



On a Clear Day

A news update from the NBI on its programmes, business leadership and issues on sustainable development.

On A Clear Day: Issue 603, 17 November 2016

CONTENTS:

Industry News

NBI International Partners

Notices, Reports & Surveys

NBI Events 2016

South African Events 2016

International Events 2016

Contact | [Subscribe](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

WORLD LEADERS SUPPORT CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT [*The Citizen, 17 November 2016.*](#)

200 COMPANIES COMMIT TO SCIENCE BASED TARGETS, SURPASSING EXPECTATIONS FOR CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION Just 18 months after its launch, the **[Science Based Targets initiative](#)** announced that 200 companies have committed to set emissions reduction targets consistent with the global effort to keep temperatures well below the 2-degree threshold. In the past year, the initiative has seen a growth rate of over 2 companies per week committing to set science-based targets, far exceeding the project's timeline and signalling that climate action has gained tremendous momentum in the private sector. [*Washington, 16 November 2016.*](#)

MOROCCO'S KING CALLS ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MEET COMMITMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE King

Mohammed VI says he's speaking in the name of our shared destiny and historic responsibility. [EWN, 16 November 2016.](#)

UN CHIEF CALLS FOR 'ELIMINATION' OF FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES UN chief Ban Ki-moon called on Tuesday, 15 November, for the "elimination of fossil fuel subsidies" to accelerate the transition to clean energy for the sake of the planet. [BizCommunity, 16 November 2016.](#)

SEVEN AFRICAN NATIONS TO SIGN A DECLARATION TO PROTECT THEIR TROPICAL FORESTS: The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) and the 12th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 12) are currently underway in Marrakech, Morocco. [CNBC Africa, 16 November 2016.](#)

CHINA'S ELECTRIC BUSES SERVE MOROCCAN CITY OF MARRAKECH AT COP22 China's electric buses are being used for transportation by the participants attending the 22nd Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. [CCTC-Africa, 16 November 2016.](#)

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY AT HEART OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION The world must rapidly move to scale up actions and ambitions on climate change FAO Director-General Jos Graziano da Silva told delegates at the United Nations Climate Change conference (COP22) in Morocco today. [South Africa News.Net, 16 November 2016.](#)

INVESTING IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE The market for energy efficiency, green bonds and environment, social and governance principled-investment may slowly be catching on. [Moneyweb, 16 November 2016.](#)

DEEPENING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES South-South cooperation is growing, as developing countries are helping each other to address climate change, sustainable development and implementation of the **Paris Agreement**, said senior United Nations officials and government Ministers at the UN Climate Conference in Marrakech (COP 22). [Tralac, 16 November 2016.](#)

RADICAL ENERGY SHIFT NEEDED TO MEET 1.5C GLOBAL WARMING TARGET – IEA A radical shift in the energy sector, cutting emissions to zero by around 2040, is needed to limit the global rise in temperature at 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit) the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Wednesday. [Sowetan Live, 16 November 2016.](#)

CONFERENCE TO GIVE AFRICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPERS A BOOST The Africa Energy Indaba Conference 2017 will provide a platform that will enable project owners to accelerate the development and implementation of Africa's high priority renewable energy projects. [Infrastructure News, 16 November 2016.](#)

AFRICA'S FOOD MARKET COULD BE WORTH US\$1TRN IN 15 YEARS, THIS IS HOW... Around the world, farmers can attest to the devastating impact that climate change is having on agriculture. Whether they're in the US, Vietnam or South Africa, heat waves, droughts or heavy rains are disrupting water supplies, ruining harvests and affecting food availability and prices. [CNBC Africa, 16 November 2016.](#)

EXPERTS TRACK IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PUBLIC HEALTH The Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change was launched on Monday 14 November at the COP22 climate talks taking place in Morocco. [All4Women, 15 November 2016.](#)

SA PUBLISHES CARBON TAX MODELLING REPORT On November 10, South Africa's National Treasury published a

carbon tax modelling report, looking at the proposed levy's impact on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and economic growth. [Green Business Guide, 14 November 2016.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. View what they have planned during COP22 [here.](#)

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 Executive Update: *How do we fill the gap?*", [here.](#)

UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE NBI partners 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: *"How is Water Relevant to My Company?"*, [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news from COP22: *"The Paris Agreement, Marrakech and business leadership on climate action"*, [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 'NBI's Special Edition 1: We Mean Business Newsletter November 2016', on the [NBI WEBSITE.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS

CEO INITIATIVE PLEDGE: Log onto the [CEO PLEDGE WEBSITE](#) and view the growing number of South African CEOs (including small and medium companies) who have signed the CEO Initiative Pledge. The National Business Initiative (NBI), through our CEO Joanne Yawitch, is the Secretariat to the CEO Initiative.

