



On a Clear Day

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BOOSTING COMPETITION IN AFRICAN MARKETS CAN ENHANCE GROWTH AND LIFT AT LEAST HALF A MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY Boosting competition in consumer markets and key input sectors can help African countries grow faster and alleviate poverty, according to a report launched on 27 July 2016 by the World Bank Group and the African Competition Forum (ACF). [Tralac, 28 July 2016.](#)

HOW SA IS BECOMING A GLOBAL LEADER IN ECO-TOURISM South Africa is prioritising the green economy as a sector for economic growth to hopefully verify the country as more than just a pleasant place to visit. [Traveller 24, 28 July 2016.](#)

EXPERTS SHED LIGHT ON THE ROLE OF DRAGONFLIES IN WATER MANAGEMENT South Africa's 162 beautiful, sun-loving dragonfly species are helping conservationists, water managers, and farmers to get to grips with the state of local freshwater sources such as dams, rivers, and streams. Two Stellenbosch University (SU) researchers wrote a book which sets out how these insects can be used as freshwater monitors. [BizCommunity, 28 July 2016.](#)

AIRCRAFT EMISSIONS PROVEN TO AFFECT CLIMATE CHANGE, SA ON TRACK IN GREENING PRACTICE The US government has found that jet engine exhaust is adding to climate change and endangering human health, and needs to be regulated. [Traveller 24, 27 July 2016.](#)

INSITUATIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHOULD CHURN OUT GREEN ACTIVISTS University campuses should address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and integrate sustainability into their curricula to benefit students and help create a thriving, modern community. [The Green Times, 27 July 2016.](#)

IS RELIEF FROM PLANNED CARBON TAXES AND INCREASED CARBON TRADING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE CARDS? Carbon taxes are anticipated to come into operation by early 2017 and will have significant financial implications for companies. [Polity, 27 July 2016.](#)

FOOD SECURITY BOOST FOR RISING SA South Africa ranked 47th out of 113 countries in the Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2016, compiled by The Economist Intelligent Unit. [Fin 24, 27 July 2016.](#)

CONSERVATION PLAN ON THE CARDS FOR TROUBLED WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER INDUSTRY The recent draft red-listing of West Coast rock lobster (WCRL) on WWF's Southern African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (WWF-SASSI) list has raised concerns that this fishery is sitting precariously close to collapse, with significant livelihood implications for commercial and small-scale fishers alike. [WWF-SA, 27 July 2016.](#)

SOLAR PLANE CIRCLES GLOBE IN FIRST FOR CLEAN ENERGY A solar-powered aircraft successfully completed the first fuel-free flight around the world on Tuesday, returning to Abu Dhabi after an epic 16-month voyage that demonstrated the potential of renewable energy. [DefenceWeb, 26 July 2016.](#)

HOW THE PROPOSED CARBON TAX LAW (AND OFFSETS) WILL WORK In November 2015, the draft Carbon Tax Bill was published by National Treasury, setting out the framework within which carbon tax would be levied on greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). [BizCommunity, 26 July 2016.](#)

EDUCATION 'KEY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT' Education is the key to economic development and to ensuring all sectors of society benefit from it. [Karishma Dipa, IOL, 26 July 2016.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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UN GLOBAL COMPACT (UNGC) The UN Global Compact is a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. The NBI hosts the Local Network of the UNGC. Read their news article entitled: "UN Global Compact Commits to Tracking and Measuring Business Impact on SDGs", [here.](#)

CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Read the following announcement "CDP hires Rick Stathers to lead investor research team", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled “*The new Reporting Exchange platform helps companies make sense of non-financial reporting*” [here](#).

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) Click [here](#) to view their website.

NBI NEWS

DWS: WATER AND SANITATION COLLABORATES WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO CLEAN LUVUVHU AND MUTSHINDUDI RIVERS IN LIMPOPO 300 volunteers from the Luvuvhu community, civil society, Capricorn FM and students from the University of Venda among others, to clean Luvuvhu and Mutshundudi rivers in Limpopo yesterday as part of its Clear River Campaign to mark the Mandela Month. [Polity, 26 July 2016.](#)

REMINDER: If you have a successful model or approach to Structured Workplace-based Learning (WBL) and would like to share it with the National Business Initiative for research purposes, please contact [Makano Morojele](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

HARMONY SUPPORTS ENACTUS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITIES’ LIVELIHOODS Entrepreneurship is one of the ways to invest in people and invest in the livelihoods of communities, in order to help improve and build more sustainable societies. Harmony Gold Mine will once again have the honour of being one of the platinum sponsors for the annual Enactus event, for the 10th year, this year. [Mining News, 27 July 2016.](#)

NDLOVU TO HEAD ANGLO COAL Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) operational processing executive head July Ndlovu has been appointed CEO of Anglo American’s coal business in South Africa. [Engineering News, 26 July 2016.](#)

