



On a Clear Day

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INDUSTRY NEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON BLACK RHINOS FOR WORLD RHINO DAY As the world celebrates World Rhino Day, a WWF project is showing the way forward for the recovery of the endangered black rhino. [WWF-SA, 22 September 2016.](#)

BEYOND AGOA: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF U.S.-AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT There have been significant changes in Africa and the global trade policy landscape in the nearly two decades since the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) – the cornerstone of our trade relationship with sub-Saharan Africa – came into effect. [Tralac, 22 September 2016.](#)

#CITES: AFRICAN COUNTRIES VITAL FOR COP17 TALKS African countries, through their participation in the CITES CoP17, have the potential to influence the negotiations, says Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa.

[BizCommunity, 21 September 2016.](#)

STRENGTHEN IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS, ZUMA TELLS UN Zuma stressed that inclusive growth would remain a dream if powerful nations continued to put their national interests ahead of the global collective interest. [The Citizen, 21 September 2016.](#)

NICKY NEWTON-KING: THE WAY WE DO THINGS IN SA NEEDS TO CHANGE There are “some signs of progress” with regard to concerted efforts between government, business and labour to avoid a credit rating downgrade to junk status. [Inqé Lamprecht, Moneyweb, 21 September 2016.](#)

MOODYS MEASURE RENEWABLES MARKET International ratings agency expresses confidence in the ability of the South African renewable energy industry to raise debt. [The Green Business Guide, 21 September 2016.](#)

NATIONAL TREASURY TO FUND UNIVERSITY FEES SHORTFALL Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan will next month during the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) announce how National Treasury will fund the university fees shortfall. [The Skills Portal, 21 September 2016.](#)

CENTRAL SQUARE OPENS AT SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST GREEN, MIXED-USE CITY PRECINCT Central Square at Menlyn Maine opened today in Tshwane, introducing some of SA's most environmentally-friendly, customer-friendly and innovative shopping experiences. [BizCommunity, 21 September 2016.](#)

MOLEFE: NO NUCLEAR BY 2035 COULD MEAN ANOTHER POWER CRUNCH If South Africa doesn't have additional nuclear power by 2035, the country will be in the same position as in 2008 when there was a serious shortage of power supply, Eskom CEO Brian Molefe said on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 21 September 2016.](#)

NATURAL ASSETS VITAL TO SA ECONOMY Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa says South Africa's natural assets are an important contributor to the country's economy, food security and job creation. [Knowledge Bylanes SA, 21 September 2016.](#)

MODERN ALLIGATOR LOOKS A LOT LIKE ITS 8-MILLION-YEAR-OLD COUSIN Modern American alligators crawling around today in the swampy grounds of the Southeast U.S. don't look much different than their ancient ancestors did, recent research suggests. [LiveScience, 21 September 2016.](#)

KOEBERG UNIT SHUT DOWN FOR REFUELLING Unit 1 of the Koeberg nuclear power station, near Cape Town, will be shut down on Monday for a planned refuelling outage. [Megan Van Wynqaardt, Engineering News, 19 September 2016.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

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 Launches Next-Generation Business Solutions to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”, [here.](#)

UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE NBI partner with the CEO Water Mandate to encourage water stewardship in South

Africa. Established by the UN Global Compact in 2007, and rooted in the belief that cross-sectoral collaboration on shared water goals is the most effective path to more sustainable water management, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative that mobilizes business leaders for water stewardship. Read their: *“Water Stewardship in 60 Seconds”*, [here](#).

CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Read their report entitled: *“Embedding a carbon price into business strategy”*, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their Insider’s perspective on: *“IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016”*, [here](#).

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world’s most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read their article entitled: *“Climate Week New York 2016: We Mean Business Preview”*, [here](#).

NBI NEWS

STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI’S HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT, IS IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK (19 TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2016) FOR CLIMATE WEEK. Climate Week New York takes place during the first UN General Assembly post Paris – and with the US elections just seven weeks away – Climate Week NYC 2016 will gather leaders from business and government to demonstrate how continued investment in innovation, technology and clean energy will drive profitability and lead us toward net zero emissions. Climate Week NYC is one of the key events in the international calendar. Read about it here <http://www.climateweeknyc.org> and watch for NBI tweets each day.

