



# On a Clear Day

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

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**CHINA SAYS IMPORTANT GLACIER IS MELTING DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE** A glacier that is one of the largest at the source of China's Yangtze River is fast retreating because of climate change, state media said. [Sharenet, 8 June 2016.](#)

**DISTRICT AIMS FOR GREENER ECONOMY** Municipality prepares to tackle heavy carbon footprint. [Zululand Observer, 8 June 2016.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICAN WINE ESTATES GO GREEN** Three wine estates have recently blended vintage with innovation by taking advantage of the South African climate to enhance their power requirements. [BizNis Africa, 8 June 2016.](#)

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT IS PIVOTAL TO AFRICA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH** With most African countries diversifying from traditional sources of income, entrepreneurship is increasingly seen as a key to economic growth. So far, it has yielded huge returns for entrepreneurs, and experts say there is great untapped potential to drive the African continent into its next phase of development. [Alive2Green, 7 June 2016.](#)

**GLOBAL STANDARD TO MEASURE FOOD WASTE AIMS TO PUT MORE ON PLATES** A third of all food is spoiled or thrown away worldwide as it moves from where it is produced to where it is eaten. [Tralac, 7 June 2016.](#)

**HOW CLIMATE CHANGE COULD AFFECT AFRICAN MIGRATION PATTERNS** People are migrating on a scale unseen before. In Africa, countries like Somalia and Libya are losing hundreds of thousands of people. People are making the perilous crossing to Europe or heading to South Africa in droves. [The Conversation, 7 June 2016.](#)

**EC GOVT ADDRESSES UNEMPLOYMENT, FOOD SECURITY WITH AGRICULTURE** Agricultural entrepreneurship remains one of the tools the Eastern Cape government wants to use to address unemployment and food security. [Khayaletu Gobo, SABC News, 7 June 2016.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA'S GREEN NATION STATUS IMPROVES – GLOBAL STATUS REPORT** The world experienced its largest increase in green, renewable energy in 2015, adding over 147 gigawatts of wind, solar and other alternative energy power to the global grid, according to the Renewables 2016 Global Status Report, released on 1 June by the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century, or REN21. [Green Business Guide, 7 June 2016.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA'S GORDHAN SAYS FOCUS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS** South Africa needs to focus on boosting economic growth and creating jobs after avoiding a downgrade to "junk status" last week, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said on Monday. [Channel Africa, 6 June 2016.](#)

**WORKPLACE READINESS IS A CRITICAL STEP TO SUCCESSFUL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT** Workplace readiness can often be a major challenge for first-time entrants into the workplace. This often results in additional pressure for employers and employees alike when embarking on a skills development or empowerment programme. [Business Essentials, 6 June 2016.](#)

**COAL WILL BE PART OF AFRICA'S ENERGY MIX** Coal will be part of Africa's energy mix owing to its availability, cost advantage and ability to generate much-needed electricity, says African Union (AU) chairperson Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma. [Martin Creamer, Engineering News, 6 June 2016.](#)

**WATER SHOULD BE TRADED AS A COMMODITY – ISRAELI WATER EXPERT** For South Africa to overcome the challenges it faces as a result of drought conditions, the country needs to start treating water as a commodity, Israeli water expert Professor Eilon Adar suggests. [Anine Lilian, Engineering News, 6 June 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 their news article entitled "UN Global Compact and Volans Announce Strategic Partnership on Breakthrough Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals", [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 “*Investors turn their gaze to water risks in Europe*”, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled “*First-Ever Global Standard to Measure Food Loss and Waste Introduced by International Partnership*”, [here](#).

**WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB)** Click [here](#) to view NBI's Final We Mean Business Newsletter - Edition (7) 2016.

## NBI NEWS

**ON 26 MAY 2016 A UNIQUE BUSINESS LEADERS CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON THE TOPIC OF CORPORATE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT.** The conference was attended by 100 business leaders and other experts. The event focused on case studies and real-life examples of how South African and multi-national companies are responding to and managing human rights in their businesses. It was an opportunity to hear about how companies are responding to specific human rights challenges, learn about strategies and approaches to human rights and connect with peers and local experts. Click [here](#) to read the summary.