IDC, AFD SIGN €60M CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR GREEN PROJECTS South Africa’s Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) has signed an agreement with France’s development agency, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), for a €60-million credit line aimed at local small-scale green projects. [Engineering News, 20 July 2016.](#)

AD OF THE WEEK: ABSA, REWRITING THE FUTURE [Marklives.com, 20 July 2016.](#)

KPMG’S PERSPECTIVES ON THE DRAFT MINING CHARTER The clarity and achievability of the draft Mining Charter is of paramount importance to ensure regulatory certainty and that its adoption truly achieves the intended outcomes for transformation for black South Africans. Therefore KPMG in South Africa was invited to provide written inputs and comments to the notice gazetted by the Department of Minerals Resources (DMR). [Transform SA, 19 July 2016.](#)

WOOLWORTHS’ ‘INSIDE RETAIL’ PROGRAMME REACHES 32 TVET COLLEGES Woolworths recently hosted its annual ‘Inside Retail’ programme, targeting 32 technical vocational education and training colleges in Cape Town through a week-long, embedded course aimed at providing practical experience and knowledge of the retail value chain in South Africa. [Transform SA, 19 July 2016.](#)

SMART AGRICULTURE Kellogg’s supports small-holder farming. [Leadership, 18 July 2016.](#)

VODACOM PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY ACROSS SOUTH AFRICA FOR MANDELA DAY [Rosebank Killarney Gazette, 19 July 2016.](#)

FNB PARTNERS WITH EMPOWERDEX, CIPC TO EASE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR SMMES As small businesses continue to battle to stay sustainable past the two-year mark, First National Bank (FNB) aims to ease at least some of the barriers facing the sector that was described as a “hotbed” of job creation. [Engineering News, 13 July 2016.](#)

ERM PROVIDES IKAMVAYOUTH WITH NOKERO SOLAR LIGHTS [BizCommunity, 6 July 2016.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

JOIN IN AND VOTE FOR A LIVING PLANET WITH WWF-SOUTH AFRICA Over the next few days, residents of Johannesburg may spot bold bright posters on busy roads calling them to join the election spirit and “vote for a living planet”. [Media Update, 27 July 2016.](#)

ERM ARTICLE ON SOCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND ITS RETURNS IN THE 2016 AFRICA ENERGY YEARBOOK Read [here.](#)

CFOS CONCERNED FOR 2016, MORE OPTIMISM EXPECTED NEXT YEAR There is less optimism across Africa around the performance of companies, with currency volatility and political uncertainty topping the list of concerns for 2016. Deloitte’s ninth edition of the CFO Survey shows CFOs across the continent adopting “defensive strategies” with most focused on improving operational efficiency and process optimisation this year as they expect to weather a tough economic environment characterised by low commodity prices, depreciating currencies and diminishing demand from large trading partners. [Engineering News, 27 July 2016.](#)

THE IMPACT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS [ENCA, 27 July 2016.](#)

AFRICA’S BRIGHTEST YOUTH BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS TO SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES One hundred of Africa’s most innovative youth gathered at the Brightest Young Minds (BYM) 2016 summit, held in Johannesburg last month, to discuss and find innovative solutions for Africa’s socioeconomic challenges. [Engineering News, 22 July 2016.](#)

A NEW REPORT BY ECOSYSTEM MARKETPLACE - BUYING IN: TAKING STOCK OF THE ROLE OF OFFSETS IN CORPORATE CARBON STRATEGIES was recently released. Download the report [here.](#)

BUSINESS & CLIMATE SUMMIT 2016 On the 28 & 29 of June, The Climate Group convened the second Business & Climate Summit at the historic Guildhall in London. Just under 800 people representing 39 countries came together to discuss what the Paris Agreement means for business and how we can collectively move this forward and main stream action. Read the highlights [here.](#)

MANDELA MONTH JULY 2016 CLEAR RIVERS CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT TO CONFERENCE When rivers run dry, it reminds all of us that water does not come from the tap. The drought conditions that persists across all parts of South Africa, calls for a national approach on protecting the country’s freshwater ecosystems. It is for this reason that government, business and civil society initiated the Clear Rivers campaign. The campaign calls on everyone to dedicate their 67 minutes of goodwill activities towards cleaning up streams, wetlands, dams, canals

and any freshwater source. **So we encourage everyone to participate in cleaning up our water ecosystems; on any day during Mandela Month 2016.**

NBI EVENTS 2016

BUSINESS DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CLUSTERS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Tuesday, 2 August 2016 Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront, Cape Town. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Global Compact Network South Africa are hosting a one day business dialogue in Cape Town on the implementation of the SDGs. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for further information or click [here](#) to register for this event.

