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INDUSTRY NEWS

UN CHIEF LAUNCHES FIRST REPORT TO TRACK SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Launching the first-ever Sustainable Development Goals report on the new global development agenda adopted last year, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on 19 July 2016 said that the 15-year undertaking is “off to a good start” but will require all parts of the UN family and its partners to work together. [Tralac, 20 July 2016.](#)

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN EDUCATION KEY TO STIRRING GROWTH IN EAST AFRICA There's an on-going discussion about development in East Africa and a new narrative has emerged in recent years of a story of resilience, self-reliance and a passion for growth facilitated largely by technology. [BizCommunity, 20 July 2016.](#)

FOURTH KING REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE TO LAUNCH IN NOVEMBER The King Report on Corporate

Governance for South Africa, King IV, will be launched at a high-level conference at the Sandton Convention Centre on 1 November 2016. [BizCommunity, 20 July 2016.](#)

NEW REPORT SHOWS HOW MINING CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Large-scale mining has the potential to play a critical role in helping to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in resource-rich countries, according to a new report released on 19 July 2016 on the occasion of the UN High-Level Political Forum in New York. [Tralac, 20 July 2016.](#)

SUPPORTING AFRICAN JOBS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AVIATION

Aviation is vital to the modern, globalised world, supporting millions of jobs and driving economic growth. But the benefits of connectivity must be protected with appropriate support from governments if the air transport sector is to help fulfil its potential as a connector of people, trade and tourism and a driver of sustainable development. [Turn It Around, 20 July 2016.](#)

PARIS AGREEMENT CONSENSUS OPENS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES A significant opportunity has emerged as a result of the consensus reached in Paris at the twenty-first Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at the end of last year and the world is now at an inflection point in the transition to cleaner energy generation. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 19 July 2016.](#)

COLLABORATION, BETTER USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO HELP ADDRESS AFRICAN POWER SHORTFALL Intra-regional collaboration, increased use of renewables and optimised infrastructure are among the solutions to Africa's power shortfall, delegates heard at the opening of POWER-GEN & DistribuTECH Africa 2016 in Sandton this week. [Insurance Gateway, 19 July 2016.](#)

AFRICA'S FIRST BIOFUEL FLIGHT Africa's first biofuel flight took off from Johannesburg's OR Tambo International airport on Friday, landing in Cape Town. This flight also formed part of Boeing's centenary celebrations. [CNBC Africa, 19 July 2016.](#)

HOW CAN ZAMBIA BENEFIT MORE FROM MINING? A recent review of Zambia's mining sector governance and investment attractiveness shows the country remains an appealing place for investment. Integrating the mineral sector into national development planning is a crucial driver for sustainable development in Zambia. [Tralac, 19 July 2016.](#)

SA WEIGHING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HYDROPOWER The government was considering generating hydropower by retrofitting existing infrastructure, such as large dams, water schemes and canals, according to a Department of Water and Sanitation draft sustainable hydropower generation policy. [IOL, 19 July 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 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 their news article entitled "[Business will be key driver of global climate action, new research report reveals](#)", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled “Scaling up non-financial reporting locally and regionally through WBCSD’s Global Network partners in Asia” [here](#).

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

NBI NEWS

SKILLS CRISIS: NEW SYSTEM TO TRAIN ARTISANS [Stephen Timm, Financial Mail, 30 June 2016.](#)

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES IN SOLAR WATER HEATER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE The National Business Initiative (NBI) has entered into a partnership with Nedbank to strengthen the capacity of public Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges to enhance the employability of graduates in the installation and maintenance of solar water heaters. The project which started in June 2016, will train 30 graduates from TVET colleges in Gauteng for absorption into jobs and self-employment. Read [here](#).

RIVERS TO BE CLEANED The Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), the Strategic Water Partnership Network (SWPN), as well as the National Business Initiative (NBI) – which has an affiliation with hundreds of South African corporates – are the official partners of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Clear Rivers Campaign. [Netwerk24, 28 June 2016.](#) Click [here](#) to view the Clear Rivers booklet. More information including a toolkit of information and communication tools is available on the [DWS website](#).