NBI NEWS

STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND WHO IS CURRENTLY AT COP22 IN MOROCCO, SAYS: "One of the defining characteristics of COP22 is business taking a lead on implementation. The WBCSD Low Emissions Solution Conference (**#LESC**), the over 200 companies signed up to Science Based Targets milestone being reached, and US based companies responding to president elect Trump's climate stance: [The New York Times](#), are but a few illustrations. Review the NBI twitter feed for more highlights (**#COP22**). Key reports to watch out for include the launch of CDPs Global Water Report, IEA Global Energy Outlook, Carbon Trust Report on Energy Efficiency Finance in Developing Countries, UNEP Emissions Gap Report, the Global Carbon Project Global Carbon Budget Report and the IFC Climate Investment Opportunities in Emerging Markets Report (in which the NBI gets a mention)."

UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE BASED TARGETS (SBTs) The National Business Initiative (NBI) has chosen to prioritise Science Based Targets (SBTs) as an important focus area in our on-going campaign with the international coalition, We Mean Business (WMB). Read the NBI Quick Brief entitled, “**Understanding Science Based Targets**”, on the [**NBI WEBSITE**](#).

COMMIT TO A LOW CARBON AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, THROUGH NBI’S PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL COALITION WMB COP22 began in Morocco this week, a year after the landmark **Paris Agreement** was forged at COP21. The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** would like to offer you the opportunity to be part of a global movement for change as we enter COP22 and beyond, **by committing to a low carbon and sustainable future**, through our partnership with international coalition **We Mean Business (WMB)**. For more information on the commitments, please see our [**campaign overview**](#) and [**summary of the commitment process**](#). Please contact [**Amy Marshall**](#) if you would like to commit to any **one or more** of these commitments.

OVER 40 CEOS ATTEND THE #SAVESA MEDIA BRIEF: Over 40 CEOs and business leaders gathered in Pretoria, under a banner and campaign called Save South Africa. [**CNBCAfrica, 2 November 2016**](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

BCX INTEGRATION, MOBILE BUSINESS LIFTS TELKOM’S H1 EARNINGS JSE-listed Telkom on Tuesday posted higher earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) of R5.3-billion and an improved Ebitda margin of 26.1% for the six months to September 30. [**Engineering News, 15 November 2016**](#).

SOUTH32 OPENS DESALINATION PLANT Diversified mining company South32 has opened a seawater desalination plant at its Hillside aluminium smelter in Richards Bay to mitigate against the drought experienced in KwaZulu-Natal in the last few years. [**Engineering News, 8 November 2016**](#).

WOOLWORTHS CELEBRATES YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO EDUCATION Woolworths today announced that it is marking its 85th anniversary by partnering with the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet fundraising programme in order to provide 50 educational bursaries of R20 000 each, totalling R1 million. [**HR Pulse, 3 November 2016**](#).

JOHNSON & JOHNSON LAUNCHES AN AFRICA INNOVATION CHALLENGE FOR BUDDING HEALTHCARE ENTREPRENEURS Winners of the challenge could receive up to \$100,000 to bring their forward-thinking ideas to the next level. [**WEBSITE**](#).

M&R TO SELL CONSTRUCTION UNITS TO SOUTHERN PALACE-LED CONSORTIUM FOR R314M Engineering and construction group Murray & Roberts (M&R) announced on Tuesday that it had entered into a R314-million agreement to sell eight of its infrastructure and building divisions to a black-empowered entity known as Firefly Investments, led by the Southern Palace Group. [**Engineering News, 1 November 2016**](#).

WESIZWE PLATINUM: CHANGING THE GAME PLAN In the five years since Wesizwe Platinum started building the R10.67bn Bakubung platinum mine near Rustenburg, many things have changed. [**Financial Mail, 28 October 2016**](#).

TIGER BRANDS IS CERTIFIED AS A TOP EMPLOYER SOUTH AFRICA 2017 Tiger Brands is exceptionally proud to announce that it has once again been certified for Top Employers South Africa status in 2017. More [**here**](#).