BUSINESS DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CLUSTERS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Friday, 12 August 2016 Grindrod Offices, Durban. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Global Compact Network South Africa are hosting a one day business dialogue in KZN on the implementation of the SDGs. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for more details or click [here](#) to register.

TLS: BUSINESS & CLIMATE SUMMIT, WE MEAN BUSINESS AND GREEN ECONOMY Wednesday, 17 August 2016 The National Business Initiative (NBI) is delighted to announce an exciting, information packed TLS showcasing the latest international climate and policy paradigm shifts fresh from the Business & Climate Summit in London, as well as the latest news and developments from our international partners at We Mean Business. In addition to this, we will be providing feedback and insights from our Green Economy work. If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend the last session taking place in Johannesburg, please click [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016

WOMEN IN BUSINESS 2016 2 August 2016 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. As South Africa celebrates women's month in August, GIBS is proud to bring together leading business women across sectors in an open and supportive environment for sharing, learning and networking. They will exchange ideas, insights and experience with peers regarding the challenges of women leadership in corporate world today, their journey, how they are making an impact in their personal lives and in the business community. [Book now.](#)

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 14 to 17 August 2016 Intundla Game Lodge, Gauteng. We need to rapidly engineer a sustainable economy, one that meets human needs within natural constraints – within the carrying capacity of the one planet we all live on and depend on. We need organisations that are able to create jobs and increase access to products, services and livelihood opportunities in a resource-constrained and low-trust world. We need to develop leadership at all levels in organisation that understand what is required. This seminar is designed for managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of sustainability. For more information as well as the application form, please have a look at the [website](#) or contact Magda on magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD TRAINING COURSES 16 to 18 August 2016 Pretoria, Gauteng. Developed by leading organizations like The Nature Conservancy, SGS, WWF, Water Stewardship Australia, AWS training is at the leading edge of water stewardship thinking worldwide. Whether you are a major water user, a regulatory body, a natural resource manager or a civil society group; AWS's training can give you what you need to advocate for and implement responsible water stewardship. These courses will be offered step-wise, from introductory to advanced, with modules on specific topics according to demand. Please contact mark@allianceforwaterstewardship.org if you would like to attend or click [here](#) to access the website.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING COURSE 6 to 8 September 2016 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Johannesburg. This course combines the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) certified course on sustainability reporting with the GRI Performance Indicator Workshop. The course also addresses the link between sustainability- and integrated reporting. Participants receive a GRI certificate. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

THE FIRST ENERGY FUTURES DIALOGUE 12 October 2016, Bunting Road Campus, School of Tourism & Hospitality, University of Johannesburg. This event will be hosted by the University of Johannesburg, WWF South Africa and EE Publishers and will include a high-level programme of eminent keynote speakers and presenters, drawn from central and local government departments, government agencies, regulators, academia, financial institutions, industry associations and institutes, state-owned enterprises, industrialists, business, trade unions and civil society. Further details [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

WEBINAR: BUYING IN: TAKING STOCK OF THE ROLE OF OFFSETS IN CORPORATE CARBON STRATEGIES
Tuesday, 2 August 2016 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM SAST. Click here to join.

WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM 28 August to 2 September 2016, Stockholm, Sweden. Event website.

2016 IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS The 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Congress will focus on the theme "Planet at the Crossroads". Among other objectives, the World Congress will launch the Hawai'i commitments: globally transformative and innovative conservation initiatives to meet the critical challenges and opportunities of our time, including the imperative to scale up action on biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Details [here](#).

SUSTAINABLE BRANDS CONFERENCE BUENOS AIRES 13 to 14 September, 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Register [here](#).

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 19 to 25 September 2016, New York, USA. Details [here](#).

VERGE 2016 CONFERENCE 19 to 22 September 2016 Santa Clara, CA, USA. VERGE is a global event series that focuses on the technologies and systems that accelerate sustainability solutions across sectors in a climate-constrained world. [Further information.](#)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ICSD) 21 to 22 September 2016, New York, USA. The aim of the conference is to identify and share practical, evidence-based solutions that can support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The ICSD provides a unique opportunity to bring together stakeholders from government, academia, the United Nations, international agencies, NGOs, and grassroots organizers to share practical solutions towards the achievement of more sustainable and inclusive societies. Click [here](#) to register.

2016 WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 3 to 6 October 2016 Chennai, India. [Register now](#) and benefit from the early bird rates, joining leaders from around the world as we explore **Implementing Sustainability at Scale** at the

epicentre of the developing world.

AFRICAN SUSTAINABLE EXTRACTIVES SUMMIT 13 to 14 October 2016 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Reducing operational risk through Social and Environmental Performance in the Extractives Sector. The 1st African Sustainable Extractives Summit will cover various perspectives of Sustainable Business in the Extractives Sector -oil, gas and mining- in the African region. Core issues that will be addressed during the summit include social performance, environmental performance and stakeholder engagement. Register [here](#).

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