

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**THE CHALLENGE OF FOOD WASTE** Each year something in the region of 10 million tonnes, or a third of available food in South Africa, is not eaten and yet the problem remains strangely invisible. [WWF-SA, 16 March 2017.](#)

**URBAN AGRICULTURE PILOT PROJECT HINTS AT POTENTIAL** The vegetable garden on the roof of the Kotze street shelter, in Braamfontein, is part of a pilot project series of urban gardens to improve food security for the more vulnerable people in the city. [Engineering News, 16 March 2017.](#)

**CAVENDISH SQUARE CHAMPIONS SUSTAINABILITY** Cavendish Square, shopping centre has set itself the goal of conserving the environment in all sectors, be it waste management, energy efficiency or water saving. [Infrastructure News, 15 March 2017.](#)

**LOERIESFONTEIN WIND FARM CELEBRATES ALL TURBINES IN PLACE** Loeriesfontein Wind Farm has announced the completion of all 61 wind turbine installations as well as having achieved over 1,25 million hours without a single lost-time-incident, on the 1 March 2017. [The Green Business Guide, 15 March 2017.](#)

**AFRICAN LEADERS URGED TO BRIDGE ENERGY GAP** A new report from the Africa Progress Panel has advised governments across the continent to move faster to bridge the huge energy gap. [EWN, 14 March 2017.](#)

**INCREASED OFF-GRID AND MINI-GRID INVESTMENTS COULD SOLVE AFRICA'S ELECTRICITY CRISIS, SAYS ANNAN REPORT** African governments and their partners need to move faster to bridge the continent's huge energy gap. That means adopting every available solution, on and off the grid, according to a new report from Kofi Annan's Africa Progress Panel. [Tralac, 14 March 2017.](#)

**EMERGENCY MEASURES IN PLACE FOR WATER CRISIS – CAPE TOWN** The City of Cape Town said on Monday disaster planning was underway to ensure measures were in place for the possibility of an extended drought. [Engineering News, 14 March 2017.](#)

**WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO CUT BILLIONS IN FUNDING FOR UNITED NATIONS** U.S. retreat from U.N. could mark a “breakdown of the international humanitarian system as we know it.” [Foreign Policy.Com, 13 March 2017.](#)

**CLIMATE POLICY MUST PROTECT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, UN PANEL HEARS** High level panel at the UN Human Rights Council hears that a child rights centred approach to climate change is “overdue”. [Climate Change News, 10 March 2017.](#)

**OVER R30M TO TRANSFORM HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY** The National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBC) will be spending more than R30m in the new financial year in its efforts to bring about transformation in the home building industry. [BizCommunity, 10 March 2017.](#)

## **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. Read their latest press release entitled: *"Two speeds of water stewardship shown from European companies"*, [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 latest Executive Update here: *"UN Global Compact Launches the Women's Empowerment Principles Gender Gap Analysis Tool"*, [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 blog article entitled: *"Protecting our water sources brings a wealth of benefits"*, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their article entitled: *"New Research Finds Companies Saved \$14 for Every \$1 Invested in Reducing Food Waste"*, [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 the latest *NBI WMB OACD Special Edition 3 Newsletter*, [here](#).

## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 2017** Mini grid solutions for Africa in the spotlight at Energy Revolution Africa 2017. [Energy Forecast, 14 March 2017](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**OLD MUTUAL INITIATIVE AIMS TO FURTHER DRIVE TRANSFORMATION** Old Mutual Black Distributor's Trust has launched Infinitum Initiative, an incubation programme that aims to further boost transformation in the financial services sector, growing the number of black financial advisers and creating new employment opportunities. [BizCommunity, 15 March 2017](#).

**BARLOWORLD LAUNCHES INCUBATION HUB TO ASSIST IN SMME DEVELOPMENT** JSE listed Barloworld on Tuesday launched the Siyakhula Incubation Hub at its Johannesburg offices to assist suppliers and other companies operating in its value chain to overcome challenges such as market access, finance and skills that tend to impact on small, medium-sized and microenterprises (SMMEs). [Engineering News, 14 March 2017](#).

**FUNDING ENERGY PROJECTS IN AFRICA** Nedbank is not a stranger to playing a role in energy deals on the continent having being involved in the US\$650 million Cenpower gas turbine project in Ghana, and the US\$623 million Lake Turkana wind project in Kenya. [CNBC Africa, 14 March 2017](#).