PICK N PAY PUTS JOB CREATION FIRST Pick n Pay Stores created more than 2 000 new jobs in the first half of its financial year and opened 74 new stores as part of plans to grow its market share in the face of South Africa’s

sluggish economic growth. [IOL, 19 October 2016.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

DOING BUSINESS WITH RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS' - A NEW GUIDE. *Doing Business With Respect for Human Rights'* is the comprehensive guide you need if you want to understand what it means to do business with respect for human rights. Click [here](#).

LEARNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT HILTON SANDTON This Work learning integrated Programme aims to place learners who are registered at TVET Colleges and who require internships to complete their training with employers. Details [here](#).

TO ACCESS THE COP22 EVENTS CALENDAR CLICK [HERE](#).

WBCSD ARE PROUD TO LAUNCH THE [LCTPI 2016 PROGRESS REPORT](#).

WESSA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EVENT IN SA Last week WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) played host to the 2016 international FEE Eco-Schools conference – also known as the National Operators' Meeting (NOM) – in Johannesburg. [The Green Times, 9 November 2016.](#)

NEW MODEL LETS YOU MAKE MONEY FROM SOLAR FedGroup has launched a project allowing members of the public to own one or more solar panels that form part of a larger facility located on the roofs of commercial and industrial buildings and to earn rent from these. [TechCentral, 8 November 2016.](#)

KING IV: SIMPLE BUT FEARLESS Aimed at promoting the highest standards of corporate governance in South Africa, the King Report on Corporate Governance (King I) was published by the King Committee on Corporate Governance in 1994. Integrating a Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct. The report was the first of its kind in the country. Fast forward 22 years later, King IV was released on the 1st of November 2016. [BBrief, 3 November 2016.](#)

ENTRIES ARE OPEN FOR ECO-LOGIC AWARDS 2017 The Enviropaedia has officially opened the 2017 Eco-Logic Awards competition, calling on the public to help identify and nominate individuals, organisations and communities that positively contribute towards an environmentally sustainable world for us to live in. Details [here](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT PARTNERS If you need to understand what it means to do business with respect for human rights, look no further than this guide. Read [here](#).

WWF LIVING PLANET REPORT MEDIA RELEASE Please find attached a media release about WWF International's latest Living Planet Report which was released internationally today. Published every two years, the report has become the world's leading, science-based analysis on the health of our planet and the impact of human activity. Knowing we only have one planet, WWF believes that humanity can make better choices that translate into clear benefits for ecology, society and the economy today and in the long term. For more on the report and to download the full document, please click on this [link](#).

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.

NBI EVENTS 2016

NBI TRANSFORMATION DIALOGUE SERIES Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at Sanlam, Sandton. The NBI's overarching strategic focus is to enable member company participation in contributing to economic transition and social transformation. This implies not only a positive relationship between business and society, but also a corporate sector that demonstrates a commitment to internal transformation including to addressing issues of equity and diversity. The NBI has planned a series of dialogues that address key political and transformation issues in a practical and positive way that will start now and continue into 2017. If you are a NBI Member Company and wish to attend this dialogue, please click [ACCEPT](#).

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) ON THE WWF WATER RISK FILTER Tuesday, 29 November 2016 at The Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. Water risk, whether related to the current national drought or more systemic risks factors, is as relevant in South Africa today than at any other point in our contemporary history. The completion of a water risk assessment is instrumental in understanding risk to company operations, reputation and business growth. If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this session please click [here](#).

A VISUAL DISPLAY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CDP WATER REPORT 2016 Thursday, 1 December 2016 at The Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. Please join us for a packed water launch in 2016, as we discuss the key findings from CDP Water for 2016, hear from the National Planning Commission on future water development in South Africa and consider the role of water in a low carbon economy. Please click [ACCEPT](#) if you wish to attend this launch.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016/2017

WATER ANALYSIS AND MONITORING 21 to 25 November 2016 in Pretoria. The water analysis and monitoring course updates water professionals on current and emerging methods for sampling, handling, analysis and data management that have recently been developed to inform better decision making for resource preservation. [BizCommunity](#).