NBI: GOLD MEDAL WINNER The National Business Initiative (NBI) received 1st prize, an Olympic Gold Medal, for the best project in the “Trade and Economics” category at last night’s British High Commission Prosperity Fund Awards cocktail evening held in Tswane. This was in recognition for the outstanding work done by the NBI on the National Development Plan (NDP) project. For further details on the NBI’s NDP project, please contact [Alex McNamara](#) or download the report from our [website](#).

WATER WEEK 2016 FOCUSES ON WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND CLIMATE [World Water Week](#), a major international conference on water held annually in Stockholm since 1990, concluded on Friday, 2 September focusing on a number of key themes. Sessions held covered topics such as company target setting, the role of water action in reducing carbon emissions and supporting climate resilience, water security, water stewardship, water sector financing and investment, wastewater reuse, water risk and investors, the SDGs, water and the Paris Agreement, and water and jobs. This year the South African [Water Research Commission \(WRC\)](#) was one of three major collaborating partners to the conference. The SIWI Media Hub is an excellent place to watch the major presentations from World Water Week, all of which can be accessed for free [here](#). The NBI attended the conference and will provide a full update on the major outcomes for NBI members. For further information please contact [Alex McNamara](#) or click [here](#) to view a Quick Brief entitled: **What Role For Business In Water Target Setting And Sector Investment?**

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

CENNERGI CELEBRATES COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF WIND FARM CENNERGI - the cleaner energy company

started by Exxaro and Tata Power - formally celebrated the commencement of operations at their 95MW Tsitsikamma Community Wind Farm with the local AmaMfengu community in Wittekleibosch on September 16. [News24, 22 September 2016.](#)

MTN'S NEW BBBEE SCHEME LAUNCHED Subscriptions for MTN's new R9.9-billion broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) scheme MTN Zakhele Futhi are now open to qualifying black investors and groups. [Engineering News, 12 September 2016.](#)

VODACOM ENHANCES COVERAGE IN GAUTRAIN'S UNDERGROUND TUNNELS The telecommunications giant Vodacom has enhanced its connectivity coverage along select routes of Gautrain's underground tracks with speeds in excess of 100 Mb/s. [Engineering News, 6 September 2016.](#)

IOT CAN BRING SOUTH AFRICA INTO DIGITAL ERA, SAYS TELKOM EXEC The exponential growth of the Internet of Things (IoT) presents a significant opportunity to bring South Africa into the "digital era" as it pushes new frontiers in production and efficiency. [Engineering News, 5 September 2016.](#)

DESPITE POWER SUPPLY STABILITY, MINES STILL PRIORITISE EFFICIENT ENERGY USE Power supply instability may have been the catalyst for mining industry initiatives to pursue energy efficiency; however, the current stability of electricity supply has not curbed the industry's appetite for green solutions. Nonetheless, sustainability consultancy Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Southern Africa points out that management teams across the sector are still determined to save on costs and reduce mining operations' carbon footprints. [Mining Weekly, 2 September 2016.](#)

ARCELOR NOW FREE TO FOLLOW PATH OF GROWTH I took on the position of CEO of ArcelorMittal SA just two months ago, with my eyes wide open. Steel-making is currently a difficult industry. The sector is in crisis globally; SA, in particular, has been severely affected by cheap imports in the absence of any protection measures. [BDLive, 31 August 2016.](#)

DELOITTE ACQUIRES YOUTH-LED INNOVATION HUB In a move designed to further diversify its offerings across industry sectors, Deloitte has acquired South African youth-led innovation consultancy SpringAge with effect from 1 August, 2016. [Engineering News, 30 August 2016.](#)

WOMEN IN LOGISTICS: HARNESSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH In recent years, several major studies have demonstrated that having more female leaders, board members, managers and supervisors leads to better business outcomes including higher levels of productivity, safety and improved financial returns. More specifically, research referenced in the 2009 Women in Supply Chain report demonstrated that improving the proportion of women leads to higher financial returns for logistics companies. [Shirley Duma, Barloworld Logistics, 29 August 2016.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

WORLD GREEN BUILDING WEEK URGES US TO CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE World Green Building Week, the flagship event of the global green building movement, takes place from **26 September until 2 October 2016**. The week raises awareness of green buildings around the world, highlighting how they are the most effective means to achieving a range of environmental, social and economic goals, from addressing climate change to creating sustainable homes, businesses and communities – better places for people to live, work and play. [Green Building Council SA](#).

