



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

A WIN-WIN SOLUTION FOR SMES An innovative fund that provide companies with BEE points, whilst providing much needed funding to black owned SMEs. [*Anthea Gardner, Moneyweb, 7 September 2016.*](#)

SA INSURERS ENGAGING WITH BROAD STAKEHOLDERS IN ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION As South Africa continues to grapple with economic growth challenges amid a tough economic environment, the discussion on economic transformation has once again been put under the spotlight. More than ever, there is a growing realisation by the government, business and labour that in order to achieve sustainable economic growth and improve the lives of all South Africans, all role players need to actively drive the economic transformation agenda. [*Insurance Gateway, 7 September 2016.*](#)

ENDING HUNGER IS WELL WITHIN OUR REACH - KOFI ANNAN For the first time in human history, the end of hunger is well within our reach. While courageous and passionate individuals have been working to end this scourge for decades, a recent confluence of political will, public-private partnerships and funding has made this ambition possible. [CNBCAfrica, 6 September 2016.](#)

COP22 HOST MOROCCO'S MOSQUES ARE GOING GREEN Two months before it hosts the COP22 climate conference, Morocco is preparing to launch an ambitious project to turn its mosques green as a commitment to clean energy. [BizCommunity, 7 September 2016.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMY AVOIDS RECESSION AS MANUFACTURING, MINING GROW South Africa's economy grew by its most in six quarters as the mining and manufacturing sectors reversed sharp contractions due to an uptick in exports, the statistics agency said, ending fears of a recession. [Engineering News, 6 September 2016.](#)

WORLD'S LARGEST GORILLA SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION The population of the world's largest ape has collapsed over the last two decades. Fewer than 4,000 Grauer's gorillas remain in the wild, and now conservationists warn that the animals are at risk of extinction. [Megan Gannon, Live Science, 6 September 2016.](#)

DEPT TO COMPLETE WATER, SANITATION MASTER PLAN IN 2018/19 The Department of [Water and Sanitation](#) will only deliver a [water plan](#) for [South Africa](#) at the end of the 2018/19 [financial year](#). [Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 5 September 2016.](#)

HEALTHY OCEANS IMPORTANT DRIVERS OF AFRICAN PROSPERITY, FOOD SECURITY Mitigating the impacts of climate change and illegal fishing on oceans and coastal communities are increasingly important with fisheries and aquaculture emerging as transformational forces for African economies. This was FAO director-general José Graziano da Silva's key message to leaders at the African Ministerial Conference on Ocean Economies and Climate Change in Mauritius. [BizCommunity, 2 September 2016.](#)

FREE STATE DECLARES FIRST PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT NEAR MEMEL A spectacular area of the north-eastern Free State around the village of Memel has become the first in the province to be declared a "protected environment" – for its exceptional natural beauty, diversity of species and significance as a water source area. [WWF-SA, 2 September 2016.](#)

HOW AGRICULTURE CAN BE INTENSIFIED IN AFRICA WITHOUT CAUSING HARM Sustainable agriculture is a popular concept. It's warmly embraced as a guiding light for the future of food production. But there is still a great deal of disagreement about what the concept actually means and entails. [Tawanda Marandure and Kennedy Dzama, BizCommunity, 2 September 2016.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT ON 2017 VARSITY FEES EXPECTED MID-SEPT Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande says he is hopeful that the current consultations with all stakeholders on the 2017 university fees will conclude successfully, with a formal announcement expected to be made in mid-September. [Skills Portal, 1 September 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: "[New](#)

Global Agenda: Capital market leaders explore market based opportunities”, [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 blog article entitled: “*Why there’s no Paris Agreement without water*”, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled: “*Why landscape approaches make great business sense for your company*”, [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

NBI: GOLD MEDAL WINNER The National Business Initiative (NBI) received 1st prize, an Olympic Gold Medal, for the best project in the “*Trade and Economics*” category at last night’s British High Commission Prosperity Fund Awards cocktail evening held in Tswane. This was in recognition for the outstanding work done by the NBI on the National Development Plan (NDP) project. For further details on the NBI’s NDP project, please contact [Alex McNamara](#) or download the report from our [website](#).