**SASOL PROMOTES MATHS AND SCIENCE TO HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS** With an established reputation as an employer of choice, Sasol offers a comprehensive all-inclusive bursary programme that is regarded as one of the most competitive in the market. [Western Cape Business News, 14 March 2017](#).

**MONDI FULL-YEAR OPERATING PROFIT UP 3%** Paper maker, Mondi reported a full year underlying operating profit increase of 3 per cent to about \$1 billion and also declared a dividend of 38.19 euro cents per share. [CNBC Africa, 14 March 2017.](#)

**TREVOR MANUEL APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF OLD MUTUAL EMERGING MARKETS** Former Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has been appointed chairman of Old Mutual Emerging Markets. [Times Live, 9 March 2017.](#)

**MTN BUSINESS AND FORBES WOMAN AFRICA HOST 2ND ANNUAL LEADING WOMEN SUMMIT** MTN Business together with Forbes Woman Africa, held the second Leading Women Summit, which coincided with International Women's Day. [Biz Nis Africa, 8 March 2017.](#)

**NEDBANK FUNDING MAKES GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING A REALITY** Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (NCIB) today announced that it has made the first disbursement from an innovative R120 million Sustainable Affordable Housing finance facility that was put in place through the collaborative efforts of Nedbank's Affordable Housing Development Finance division, and South Africa's Green Fund. [The Green Business Guide, 7 March 2017.](#)

**MTN S.A'S CEO TO HEAD UP ALTRON** JSE listed Allied Electronics Corporation (Altron) has appointed MTN South Africa's CEO Mteto Nyati, a respected ICT executive and business leader, as its new Group Chief Executive. [CNBC Africa, 7 March 2017.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS LAUNCH SA'S FIRST RETAIL BRANDED MSC CERTIFIED CANNED TUNA** After four years of working closely with the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and WWF-SASSI, Woolworths has succeeded in securing an MSC-certified source of canned tuna, caught using the pole-and-line catch method, for its Woolworths branded canned tuna range. [The Green Business Guide, 2 March 2017.](#)

**OP-ED: MAKING SUSTAINABILITY REAL FOR BUSINESS** There is plenty of talk in the corporate sustainability space. Some companies embrace a green cause such as rhino poaching, tree planting, or wild dog conservation research. [CNBC Africa, 27 February 2017.](#)

**THE 702 BUSINESS ACCELERATOR CAMPAIGN WITH NEDBANK CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEURS WHO BUILD THE BUSINESSES THAT SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS.** The campaign aims to help successful, established entrepreneurs get to the next level by giving business owners the opportunity to share their stories and insights on air. [Website.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**MINI GRID SOLUTIONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 2017** An estimated 600 million people in Africa live without access to electricity, the majority of which are in remote communities requiring major capital expenditure and time to get connected to the grid. [Infrastructure News, 8 March 2018.](#)

**WHY THE RETAIL SECTOR IS PERFECTLY PLACED TO PUSH RENEWABLE ENERGY** Consumer Consciousness is Leading to A Shift In 'Ethical' Choices, particularly those at the Top-End of the Market, writes Justin Smith. [BUSINESS LIVE, 2 MARCH 2017.](#)

**WBCSD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: REDEFINING CORPORATE VALUE.** [Read here.](#)

**COMMENTS REQUESTED ON THE NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY, INTEGRATED ENERGY PLAN (IEP) AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)** Click [here](#) for further information. The Department of Energy has extended its deadline for public comment to the **31 March 2017**.

## **NBI EVENTS 2017**

**CDP CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER WORKSHOPS 2017** Friday, 17 March 2017 at KPMG, Parktown, Johannesburg. These CDP workshops will provide companies with feedback on key outcomes from the 2016 CDP reporting round and give companies an update on what to expect for 2017. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for further details regarding these sessions or RSVP by clicking on: [Johannesburg \(KPMG, Parktown\) - 17 March 2017](#).

**APPLYING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET METHODOLOGY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT** in Durban, Cape Town and Pretoria. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with We Mean Business (WMB), is holding an exclusive seminar in Durban, Cape Town and Pretoria intent on exploring the local application of The Sectoral Decarbonisation Approach in South Africa. The Science Based Targets initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, WWF and World Resources Institute and aims to provide companies with a platform to set emissions reduction targets that are in line with the level of decarbonisation required to keep global temperature increase below 2° C compared to preindustrial temperatures. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for additional information or if you are an NBI Member Company, RSVP as follows: [Durban \(Grindrod\) - Wednesday, 22 March 2017](#), [Cape Town \(PwC, Waterfront\) - Thursday, 23 March 2017](#) and [Pretoria West \(Exxaro\) - Thursday, 30 March 2017](#).

**ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING OF GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK SA** Tuesday, 28 March 2017 at Discovery, Sandton. The Global Compact Network South Africa and the National Business Initiative (NBI) are hosting the Annual Members' Meeting of Global Compact participants in South Africa. The meeting brings together all existing signatories, partners and companies that are interested in integrating the UNGC 10 Principles and Sustainable Development Goals into core corporate strategy. At this meeting, the NBI will provide a progress report on collective activities during 2016 and an update on the UNGC strategy and what it means for South Africa's Network. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for further information or should you wish to attend this annual event.

**ROUNDTABLE FOR SOCIAL AND ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF COMPANY BOARDS** Tuesday 4 April 2017 at Investec, Sandton. By April 2012, boards of designated companies were expected to have set up Social and Ethics Committees, with a mandate to report back to shareholders annually on the company's performance on a range of social, governance and environmental responsibilities. This is in accordance with section 72 (4) of the Companies Act 71 Of 2008. Five years since the Regulation became effective, it is under review by the Department of Trade and Industry. One recurring issue for many companies and for the Regulator, is how to enable the Committee to be more effective in driving value for the Company and for society more broadly. The Roundtable will bring together Social & Ethics Committee members of company boards for exchange of knowledge and experiences. Click [here](#) should you wish to attend this meeting.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP: MANAGING CLIMATE-RELATED BUSINESS RISKS** Wednesday 5 April 2017 at Olives & Plates Conference Venue, WITS University, Parktown. The National Business Initiative

(NBI), in partnership with the Global Change Institute at the University of Witwatersrand, is hosting an exclusive workshop for NBI Members only, on the application of climate change information for adaptation, and its relevance for businesses in South Africa. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#).

**BUSINESS PARTNERING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Johannesburg (Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel) & Cape Town (Clicks Head Office, Woodstock) in April 2017.** The success of local government is the success of all South Africans. There can be no effective social transformation and economic transition in South Africa without a strong role played by municipalities. Local government is a key sphere of government, responsible for a range of service delivery areas that interface directly with companies, their employees and communities. Building on existing initiatives by the private sector to support municipalities and enhance service delivery is key to ensuring a resilient and productive society. This workshop, implemented by the National Business Initiative (NBI) under the [NDP Business Action Plan](#), will examine how the private sector is already working in partnership with local government and identify how these efforts can be strengthened. Please click on the relevant city should you wish to attend one of these workshops: [Johannesburg, Friday, 7 April 2017](#) and [Cape Town, Wednesday 12 April 2017](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

**WORLD WATER SUMMIT AND EXPO 22 to 24 March 2017 at the International Conference Centre in Durban.** This high-level event, will features the launch of the 2017 edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR) – the UN flagship review on the state of the world’s freshwater resources - titled “Wastewater: The Untapped Resource”. The event will also include the pronouncement of the Panel Declaratory Statement on the recommendations linking the WWDR with High Level Panel on Water initiative on Access to Water and Sanitation for 10 Billion People. Registration and programme details are available on [www.dws.gov.za](http://www.dws.gov.za). Enquiries: Ms M Reddy: Telephone - 012 336 7281/8559 or Email: [redm@dws.gov.za](mailto:redm@dws.gov.za).

**EARTH HOUR 25 March 2017** This is an annual global event, during which people are encouraged to switch off their lights on the last Saturday in March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm local time as a symbolic gesture marking the environmental challenges facing our planet.

**THE SOLAR SHOW AFRICA 28 to 29 March 2017 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.** The Solar Show Africa is a meeting place where industry professionals come and learn how to develop sustainable, clean and bankable world class energy generation projects throughout the African continent. Reflecting the growth and development in the region for years to come, the show is the most important place to build partnerships for future success. [Website](#).

