sustainability reporting framework, there are a number of hurdles before the ISSB standards move from being voluntary to having the force of law in Canada. [Read more:](#) <https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en-zw/knowledge/publications/959750f3/climate-and-sustainability-disclosure-rules-hurry-up-and-wait>

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