THE POINT: EDUCATION NEEDS A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL SA Should prioritise education right now and give it all the commitment, input, expertise and finances it needs. [Owen Skae, BDLive, 21 September 2016](#).

CALLING ALL CIRCULAR ECONOMY PIONEERS! Be recognised for your **circular economy leadership** on the global stage at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, January 2017. **The Circulars**, an initiative of the World Economic Forum and the Forum of Young Global Leaders, is the world's **premier circular economy award programme**, offering recognition to individuals and organizations from commerce and civil society across the globe that have made notable contributions to the circular economy in the private sector, public sector and society. Last year [REDISA](#) and [Agriproteins](#) flew the South African flag at the awards – are you next? Visit the website [thecirculars.org](#) and follow on twitter [@CircularsAwards](#). Entries close on 30th September 2016.

PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN MANUFACTURER WINS INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD Frost & Sullivan Applauds Green Worx's Commitment to Sustainability by Creating Environmentally Friendly Cleaning Products. Read [here](#).

PLASTIC BOTTLES ARE NOT TRASH The South African plastics industry is worth some R50 billion, and its products have become a way of life for all of us. Plastics, including plastic packaging, make our lives easier in all sorts of ways. [Business Essentials, 14 September 2016](#).

S.A HOST WOMEN IN ENERGY BUSINESS SUMMIT The South Africa Department of Energy hosted a two day summit themed "Women in Energy United in Moving South Africa Forward" aimed to provide a platform to learn from sector experts, share their knowledge, discuss achievements and encourage the advancement of women across all sectors of the energy industry. [CNBCAfrica, 7 September 2016](#).

AFRICA NEEDS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS NOT JOB SEEKERS Although Africa has highs and lows economically and politically, the long-term trend is upwards. Whilst there is volatility, the underlying drivers are upwards and strong. [Jon Foster-Pedley, Leader, 7 September 2016](#).

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS! August to November 2016. The Enterprise Academy at the Gordon Institute of Business Science is calling for delegates in the green economy and the home building industry to join them and up their business game. The two programmes funded by JP Morgan, are fully sponsored for those candidates who fulfil the criteria. Interested candidates may call **(011) 771 4260**, or contact [Phumlani Nkontwana](#) for more details.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR ECO-LOGIC AWARDS 2017 [The Green Times, 23 August 2016](#).

NBI EVENTS 2016

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) – FOOD SYSTEMS POST-PARIS: COP 21 AND A CHANGING WORLD Monday,

26 September 2016 at the Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel. Climate change and food security are inextricably linked and present one of the biggest challenges we face as a planet. So how do we solve one of the greatest challenges of our time? If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this event, please click [here](#).

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) – UNPACKING WORLD WATER WEEK & CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. [World Water Week](#) and [Climate Week New York](#) represent two of the major global dialogues on sustainability held annually. Join us as we discuss the key issues raised at each event and their relevance for South African company thinking and practice. If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this event, please click [here](#).

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at Nedbank Sandton. Each year, millions of children around the globe are lured or forced into exploitation. The trafficking in adults and children for sexual purposes is a lucrative illegal business everywhere in the world. Globally, children comprise nearly one-third of all trafficking victims. In Africa, nearly two-thirds of victims are believed to be minors. In May this year, CRES in partnership with Nedbank and the Global Compact Network South Africa hosted an initial business dialogue on how South African business can act against exploitation of children and promote children's rights in the region. Together with the Global Child Forum, we are now inviting you to a full day conference on how business can protect children. The conference will feature leading national and global experts from all sectors. Please contact [Egnatious Phiri](#) should you wish to attend this dialogue.

RESCHEDULED: NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2016 Please note that the NBI Membership Council Meeting, scheduled to take place on 29 September 2016 will now take place on **Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 16:00**. Details and invitations to follow nearer the time.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 201

SANEDI 2016 12L TAX INCENTIVE ANNUAL INFORMATION NATIONAL ROADSHOWS SEPTEMBER 2016 Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives, Section 12L of the Income Tax Act, 1962, Deduction Allowance in Respect of Energy Efficiency Savings. Click [here](#) to view the schedule.

