



# On a Clear Day

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES ALLIANCE URGES CAUTION OVER HORSE MACKEREL QUOTA** The Responsible Fisheries Alliance (RFA), a partnership between environmental NGOs, WWF South Africa and BirdLife South Africa, and five major fishing companies, namely Irvin & Johnson (I&J), Oceana Group, Pioneer Fishing, Sea Harvest and Viking Fishing, is calling on the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) to reconsider the recent decision to allocate an additional 8000 tonnes of experimental quota in the horse mackerel fishery. [WWF-SA, 25 August 2016.](#)

**INVESTORS URGE G20 NATIONS TO RATIFY PARIS CLIMATE DEAL THIS YEAR** Investors managing more than \$13 trillion (9.8 trillion pounds) of assets urged leaders of the Group of 20 on Wednesday to ratify a global climate deal by

the end of 2016 and to step up efforts to shift from fossil fuels. [Sharenet, 24 August 2016.](#)

**INDOOR FARMING WILL BE INTEGRAL TO THE WORLD'S FOOD SECURITY** Farming will need to shift towards indoor vertical farms and precision techniques that could make use of drones. [BDLive, 23 August 2016.](#)

**PAN-AFRICAN INITIATIVE TO AMPLIFY WOMEN'S VOICES** The Graça Machel Trust has announced that it will launch a pan-African initiative to 'Multiply the Faces and Amplify the Voices' of African women as a force for economic and social transformation. The Trust will convene the first-ever Women Advancing Africa (WAA) Forum in 2017 to highlight the critical role that women play in shaping Africa's development. [BizCommunity, 23 August 2016.](#)

**TECHNOLOGY TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY** Technology will increasingly play an important role in agricultural food production as the world races to ensure that food supply will be able to meet growing demand in the future. [BizCommunity, 23 August 2016.](#)

**SA PUSHES AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT PLAN** Cabinet is working on reprioritising the budget to align it to the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Medium-Term Strategic Framework, says Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Jeff Radebe. [Architect Africa Online, 22 August 2016.](#)

**WIND, SOLAR CAN SUPPLY BULK OF SOUTH AFRICA'S POWER AT LEAST COST, CSIR MODEL SHOWS** There has been much discussion in recent months about the work done by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Energy Centre into the role that renewable energy could play in South Africa's future electricity mix. In an extensive interview with Engineering News Online, Dr Tobias Bischof-Niemz outlines the key findings of the research and unpacks the possible implications. [Engineering News, 22 August 2016.](#)

**WE HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY BLOWN THE 1.5-DEGREE GLOBAL WARMING TARGET** The United Nations climate change conference held last year in Paris had the aim of tackling future climate change. After the deadlocks and weak measures that arose at previous meetings, such as Copenhagen in 2009, the Paris summit was different. [The Green Times, 21 August 2016.](#)

## NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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**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 the following announcement: "[\*UN Global Compact Launches Local Network in the Philippines\*](#)", [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. Uncover their excellent set of water management tools [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: "[\*Unprecedented global rise in cities disclosing climate strategies\*](#)", [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in

South Africa. Read their latest update on WBCSD Climate Activities [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 latest reports [here](#) including their views on what the Paris Agreement means for business.

## NBI NEWS

**CAN BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY LIGHTEN THE LOAD ON SOUTH AFRICA'S POWER GRID** South Africa's electricity supply issues are well documented. Sometimes there simply isn't enough electricity to go around, leading to regular scheduled power cuts (known as "load-shedding"). An ageing and unreliable electricity supply infrastructure, which requires increasing amounts of maintenance and money to keep it running, is struggling to keep up with demand. [Benjamin Curnier, Cape Business News, 10 August 2016.](#)

**CORPORATE WATER STEWARDSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE WATER-RELATED SDGS IN SOUTH AFRICA** The CEO Water Mandate and the Global Compact Network South Africa (managed by the National Business Initiative (NBI)) partnered to co-host a public workshop in Johannesburg on July 1st, focusing on two important and inter-related topics: corporate water stewardship and the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Read the key areas covered in the workshop [here](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**BMW LAUNCHES REMOTE-CONTROL PARKING IN SOUTH AFRICA** BMW South Africa (SA) has launched its remote control parking system that allows 7 Series owners to manoeuvre in or out of a garage or forward-parking space – no parallel parking, in other words – without anyone at the wheel. [Engineering News, 22 August 2016.](#)

**ERM FEATURES IN SHEQ MANAGEMENT DISCUSSING THE UPDATED ISO 14001 MANAGEMENT STANDARD (ISO 14001:2015):** [SHEQ Management, 12 August 2016.](#)

**WWF SOUTH AFRICA AND WOOLWORTHS EXTEND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP** Following the success of a three-year sustainable business partnership, the World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa (WWF-SA) and Woolworths have announced a second partnership which will take further strides to accelerate sustainable business action through selected Woolworths' products and operations. Read [here](#).

**AVENG DIVESTS FROM STEEL SECTOR THROUGH STEELEDALE SALE** As part of its efforts to divest of its steel assets, JSE-listed Aveng on Wednesday revealed that its wholly owned subsidiary Aveng Africa had reached an agreement with Kutana Steel stipulating that the latter would acquire a 70% interest in the Steeledale business for R252-million. [Engineering News, 10 August 2016.](#)

**OPPORTUNITY IN THE FACE OF SCARCITY: LESSONS FROM WATER STEWARDSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA** [Justin Smith, Group Head of Sustainability, Woolworths.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**NEWSFLASH FROM PETCO** On 11 August 2016, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) published the National Environment Management – Waste Act 59 of 2008 Notice giving notice to the Paper and Packaging Industry, Electrical and Electronic Industry and Lighting Industry to prepare and submit to the Minister Industry Waste Management Plans for approval. For ease of reference, you can download a copy of the Section 28 Notice [here](#).