**STRUCTURED WORKPLACE-BASED LEARNING (WBL)** provides learners the opportunity to apply and integrate knowledge, skills and attitudes and workplace requirements. It also affords business the opportunity to inform the development and delivery of curriculum that is responsive to employer needs. The National Business Initiative (NBI) on behalf of the Education and Skills Task Team which forms part of the Presidential Business Working Group is conducting research into the blockages and opportunities relating to the implementation of effective WBL across the South African economy. The research seeks to: understand the practical implications of WBL for employers; and find ways in which to support the employability of learners who proceed through different forms of WBL. The research report will: identify steps to be taken to eliminate the blockages identified; make recommendations as to how to facilitate and expand employer engagement in offering WBL; and provide a practical guide for employers to implement WBL. The NBI would like to draw on as many business models and approaches to WBL as possible and invites you to participate in the research. Please contact [Makano Morojele](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**SANLAM CAPE TOWN MARATHON PLAYING ITS PART TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT** [Website](#).

**CANON SOUTH AFRICA MOVES TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY** Steadfast in its commitment to optimise resource efficiency and contribute to environmental sustainability, Canon South Africa is working with the **Carbon Neutral Group** to offset its carbon emissions by supporting carbon reduction projects. Read [here](#).

**NATIONWIDE YOUTH BUSINESS START-UP TRUCK MARKS CALL-TO-ENTRY FOR SAB KICKSTART 2016 COMPETITIONS** SAB’s flagship enterprise development programme, SAB KickStart will embark on a month-long recruitment campaign this Youth Month, using a new innovative #StartupTruck that will travel across the country on a youth entrepreneurship drive to find South Africa’s promising young entrepreneurs. [Information](#).

**ENERGY STRATEGIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR** Deloitte and Standard Bank experts share their insights into renewable energy trends and challenges for businesses involved in the construction sector. [BizConnect, 7 June 2016](#).

**VODACOM LAUNCHES FREE JOBS BROWSING PLATFORM** South African job seekers now have the option of reducing their data consumption with a new zero rating platform from Vodacom. [Fin24, 7 June 2016.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS ACHIEVES SEAFOOD GOALS** Eight years ago, Woolworths introduced its sustainable seafood policy and since then has become South Africa's first retailer to sign the WWF-SASSI Retail Charter. [BizCommunity, 3 June 2016.](#)

**A GREEN FUTURE FOR MONDI ŚWIECIE** Mondi's modernisation plans for Świecie mill are on schedule. Investments to deliver environmental benefits and greater energy efficiency. [Website.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**SUSTAINABLE BRANDS CAPE TOWN:** See some of the highlights [here!](#)

**ACTION, COLLABORATION CRUCIAL TO SA ECONOMIC GROWTH – GORDHAN** [Listen here.](#)

**WHAT IS THE 2030 VISION FOR SOUTH AFRICA?** It has been urged that South Africa needs to sharpen up its industrialisation programme if it is serious about reaching the 5.4% a year gross domestic product growth target as set out in the National Development Plan, as the country can no longer depend on its declining mining sector to drive economic growth. [The Times of Africa, 7 June 2016.](#)

**THE CARBON CHRONICLE FROM ECOSYSTEM MARKETPLACE** Access [here.](#)

**CARBON PRICING WATCH 2016** An advance brief from the State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2016 report, to be released late 2016. Click [here.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA'S GREEN NATION STATUS IMPROVES – GLOBAL STATUS REPORT** [Alive2Green, 6 June 2016.](#)

**WBCSD LAUNCHES BELOW50** - a major outcome of the business-led Low Carbon Technology Partnerships initiative. Read [here.](#)

**2016 ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONVENTION – CALL FOR PAPERS** The Board of the Southern African Association for Energy Efficiency (SAEE) invites you to submit an abstract for consideration to speak at the 2016 Southern African Association for Energy Efficiency Convention (2016 SAEEC). [EE Publishers, 19 April 2016.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2016

**DIALOGUE ON BUSINESS ACTION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS JUNE AND JULY 2016 DURBAN, CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG** 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 appropriate link to register: [Durban - Tuesday, 21 June 2016](#), [Cape Town - Wednesday, 22 June 2016](#) or [Johannesburg - Friday, 22 July 2016](#). Alternatively contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for additional details.