WATER WEEK 2016 FOCUSES ON WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND CLIMATE [World Water Week](#), a major international conference on water held annually in Stockholm since 1990, concluded on Friday, 2 September focusing on a number of key themes. Sessions held covered topics such as company target setting, the role of water action in reducing carbon emissions and supporting climate resilience, water security, water stewardship, water sector financing and investment, wastewater reuse, water risk and investors, the SDGs, water and the Paris Agreement, and water and jobs. This year the South African [Water Research Commission \(WRC\)](#) was one of three major collaborating partners to the conference. The SIWI Media Hub is an excellent place to watch the major presentations from World Water Week, all of which can be accessed for free [here](#). The NBI attended the conference and will provide a full update on the major outcomes for NBI members. For further information please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) HOSTED A THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE SESSION UNDER THE THEME, ‘ACCELERATING YOUTH TRANSITIONS INTO THE LABOUR MARKET’ THIS WEEK. Read [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

VODACOM ENHANCES COVERAGE IN GAUTRAIN’S UNDERGROUND TUNNELS The telecommunications giant Vodacom has enhanced its connectivity coverage along select routes of Gautrain’s underground tracks with speeds in excess of 100 Mb/s. [Engineering News, 6 September 2016](#).

IOT CAN BRING SOUTH AFRICA INTO DIGITAL ERA, SAYS TELKOM EXEC The exponential growth of the Internet of

Things (IoT) presents a significant opportunity to bring South Africa into the “digital era” as it pushes new frontiers in production and efficiency. [Engineering News, 5 September 2016.](#)

ARCELOR NOW FREE TO FOLLOW PATH OF GROWTH I took on the position of CEO of ArcelorMittal SA just two months ago, with my eyes wide open. Steel-making is currently a difficult industry. The sector is in crisis globally; SA, in particular, has been severely affected by cheap imports in the absence of any protection measures. [BDLive, 31 August 2016.](#)

DELOITTE ACQUIRES YOUTH-LED INNOVATION HUB In a move designed to further diversify its offerings across industry sectors, Deloitte has acquired South African youth-led innovation consultancy SpringAge with effect from 1 August, 2016. [Engineering News, 30 August 2016.](#)

WOMEN IN LOGISTICS: HARNESSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH In recent years, several major studies have demonstrated that having more female leaders, board members, managers and supervisors leads to better business outcomes including higher levels of productivity, safety and improved financial returns. More specifically, research referenced in the 2009 Women in Supply Chain report demonstrated that improving the proportion of women leads to higher financial returns for logistics companies. [Shirley Duma, Barloworld Logistics, 29 August 2016.](#)

MINING COMPANIES SHOULD TAKE IMPACT-BASED APPROACH TO CSI The global corporate social investment (CSI) landscape has changed from one based on philanthropy to one that is based on impact. According to Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Southern Africa, new, precise and penetrating methods of measuring social impact are driving radical revisions to CSI as practised by big business and global investors, and the mining sector should be following this approach. [Moneyweb, 29 August 2016.](#)

BARLOWORLD: RISE OF A GIANT Barloworld is a much slimmer conglomerate than it was near the end of apartheid, having given birth to companies including Illovo Sugar, Nampak, PPC, Tiger Brands and Reunert. It is celebrating 75 years on the JSE; it listed in 1941 at seven shillings and sixpence per share. It is one of nine companies to have been listed in SA this long. [Financial Mail, 25 August 2016.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

S.A HOST WOMEN IN ENERGY BUSINESS SUMMIT The South Africa Department of Energy hosted a two day summit themed "Women in Energy United in Moving South Africa Forward" aimed to provide a platform to learn from sector experts, share their knowledge, discuss achievements and encourage the advancement of women across all sectors of the energy industry. [CNBCAfrica, 7 September 2016.](#)

AFRICA NEEDS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS NOT JOB SEEKERS Although Africa has highs and lows economically and politically, the long-term trend is upwards. Whilst there is volatility, the underlying drivers are upwards and strong. [Jon Foster-Pedley, Leader, 7 September 2016.](#)

