

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**SA-EU CIRCULAR ECONOMY SEMINAR HELD IN MARGINS OF WEF ON AFRICA 2017** The high-level SA-EU Circular Economy Seminar took place on Wednesday, 3 May, in Durban in the margins of the World Economic Forum on Africa. [\*BizCommunity, 4 May 2017.\*](#)

**DURBAN'S PERFORMANCE AS HOST CITY FOR WEF AFRICA** The ever sunny & warm city of Durban was again chosen as host of this year's World Economic Forum meeting on Africa. But just how easy was it to win the bid to host & what does it mean economically for the host city. [\*CNBC Africa, 4 May 2017.\*](#)

**AFRICA'S POWERHOUSES SOUTH AFRICA AND NIGERIA SHOULD WORK TOGETHER** Africa has the potential to overcome poverty but would need the continent's two economic powerhouses – South Africa and Nigeria – to work together. [\*Engineering News, 4 May 2017.\*](#)

**WHICH ARE AFRICA'S MOST COMPETITIVE COUNTRIES?** The number of working-age people in the continent is expected to grow to 450 million over the next couple of decades. But Africa's engines of job creation aren't keeping up. [Tralac, 4 May 2017.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA'S WATER LEVELS REMAIN LOW** The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Wednesday warned of dwindling water reserves in South Africa's dams, and pleaded with consumers to continue to save water and the Water Service Authorities to implement water conservation and water demand management strategies. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 3 May 2017.](#)

**WHAT'S AHEAD FOR WEF AFRICA 2017** This week African leaders from all spheres will meet up in Durban at the World Economic Forum's annual Africa meeting (WEF Africa 2017). They will be joined by global business leaders, non-governmental organisations and many others who want to observe and help shape the continent's future. [Paul Clark, Ashburton Investments, 2 May 2017.](#)

**HARNESSING THE SUN'S POWER** Solar energy production is growing across Africa with some of the most sophisticated and advanced solar farm projects in the world, including Morocco, South Africa and Rwanda. [Tim Guest, Africa Review, 2 May 2017.](#)

**HERE'S HOW AFRICA CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION** Beyond skills development, supporting the ICT sector provides a major boost to economic growth, productivity and employment. [EWN, 2 May 2017.](#)

**NORTHERN WHITE RHINOS MAY BE SAVED BY SOUTHERN SURROGATE MOTHERS** Scientists are trying to save the species, of which there are only three left, by removing eggs from the last two females to create embryos that could be carried to term by surrogate southern white rhino females. [Hazyview Herald, 1 May 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 report entitled: "*Fortune 500 companies accelerating renewable energy, energy efficiency efforts*", [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 article: "*UN Global Compact Calls on Business to Shift from Incremental Change to Breakthrough Innovation on the SDGs*", [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: "*In Water Stewardship, It's All About Context*", [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: We Mean Business Newsletter Edition 4 - April 2017*", [here.](#)

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news article entitled: "*A recipe for a healthier planet*", [here.](#)

## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**STEVE NICHOLLS, PROGRAMME MANAGER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER AND THE GREEN ECONOMY AT THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI)**, discusses the key outcomes of the Paris Agreement and explains its potential impact on business. [The Trialogue Annual Sustainability Review 2016.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**NEDBANK RELEASES 2016 SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW** Nedbank's 2016 Sustainability Review highlights how it contributes to the sustainable development agenda of the South Africa, with a focus on products and services, partnerships and operations. [BizCommunity, 4 May 2017.](#)

**ABB RESPONDS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RAIL LOCALISATION DEMAND WITH TRACTION TRANSFORMER INVESTMENT** Technology multinational ABB has responded to South Africa's tightened local-content requirements in the railroads sector by opening a new state-of-the-art traction transformer factory in eastern Johannesburg. [Engineering News, 3 May 2017.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE GOOD BUSINESS JOURNEY** Woolworths Holdings Limited (WHL) is pleased to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Good Business Journey (GBJ), a flagship South African sustainability programme that was launched in 2007 by Simon Susman, now Chairman of WHL, as a commitment by Woolworths to make a difference to people, communities and the environment. [Spice4Life, 3 May 2017.](#)

**MTN IS USING BIG DATA TO INCREASE FINANCIAL INCLUSION** Stephen van Coller, VP: Digital Services, Data Analytics and Business Development at MTN tells CNBC Africa how the mobile operator is using big data. [CNBC Africa, 3 May 2017.](#)