**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.](#)

**CAPE TOWN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUM AWARDS 2016** Has your business implemented successful energy efficiency interventions in your building/s or operations? Nominations are now invited for the Energy Efficiency Forum Awards 2016, and the deadline for submission is 13 September 2016. This annual Award recognises leadership and encourages businesses to continue reducing their energy consumption. Applications are judged on their energy management systems and significant energy efficiency interventions - including both technological improvements and behaviour change - which have resulted in substantial and sustainable reductions in energy consumption. Three award categories cover retrofits of existing small and large buildings/ operations and new build (any size). The winners will be recognised at an awards ceremony on 16 November 2016. [Website.](#)

**LATEST WBCSD BRIEFING ON THE SDGS** is attached [here](#).

## NBI EVENTS 2016

**ENERGY FUTURES: THE ROLE OF ROOFTOP SOLAR IN IMPROVING CORPORATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY** Friday, 26 August 2016 Cape Town. The NBI and Solsquare are hosting two events, one in Johannesburg and the other in Cape Town this week to highlight the role of rooftop solar in ensuring an energy efficient future for companies and businesses. These sessions aim to demystify roof top solar PV technologies, detailing how this solution is a viable and reliable energy generation alternative for businesses. Please click here if you wish to [ACCEPT: Cape Town \(26 August 2016\)](#). For additional details please contact [Amy Marshall](#).

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE DISCUSSION: ACCELERATING YOUTH TRANSITIONS INTO THE LABOUR MARKET** Tuesday, 30 August 2016 The Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The NBI is hosting a Thought Leadership and Dialogue Discussion under the broad theme of 'Accelerating Youth Transitions into the Labour Market'. The discussion will draw primarily on the report, The Social Profile of Youth, 2009 – 2014 (Statistics South Africa, 2016). The report paints the urgency to find ways in which to scale-up interventions aimed at accelerating youth employability for absorption into jobs as well as self-employment. Statistician-General, Dr Pali Lehohla, will lead the discussion. Please click [here](#) to register for this dialogue.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016

**FINDING FUNDING: HOW TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL** 24 to 26 August 2016 GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. Click [here](#) for further information.

**GIBS PANEL DISCUSSION: HOW TO BECOME A GLOBAL CHALLENGER** 30 August 2016 GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. Despite fears that emerging market growth has begun to cool down, a group of successful companies from these

markets continue to expand overseas. For the past decade The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) has compiled a list of these "Global Challengers" who continue to disrupt the global markets they operate in. Over the last 10 years these Global Challengers have grown nearly four times faster than their peers in mature markets and generated shareholder returns more than five times higher. This year's list includes seven African companies, five of which are from South Africa. Discovery is a new inclusion and joins Bidvest, MTN, Sasol and Aspen. The seven African Global Challengers account for nearly 3% of Africa's total GDP. Register [here](#).

**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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone 082 395 7582.

**FUNDAMENTALS TO ENERGY MANAGEMENT TRAINING (FEMT) 12 September 2016, Pretoria, Gauteng.** Learn the basics of electrical, mechanical, thermo systems and energy management fundamentals and how to manage these efficiently, an ideal course to invigorate technical knowledge. Email: [izelle@entf.co.za](mailto:izelle@entf.co.za) if you are interested in attending this course.

**INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUES ON LOOKING AT WATER SERVICES: Water demand, water conservation, water management, water treatment 15 September 2016 at the DBSA, Midrand.** Sustainable water supplies are critical for human development, large industries and small business alike, but addressing South Africa's water risks requires a partnership approach that is currently in its infancy. For companies, many of their major water risks lie outside of their operational boundaries. For many municipalities, localised challenges and limited financial and human resources often constrain their ability to address growing infrastructure and consumer needs. Click [here](#) to RSVP or contact [Richard Goode](#) for more information on this dialogue.

**SA INNOVATION SUMMIT 21 to 24 September 2016, Birchwood Hotel, Johannesburg.** Thought leadership at its best. An opportunity to see and hear some of the most inspirational innovation speakers live in action. [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](#).

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016**

**CEO WATER MANDATE: WASH4WORK AND THE BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR WATER & CLIMATE 28 August 2016, Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden. Details [here](#).**

**WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM 28 August to 2 September 2016, Stockholm, Sweden. World Water Week in Stockholm is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues. It is organized by SIWI and this year's theme is Water for Sustainable Growth. Event [website](#).**

**2016 IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 1 to 10 September 2016 Honolulu, HI, USA. The 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Congress will focus on the theme "Planet at the Crossroads". Among other objectives, the World Congress will launch the Hawai'i commitments: globally transformative and innovative conservation initiatives to meet the critical challenges and opportunities of our time, including the imperative to scale up action on biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Details [here](#).**

**SUSTAINABLE BRANDS CONFERENCE BUENOS AIRES 13 to 14 September, 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Register [here](#).**

**CLIMATE WEEK NYC 19 to 25 September 2016, New York, USA. Climate Week NYC brings together influential global figures - and new voices - from the worlds of business, government and society who are leading the low carbon transition. Details [here](#).**

**VERGE 2016 CONFERENCE 19 to 22 September 2016 Santa Clara, CA, USA. VERGE is a global event series that focuses on the technologies and systems that accelerate sustainability solutions across sectors in a climate-constrained world. Further [information](#).**

**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.**

**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. Just under 50 days to go! [Register now](#) to still qualify for standard rates and join 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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