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

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.](#)

AFRICA’S BIGGEST COKE BOTTLING OPERATION IS OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS Two months after the Competition Commission approved a merger between SABMiller, the Coca-Cola Company and Gutsche Family Investments; Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA) officially opened its doors on Monday. [Destiny Man, 5 July 2016.](#)

ESKOM ON A SOUND FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FOOTING Eskom is on a sound financial and operational footing compared to a year ago. Releasing the company’s financial results for the year ended 31 March 2016, Eskom’s Group Chief Executive Brian Molefe said today that the stability at both Board and Executive Management levels of the company was a launchpad to drive accountability and better manage the business. [Politicsweb, 5 July, 2016.](#)

IMPROVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CAR FACTORY ABB will supply energy-efficient, low-voltage power distribution solutions to COMPAS (Cooperation Manufacturing Plant Aguascalientes), the new car manufacturing facilities of Renault-Nissan and Daimler’s strategic joint venture located in Aguascalientes, Mexico. [EE Publishers, 4 July 2016.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

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.](#)

MINISTER NOMVULA MOKONYANE LAUNCHES TECHNICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, has launched a partnership with leading South African construction firm, Group 5, aimed at providing technical skills training to young people. [Business Media Live, 7 July 2016.](#)

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 mainstream 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.**

UN GLOBAL COMPACT ACCENTURE CEO SURVEY 2016 Click [here](#) to view the infographics and [here](#) to access the study.

NBI EVENTS 2016

DIALOGUE ON BUSINESS ACTION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Friday, 22 July 2016 The Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The NBI and the Global Compact Network South Africa, are hosting a series of conversations on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aimed at spurring increased business action. The SDGs provide a comprehensive set of priorities and challenges that pose threats to the well-being of society and undermine economic growth for many countries. Most importantly, the SDGs provide clear targets for action with the potential to create significant opportunities for business and society. Please click on the link to register: [Johannesburg - Friday, 22 July 2016](#). Alternatively contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for additional details.

NBI POWER GENERATION SCENARIOS FINAL ROUNDTABLE Friday, 22 July 2016 at the Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. This dialogue is for NBI Members and is by invitation only. Please contact [Leon Lizamore](#) for more information on this series of roundtables which have been held by the NBI Energy Unit.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Wednesday, 27 July 2016 at Harambee Offices in Johannesburg. The National Business Initiative (NBI), on behalf of the Construction Industry Partnership (CIP) and in partnership with Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator (Harambee) is piloting a tailor-made workplace-based learning programme for the construction industry in bricklaying and carpentry trades. The Partnership aims to address key obstacles in the pipeline of technical skills for the construction sector. Harambee, founded in 2011, has partnered with 250 South African employers to understand and overcome barriers that keep high-potential young people locked out of the formal economy. Harambee is hosting a Construction Industry Strategic Roundtable discussion for stakeholders in the construction industry and related services to share learnings that are emerging from the CIP pilot programme. Should you wish to attend this please contact [Shavilla Harpal](#).

CARBON OFFSETS PUBLIC SEMINAR – UNDERSTANDING THE DRAFT REGULATIONS ON THE CARBON OFFSET Thursday, 28 July 2016 at The Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton. In partnership with We Mean Business (WMB), a coalition of organizations who place strategic emphasis on carbon pricing as a key pillar in their policy and corporate engagement work, the National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting an open seminar regarding the South African Draft Regulations on the Carbon Offset taking place on Thursday, 28 July 2016. This seminar follows on from the publication of the Carbon Offsets Paper in 2014 and the draft Carbon Tax Bill in November 2015. Register by clicking [here](#) or contact [Amy Marshall](#) for more details on this engagement. **Please note that this event is now fully booked.**

BUSINESS & CLIMATE SUMMIT, WE MEAN BUSINESS AND GREEN ECONOMY July/August 2016 Cape Town and Johannesburg. 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 one of these sessions please click on the relevant link: [Cape Town, 26 July 2016](#) or [Johannesburg, 17 August 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.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016

ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION FOR THOSE IN THE GREEN ECONOMY April to August 2016. The Small Business Boost Programme, funded by J.P. Morgan, aims to promote small business growth and job creation for those involved in providing solutions for the green economy. The programme will provide four months of business and management education and six months of support services to 100 small businesses in Gauteng. It seeks to empower entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills and resources to grow in this niche sector. Details [here](#).

GREEN BUILDING CONVENTION 26 to 28 July 2016 Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton, Johannesburg. Discover how we are building a better world now with over 40 international and local speakers. [Website](#).

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.

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.](#)

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

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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