**SA STUDENTS COMPETE IN KPMG INTERNATIONAL CASE COMPETITION** A team of four top students from Witwatersrand (WITS) and University of Pretoria (UP) have headed to Lisbon to compete in the annual KPMG International Case Competition (KICC). The final takes place this week in Lisbon, Portugal. [BizCommunity, 11 April 2017.](#)

**MONDI, CONSTANTIA AFRIPACK REACH ONE-BILLION SACK-KRAFT-PAPER-MADE CEMENT BAG MILESTONE** In a partnership spanning decades, more than one-billion cement bags have been made from packaging and paper group Mondi's sack kraft paper by South African packaging and bags producer Constantia Afripack. [Engineering News, 11 April 2017.](#)

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES ARE TOP PRIORITIES – EXXARO** Building a prosperous black-owned company in South Africa takes visionary leadership and courage, according to the management team of Exxaro. [MiningNews, 10 April 2017.](#)

**TRANSNET UNVEILS TRANS-AFRICA LOCOMOTIVE** State-owned rail company Transnet on Tuesday unveiled the first locomotive to be designed, engineered and manufactured in Africa, the Trans-Africa locomotive. [Engineering News, 4 April 2017.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS**, one of South Africa's premier retail chains, has joined the EP100 corporate campaign that brings the world's most influential companies together to commit to doubling energy their productivity by 2020. The company has already committed to reducing its relative energy use by 50% by 2020 and sourcing all of its energy from

renewables by 2030. Justin Smith, Group Head of Sustainability, Woolworths, said that “by joining EP100, we believe we can help to accelerate our progress towards achieving these goals.” [The Climate Group, 3 April 2017.](#)

**NEW STANDARD BANK GROUP REST OF AFRICA BOSS TALKS AFRICA** [CNBC Africa, 4 April 2017.](#)

**MTN RELEASES LATEST SUSTAINABILITY REPORT** MTN, Africa’s biggest mobile network operator, has disclosed its eco-responsibility highlights for the past year. Among highlights carried in its Sustainability Report for 2016 include the use of 340 renewable energy sites to power MTN’s network operations. [CAJ News Africa, 29 March 2017.](#)

**AB INBEV BETS ON RENEWABLES FOR FUTURE ENERGY** Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev), the largest beer group in the world, has committed itself to secure 100% of its purchased electricity from renewable sources within eight years. [BizCommunity, 29 March 2017.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**SAB FOUNDATION 2017 SOCIAL INNOVATION AND DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT AWARDS** The SAB Foundation supports and invests in entrepreneurs and social innovation with a priority in benefitting women and youth, people in rural areas and people with disability. The Social Innovation Awards are aimed at innovators/social entrepreneurs/institutions/social enterprises with prototypes or early stage businesses that can solve a social problem. Applications open on 3 May 2017 and close on 25 May 2017 at noon (12:00). [Website and further information.](#)

**GCF 101 – NEW GUIDE ON HOW TO ACCESS THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND** The Green Climate Fund launches “GCF 101” – a new web-based guide that provides Partners with detailed information on how to access the Fund’s resources. The guide aims to help GCF stakeholders better navigate the many elements of engaging with the Fund. Access it [here.](#)

**BIGGEST US CORPORATES SETTING AMBITIOUS CLIMATE TARGETS: NEW REPORT** Corporate sourcing of renewables in the US has reached record levels with nearly half of the country’s biggest companies having set climate targets, according to a [new report](#) released in April.

**DRAFT NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY POLICY OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** The Draft National Biodiversity Offset Policy has been published for public comment, the Department of Environmental Affairs said on Monday, the 10 April 2017. [Knowledge Bylanes South Africa.](#)

**TOPLINE TAKEAWAYS FROM THE WBCSD APRIL 2017 ANNUAL LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING IN MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND.**

**11% OF SOUTH AFRICANS COMMITTED TO RECYCLING, RESEARCH FINDS** Baseline consumer research, commissioned at the end of 2016, profiles current attitudes towards recycling in South Africa and where our nation sits on PETCO’s Consumer Engagement Journey. [PETCO.](#)

**THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL COMPANIES COMMITTED TO 100% RENEWABLE POWER.** [The Climate Group.](#)

**THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD - UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. Whoa. The Global Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organizations and world leaders. It seems... [UN.ORG.](#)

**PERSPECTIVES FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION: INVESTMENT NEEDS FOR A LOW-CARBON ENERGY SYSTEM** This joint study looks at the potential for decarbonisation in the energy sector in G20 countries and around the world. [International Renewable Energy Agency \(IRENA\)](#).

**OP-ED: CREATING JOBS AGAINST ALL ODDS** We need bold and far-reaching initiatives that will create and reinforce linkages between large and small enterprises, training opportunities, access to markets, mobility and skills development – a national focus on inclusivity in our economy. [Daily Maverick, 5 April 2017](#).