**ADVANTAGE A.C.T: NON-FINANCIAL AUDITING MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP 30 to 31 March 2017 at Mokoya Lodge, Farm Harbeesfontain 472, Gauteng.** The course objectives are to revisit the basics of non-financial auditing with a view to encouraging participants to re-asses their own methods, approaches and techniques and consider new ideas and interpretations with a view to career and professional development. Facilitator, Arend Hoogervorst, will share, amongst other things, 20 years of his auditing experiences, present a rare perspective on the psychology of auditing and run one of his case study role plays. For more details, please view the [Advantage A.C.T webpage](#).

**TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 19 to 21 April 2017 in Johannesburg.** 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. Please contact **Mark Dent** for further details or to register for the Foundation, Advanced or Specialist Courses being run in April. **Website.**

**MASTERING RENEWABLE & ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES 8 to 11 May 2017 in Johannesburg.** This 4 day course is designed to provide clear, independent and business-focused guidance on market opportunity and risk to those deploying, investing in or regulating renewable power projects. For further details please contact **Allan Jaluague** or log onto the **website.**

**ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 16 to 18 May 2017 Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa.** Everything you want and need to know about renewable energy and the future of energy development and growth in Africa comes under the spotlight at **Energy Revolution Africa 2017.** This co-located event to African Utility Week will be hosted for the first time in Africa.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP) OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ITCILO) FOR 2017** ITCILO is the training arm of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations agency entrusted with promoting social justice, including internationally recognized human rights and labour standards. We offer a range of learning modalities, mostly professional training courses and Masters programmes (in association with the University of Turin, the University of Barcelona and SciencesPo, Paris). The complete brochure of SDP on short professional courses for the year 2017 as well as on the upcoming Masters programmes is available **here.**

**AFRICA CEO FORUM 2017 20 to 21 March 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.** The Africa CEO Forum 2017, a high-profile international forum on African private sector development, will be held for the fifth consecutive year, and will salute the economic performance of African business leaders and companies at the 2017 Africa CEO Forum Awards. Every year, the Africa CEO Forum Awards recognise those companies and investors whose strategies and performance have contributed most to Africa's growth dynamic over the past year. **BizNisAfrica.**

**WORLD WATER DAY 22 March 2017** View **here.**

**WATERSHED – REPLENISHING WATER VALUES FOR A THIRSTY WORLD** On March 22nd, World Water Day 2017, Pope Francis will inspire a global conversation. His address from the Vatican will help shift how the world values and understands its single most precious resource: water. Immediately following the Papal address, at 10:30am CET, 400 thought leaders from around the world will convene at WATERSHED. These policy makers and academics, together with students, artists, business leaders and men and women from the most at-risk populations will begin an unprecedented dialogue around the value and values of water. The conference will be co-hosted by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture and the Club of Rome. **Website.**

**2017 WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING 27 to 30 March 2017 Montreux, Switzerland.** The urgency of building a sustainable world is more acute than ever. And while the opportunities offered by sustainable and inclusive growth are outstanding, companies everywhere are now grappling with the uncertainty of today's social, economic and political realities. The 2017 LD meeting will put the spotlight on some of the most

critical issues for business. [Register now](#) - Password: **montreux2017**.

**WEBINAR WATER FOOTPRINT NETWORK: HOW TO UNDERTAKE A WATER FOOTPRINT ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSE TO CDP 28 March 2017 at 09:00 London, GMT (Summertime).** How to undertake a water footprint assessment and understand water use throughout operations. [WEBEX link and registration details](#).

**2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROTECTION (ICESDP'17) 2 to 4 April 2017, Barcelona, Spain.** ICESDP'17 aims to become the leading annual conference in fields related to environmental sustainability, development and protection. [Website](#).

**GLOBAL WATER SUMMIT 24 to 25 April 2017 Madrid, Spain.** This year in Madrid, we will explore how intelligent synergies blending finance and technology can deliver solutions for both industries and utilities, from Latin America to China. By unpacking these issues now together, we can ensure that water has its place in the vanguard of the fourth industrial revolution. [Website](#).

**UNGC MAKING GLOBAL GOALS LOCAL BUSINESS – INDIA 26 to 27 April 2017.** Making Global Goals Local Business – India will bring together over 300 local and global leaders to develop innovative business models to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Details [here](#).

**2017 WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA 3 to 5 May 2017 in KwaZulu-Natal at the Durban ICC, South Africa.** WEF Africa comes four months after the conclusion of the 47th WEF annual meeting held in the Davos last week, where world leaders and business leaders gathered to address problems facing the global community. [Further information](#).

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