**CAPE TOWN WORKSHOP ON 'DEEPENING IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL AND ETHICS COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS' Tuesday, 28 June 2016 Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel, Cape Town.** The NBI and the Global Compact Network SA are hosting a half-day workshop on 'deepening implementation of social and ethics committee requirements'. The session will be based on a toolkit, developed by the NBI to support companies in moving to best practice on all the key responsibility areas of the Committee. Click [here](#) if you wish to attend this workshop or contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for further information.

**WATER PUBLIC WORKSHOP: CORPORATE WATER STEWARDSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE WATER-RELATED SDGS Friday, 1 July 2016 Sasol Auditorium, Rosebank.** The NBI and CEO Water Mandate are excited to announce the hosting of a public workshop focused on two important and inter-related topics: corporate water stewardship and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Register [here](#) or contact [Alex McNamara](#) for details on this event.

## **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](#).

**INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA 9 to 10 June 2016 Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton.** Accelerating the business of infrastructure development in Africa. This year's event is in partnership with the African Development Bank Group and will provide access to key business contacts and project opportunities from across Africa. [Website](#).

**MANUFACTURING INDABA 28 to 29 June 2016 Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni.** Manufacturing the future is the theme of the 2016 Manufacturing Indaba. Join the dti, City of Ekurhuleni, Manufacturing Circle and many other leading organisations at this leading manufacturing event. The Minister of Trade & Industry is confirmed to deliver a keynote address at this forum. [Website](#).

**AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD TRAINING COURSES 29 June to 1 July 2016 Cape Town.** 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](mailto:mark@allianceforwaterstewardship.org) if you would like to attend or click [here](#) to access the website.

**2ND SOUTHERN AFRICAN ADAPTATION COLLOQUIUM: Solution Spaces And Futures, Learning Together In A Climate Challenged World 7 to 8 July 2016 Wits Club and Conference Centre, WITS West Campus, Johannesburg.** The 2nd Southern African Adaptation Colloquium provides a platform for researchers, practitioners, government officials, postgraduate students and members of the public working/interested in climate change, adaptation research, practice and policy to proactively engage on climate change challenges facing southern Africa. The programme will feature renowned keynote speakers providing thought-provoking and challenging views on particular topics, information gathering sessions, discussion sessions and interactive working sessions. To register online, please click on this [link](#).

**GREEN BUILDING CONVENTION 26 to 28 July 2016 Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton, Johannesburg. [Website](#).**

**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](mailto:magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk)

**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.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK 2016 13 to 17 June 2016, Brussels, Belgium.** During the month of June 2016, the European Commission will be hosting the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2016, which will promote energy-saving initiatives and generation of power from clean, secure, efficient and renewable sources. [Further information.](#)

**BUSINESS & CLIMATE SUMMIT 28 to 29 June 2016, London, United Kingdom.** The Business & Climate Summit is the leading annual forum for businesses, investors and policymakers on climate action. It is where business and governments come together to agree a roadmap for reaching net zero emissions over the next half century. It demonstrates how low carbon strategies are good for business and good for growth – and builds the partnerships needed to scale up and accelerate the carbon transition. [Website.](#)

**2016 AFRICA CARBON FORUM 28 to 30 June 2016 Kigali, Rwanda.** The Eight Africa Carbon Forum (ACF) will inform participants on the latest investment, finance and development opportunities relating to climate change. Click [here.](#)

**4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOLOGY, ECOSYSTEMS AND CLIMATE CHANGE 11 to 14 July 2016 Athens, Greece.** The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), will hold its 4th Annual International Conference on Ecology, Ecosystems and Climate Change, 11-14 July, 2016, Athens, Greece. [Website.](#)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING 21 to 22 July 2016, London, United Kingdom.** Read [here.](#)

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