CISL SA MASTERCLASS LAUNCHING IN OCTOBER Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership SA will be launching our first Masterclass in 3 locations. Please check the [website](#) for details of the first one of 4 over the next months. For even more information, contact magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MULTICAPITAL SCORECARD® A MASTERCLASS 4 and 5 October 2016, The Peech Hotel, Johannesburg. Do you want to build a smarter, more resilient, sustainable business but don't know how? The MultiCapital Scorecard structures an inclusive, context driven approach to sustainability across all six capitals recommended by the International Integrated Reporting Council. Join Martin Thomas to learn about a toolkit, which builds resilient and sustainable businesses, fit for the future. **For more information** contact [David Baxter](#) | **083 267 7845** or click [here](#) to access the website.

AFRICA'S PREMIER ENTERPRISE AND SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 11 to 12 October 2016 Riversands Incubation Hub, Fourways, Johannesburg. Now in its 7th year, the annual ESD Conference has become a must-attend event on SA's industry calendar. Bringing together big business, government, SME's and high growth potential entrepreneurs, the event aims to facilitate industry partnerships across all sectors for sustainable job creation and economic growth. Click [here](#) for the proposal and [here](#) to obtain a registration form.

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](#).

WASTECON 2016 - BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 17 to 21 October 2016 at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg. WasteCon 2016 is the flagship conference of the IWMSA and one of the most important events on southern Africa's environmental calendar this year. The theme for the 23rd biennial conference is 'The Changing Face of Waste Management'. [WEBSITE](#).

TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 18 to 20 October 2016 in Durban. Please contact [Mark Dent](#) should you be interested in registering for these courses (Tuesday 18 October: Foundation course, Wednesday 19 October: Advanced course and Thursday 20 October: Specialist course) or click here to access the [website](#).

THE 2016 SOUTHERN AFRICA STUDENT HOUSING & SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 26 to 28 October 2016 Southern Sun, OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg. [Crown Publications](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING COURSE 1 to 3 November 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**.

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 12 to 15 March 2017, Diemersfontein, Wellington, Western Cape. The resilience and wellbeing of the people and societies that organisations impact are becoming increasingly material to their success. Sustainability is no longer simply a bolt-on to a 'business-as-usual' approach, but is something that must become deeply embedded in the day-to-day operations of all organisations. This seminar is designed for all middle to senior managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of what is required. 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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

CITES COP17 24 September to 4 October 2016, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. From the hotly debated topic of elephants and ivory to deciding the fate of lesser-known creatures struggling for survival, this year's CITES conference is sure to be one of the most important and potentially game-changing meetings yet. [WEBSITE](#).

INTERNATIONAL OFF-GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE 30 September to 1 October 2016, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. Key stakeholders from the off-grid renewable energy sector – including policy makers, the private sector, financiers, and development institutions – will gather in Nairobi, Kenya to push forward the global off-grid

[agenda](#). Details [here](#).

2016 WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 3 to 6 October 2016 Chennai, India. Last chance to [register](#) to attend. You'll hear from business leaders such as **Paul Polman**, CEO, Unilever & Chairman, WBCSD; **Mukund Rajan**, Member, Group Executive Council and Brand Custodian, Tata Son; **Sunny Verghese**, Co-Founder & Group CEO, Olam International Limited; and **Robert Swaak**, Global Vice Chairman, PWC.

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](#).

BSR CONFERENCE 2016: BE BOLD 1 to 3 November 2016 Grand Hyatt New York, NY, USA. This year's Conference theme is a rallying cry for businesses addressing the toughest issues our time: BE BOLD. The challenges of building a sustainable future are immense, and will require collaborative, innovative thinking from all sectors of society. We know there are substantial opportunities to build inclusive, sustainable economies through business leadership and partnerships—and we also know that we won't achieve these goals unless we think big, and think bold. At the BSR Conference 2016, we'll hear compelling stories from companies, foundations, big thinkers, and creative doers who are making big bets in building a better world. [WEBSITE](#).

UNFCCC COP 22 7 to 18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco. This will be the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC. Details [here](#).

AFRICA BUSINESS COMMUNITIES NETWORKING EVENT 21 November 2016, InterContinental Park Lane, London, UK. Following successful networking events in Accra, Lagos, Hamburg, Kigali and most recently in Amsterdam, Addis Ababa and Nairobi, Africa Business Communities will be coming to London in November 2016. Click [here](#).

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