**SUSTAINABILITY SEMINAR SERIES LAUNCHED** Recently held at Regent Business School in Durban, the Critical Conversations in Sustainability Seminar Series opening night showcased a stellar line up of speakers, and provided a raft of provocative ideas on what the corporate sector can do to mitigate the excesses of climate change. [BizCommunity, 4 April 2017](#).

**WBCSD CEO GUIDE TO THE SDGS** The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) recently launched the [CEO Guide to the SDGs](#) - a new resource aimed at galvanizing engagement from global business leaders in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## NBI EVENTS 2017

**A STUDY ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING: DISSEMINATION OF THE FINDINGS** is to be held in **Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban in May 2017**. In July 2016, the National Business Initiative (NBI) on behalf of the Education and Skills Task Team, which forms part of the Presidential Business Working Group, conducted research into the opportunities and blockages relating to the implementation of effective workplace-based learning (WBL) across the South African economy. The NBI invites you or the appropriate person in your organisation to take part in a Thought Leadership and Dialogue Discussion to discuss the findings of the research. Please contact **Shavilla Harpal** on **011 544 6000** or e-mail: [ShavillaH@nbi.org.za](mailto:ShavillaH@nbi.org.za).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

**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](#).

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE** followed by the **WORKSHOP ON GRI DISCLOSURES (PERFORMANCE INDICATORS) BASED ON THE NEW STANDARDS 16 to 18 May 2017** at the **Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg**. Participants receive a GRI certificate. For more information visit [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone **082 395 7582**.

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI WORKSHOP ON THE TRANSITION FROM G4 TO THE NEW GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS 19 May 2017 (morning)** at the **Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg**. Participants receive a GRI certificate. For more information visit [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone **082 395 7582**.

**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.

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING 6 June 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Johannesburg.** Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone 082 395 7582.

**TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 23 to 25 May 2017 in Cape Town and 20 to 22 June 2017 in Durban.** 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 2017. [Website](#).

**THE BLUE ECONOMY 30 May 2017 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg.** Prof Gunter Pauli proposes a new competitive strategy called The Blue Economy. The Blue Economy explores some of the most tantalising prospects for realising a low-carbon, resource-efficient, and competitive economy in the 21st century. [GIBS](#).

**BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME (BSP) SEMINAR RUN BY UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP in Cape Town 11 to 14 June 2017.** This executive-level programme helps leaders understand the complex global trends and implications that are shaping the future of business. Delegates are very much encouraged to develop business strategies which respond to these challenges and opportunities in a commercially relevant way. You can [make your nomination\(s\) here](#) or contact [Magda DeKok](#) for more information.

**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING WORKSHOP 27 June 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Johannesburg.** For more information visit [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone 082 395 7582.

**MANUFACTURING INDABA 27 to 28 June 2017 Emperors Palace, City of Ekurhuleni** All nations require and rightly aspire to efficient industrial bases to meet changing needs in a globalised world. South Africa has developed an established and diversified manufacturing base that has shown its resilience and potential to compete in the global economy. Collaboration and investments by both the public and private sectors in manufacturing is essential for regional and continental growth. The aim of the annual Manufacturing Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together business owners, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. Manufacturing Indaba is the leading manufacturing event in Sub-Saharan Africa. The two-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. [Website](#).

**CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 13 to 16 August 2017, 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 DeKok](mailto:Magda.DeKok@cisl.cam.ac.uk) on [magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:Magda.DeKok@cisl.cam.ac.uk).

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

**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.](#)

**BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 8 to 18 MAY 2017 in Bonn, Germany.** The forty-sixth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 46) and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 46) as well as the third part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1-3). [Website and details.](#)

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 June 2017.** World Environment Day (WED) occurs on 5 June every year, is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. WED has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.

**IWRA XVI WORLD WATER CONGRESS 29 May to 2 June 2017, Cancun, Mexico.** The International Water Resources Association (IWRA) organizes a World Water Congress every three years. The Congress provides a meeting place to share experiences, promote discussion, and present new knowledge, research and developments in the field of water sciences around the world, bringing together a large cross-section of stakeholders. The sixteenth Congress (XVI) will take place on the theme, 'Bridging Science and Policy'. [Website.](#)

**2017 RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT EUROPE 7 to 8 June, 2017, London, United Kingdom.** This year's event will tackle all the business critical issues in responsible business. Through focussed best-practice-lead debates over 500 senior CSR, Communications and Marketing executives will look at focus on 'Social Purpose and quantified Impact'. Details [here.](#)

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