ENTRIES FOR WESTERN CAPE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS TO CLOSE SOON Western Cape businesses have two weeks left to enter the Premier’s Entrepreneurship Recognition Awards (Pera). The programme, which is cosponsored

by Absa Bank, celebrates entrepreneurs who contribute to job creation and growth. [Engineering News, 30 August 2016.](#)

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.](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR CAPE TOWN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUM AWARDS CLOSE ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 Has your business implemented successful energy efficiency interventions in your building/s or operations? Nominations are 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.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2016

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) – FOOD SYSTEMS POST-PARIS: COP 21 AND A CHANGING WORLD Monday, 26 September 2016 at the Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel. Climate change and food security are inextricably linked and present one of the biggest challenges we face as a planet. So how do we solve one of the greatest challenges of our time? If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this event, please click [here](#).

NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 29 September 2016. The National Business Initiative (NBI) wishes to notify you of the upcoming Membership Council Meeting, scheduled to take place in Johannesburg at Arup, Melrose Arch. Please contact [Jo-Anne Stanford](#) for details.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 201

SANEDI 2016 12L TAX INCENTIVE ANNUAL INFORMATION NATIONAL ROADSHOWS SEPTEMBER 2016 Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives, Section 12L of the Income Tax Act, 1962, Deduction Allowance in Respect of Energy Efficiency Savings. Click [here](#) to view the invitation.

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 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.

LEADERSHIP ENGAGE: DRIVING TRUST – THE NEW COMPETITIVE DIFFERENTIATOR FOR BUSINESS 20 September 2016, GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. In a world where trust is rare, how can responsible leadership and ethical culture help build sustainable, long-term relationship with employees, customers, suppliers, investors and regulators to achieve business success? Can this provide an advantage both in terms of risk management and competitive differentiation? Join our esteemed panel of experts for a discussion under the auspices of the GIBS Ethics and Governance Think Tank. Register [here](#).

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](#).

CISL SA MASTERCLASS LAUNCHING IN OCTOBER Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership SA will be launching our first Masterclass in 3 locations. Please look on the [website](#) for details of the first one of 4 over the next months. For even more information, contact magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MULTICAPITAL SCORECARD ® A MASTERCLASS 4 and 5 October 2016, The Peech Hotel, Johannesburg. Do you want to build a smarter, more resilient, sustainable business but don't know how? The MultiCapital Scorecard structures an inclusive, context driven approach to sustainability across all six capitals recommended by the International Integrated Reporting Council. Join Martin Thomas to learn about a toolkit, which builds resilient and sustainable businesses, fit for the future. **For more information** contact [David Baxter](#) | 083 267 7845 or click [here](#) to access the 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](#).

WASTECON 2016 - BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 17 to 21 October 2016 at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg. WasteCon 2016 is the flagship conference of the IWMSA and one of the most important events on southern Africa's environmental calendar this year. The theme for the 23rd biennial conference is 'The Changing Face of Waste Management'. [WEBSITE](#).

THE 2016 SOUTHERN AFRICA STUDENT HOUSING & SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 26 to 28 October 2016 Southern Sun, OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg. [Crown Publications.](#)

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING COURSE 1 to 3 November 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**.

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 12 to 15 March 2017, Diemersfontein, Wellington. The resilience and wellbeing of the people and societies that organisations impact are becoming increasingly material to their success. Sustainability is no longer simply a bolt-on to a 'business-as-usual' approach, but is something that must become deeply embedded in the day-to-day operations of all organisations. This seminar is designed for all middle to senior managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of what is required. 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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

[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. [Register now](#) 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](#).

BSR CONFERENCE 2016: BE BOLD 1 to 3 November 2016 Grand Hyatt New York, NY, USA. This year's Conference theme is a rallying cry for businesses addressing the toughest issues our time: BE BOLD. The challenges of building a sustainable future are immense, and will require collaborative, innovative thinking from all sectors of society. We know there are substantial opportunities to build inclusive, sustainable economies through business leadership and partnerships—and we also know that we won't achieve these goals unless we think big, and think bold. At the BSR Conference 2016, we'll hear compelling stories from companies, foundations, big thinkers, and creative doers who are making big bets in building a better world. [WEBSITE](#).

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