POST-ELECTIONS THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF U.S. - SOUTH AFRICA BUSINESS WITH AMBASSADOR PATRICK GASPARD 22 November 2016 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. Ambassador Gaspard joins us for a conversation about US-South Africa relations after the highly contested US elections. During his tenure as Ambassador, Gaspard has made business and trade a priority, helping ensure that the SA-U.S. relationship move from strength to strength. [GIBS](#).

SME SCALE-UP EVENT 23 November 2016 at VodaWorld, Midrand. This event is an informative session for entrepreneurs and business owners to learn how to develop growth strategies and expose opportunities to create jobs in the SME sector - particularly in the era of industrialisation. Details [here](#).

AFRICAN AGRI INVESTMENT INDABA 28 to 30 November at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town. The African Agri Investment Indaba is the global meeting place for Agri Investment in Africa. Bringing together over 600 key stakeholders – from governments, banks, financiers, investors, project owners,

project developers, commercial farmers and the agro-processing industry – to discuss trends that will likely influence food and agribusiness economics over the next decade in Africa. Click [here](#) for further information.

2017 MINING INDABA 6 to 9 February 2017 in Cape Town. Investing in African Mining Indaba is the world's largest Mining Investment Conference and the World's largest Mining Event in Africa. [WEBSITE.](#)

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 12 to 15 March 2017, Diemersfontein, Wellington, Western Cape. The resilience and wellbeing of the people and societies that organisations impacts 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

UNFCCC COP 22 7 to 18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco. The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC, which ends this Friday, focussing on action items in order to achieve the priorities of The Paris Agreement, especially related to adaptation, transparency, technology transfer, mitigation, capacity building and loss and damages. [WEBSITE.](#)

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](#).

WEBINAR: JOIN CLIMATE DISCLOSURE STANDARDS BOARD AND WE MEAN BUSINESS: Commit To Action to find out how the changing policies in the remainder of 2016 may affect the way companies report climate change information in their mainstream annual reports **22 November 2016 at 9 AM GMT // 10 AM CET // 4 PM HKT.** This webinar will cover the ways companies can be first movers ahead of the G20 Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures and EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive, through the Commit to Action platform. Read about the initiatives at www.cdp.net/commit. [Registration Link.](#)

GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONFERENCE 26 to 27 November 2016, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Recognizing the fundamental role of sustainable transport in fighting climate change and achieving the sustainable future we want, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon will convene the first ever global conference on sustainable transport. In resolution 70/197 titled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors", the General Assembly welcomed the initiative of the Secretary-General to convene the Conference. [WEBSITE.](#)

WEBINAR ON 'CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE: A KEY TECHNOLOGY IN LOW-EMISSIONS PATHWAYS'. 29 November, 2016 15:00 GMT Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is a key technology in transforming the energy system and moving towards the long-term temperature goals of the Paris Agreement. However, there are several barriers preventing it from expanding more swiftly. Register [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (REDWARM) 4 to 6 December 2016, Cairo, Egypt. This international conference is organized to provide a forum for researchers, academicians, and practitioners engaged in research, applied water technology, and water resources planning and management to share knowledge, experience, good practices, and research results. [World Water Council](#).

FOURTH MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE WATER-FOOD-ENERGY ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS 8 December 2016, Geneva, Switzerland. This meeting will discuss, plan and provide guidance to the implementation of activities on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus under the programme of work for 2016-2018 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). Further details [here](#).

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

In order to refine our communications with you, please subscribe to the following interest areas. We will then notify you of NBI publications and events relating to that topic.

[SUBSCRIBE TO ON A CLEAR DAY](#)

[UNSUBSCRIBE TO ON A CLEAR DAY](#)

[GREEN ECONOMY](#)

[BIODIVERSITY](#)

[WATER](#)

[WASTE](#)

[CLIMATE ADAPTATION](#)

[CLIMATE MITIGATION](#)

[CLIMATE FINANCE](#)

[ENERGY EFFICIENCY](#)

[SOCIAL & ETHICS ISSUES](#)

[ANTI-CORRUPTION](#)

[SKILLS DEVELOPMENT](#)

[HUMAN RIGHTS](#)

Business Action for Sustainable Growth

www.nbi.org.za

“On a Clear Day” seeks to notify subscribers of interesting articles, papers and news freely available from the internet. The National Business Initiative (NBI) encourages debate on sustainability issues and does not necessarily endorse any particular viewpoint. We welcome any feedback you might have. Please direct comments and queries to JustineA@nbi.org.za.