



# 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

**SA, KENYA EASE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR BUSINESS** South Africa and Kenya have agreed to create an enabling environment to ease the conditions for doing business between the two countries. [Tralac, 12 October 2016.](#)

**OCEANS REPORT UNPACKS SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ECONOMY IN SOUTH AFRICA** South Africa's rich and productive coastal waters support thousands of jobs and contribute millions of rand to the national economy each year, with coastal goods and services estimated to contribute 35% to South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP). [WWF-SA, 12 October 2016.](#)

**GREEN BUILDING HIGHEST IN SA OF 13 COUNTRIES** Environmental concerns are becoming an increasingly integrated concept in the South African property market. The study estimated that roughly 41 percent of the country's

construction activity in 2015 was green, making it the highest of the 13 countries surveyed. [Green Business Guide, 12 October 2016.](#)

**WATER THROTTLING TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL JOHANNESBURG RESIDENTS** Joburg Water has warned that water throttling will be extended to all residents in order to meet the required 15% reduction on consumption. [Penwell Dlamini, BDLive, 12 October 2016.](#)

**DELEGATES TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL ENERGY CHALLENGES** The World Energy Congress is under way in Istanbul. Hundreds of ministers and CEOs are attending. They're hoping to better understand the world's energy challenges. [AFRICA TV24h, 11 October 2016.](#)

**AS PRICES PLUNGE, AFRICA SURGES INTO CLEAN, CHEAP SOLAR ENERGY** Home solar systems in Africa can now provide electricity for many households for as little as \$56 a year. [Moneyweb, 11 October 2016.](#)

**ENERGY MINISTER SAYS ESKOM TO FUND NUCLEAR AS NEW PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK IS UNVEILED** Eskom's balance sheet will be used to leverage funding for government's anticipated multibillion-rand nuclear build programme, Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson announced on Tuesday. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 11 October 2016.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA TO REVIEW SCIENCE POLICY BUT WILL MAINTAIN GLOBAL COOPERATION** South Africa is to review its policy and plans regarding science, technology and innovation. This was stated by Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor at the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of Brics (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology, in Jaipur, India, on Saturday. [Keith Campbell, Engineering News, 10 October 2016.](#)

**CARBON OFFSET SCHEME ON THE CARDS FOR GLOBAL AVIATION** One hundred and ninety-one States attending the thirty-ninth International Civil Aviation Organisation (Icao) assembly, in Montreal, Canada, have agreed to implement a Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation. [Megan van Wynqaardt, Engineering News, 7 October 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: "[The SDGs Explained for Business](#)", [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: "[Water Stewardship in 60 Seconds](#)", [here.](#)

**CDP** The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Read their press release entitled: "[CDP announces new sector-focused investor strategy](#)", [here.](#)

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled: *“Insider Perspective: LCTPi 6 in Chennai, India on Monday 3 October 2016?”*, [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 **Company Commitments** [here](#).

## NBI NEWS

**NBI CEO BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING, DR BLADE NZIMANDE TO BE HOSTED AT SANLAM IN SANDTON** A CEO breakfast meeting to discuss the critical role of business in supporting and finding solutions and new models to achieve sustainable university education (UNI’s) and a Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college system for South Africa is taking place next week on Tuesday, 18 October 2016. This event is by invitation only. For further details please contact [Shavilla Harpal](#).

**NBI KEY WORKSHOP OUTCOMES: CORPORATE WATER STEWARDSHIP AND THE WATER-RELATED SDGS** In July 2016 the NBI and [CEO Water Mandate](#) jointly convened a workshop on ‘Corporate water stewardship and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’. The workshop report summarises the 12 key messages emanating from this public dialogue. Key messages range from the role of business in achieving the water-related SDGs, through to what challenges need to be addressed and the importance of water stewardship in risk management. The report is in the form of a PowerPoint, and is accessible and quick to read. You can download the workshop report [here](#) or access it [here](#) from our website. For further information please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**ABB LAUNCHES FLEXIBLE “PLUG AND PLAY” MICROGRID SOLUTION TO BOOST RENEWABLES** ABB have announced a modular and scalable “plug and play” microgrid solution to address the globally growing demand for flexible technology in the developing market for distributed power generation. The cost-efficient, containerized solution is relevant for mature and emerging countries and will help maximize the use of renewable energy sources while reducing dependence on fossil fuels used by generator sets. [Aspire Africa, 13 October 2016](#).

**EXXARO DEVELOPING PILOT DIGITAL MINE** Digital mine organisation, which uses the Internet of Things as a platform, is being developed as a pilot project by coal mining company Exxaro, whose CEO Mxolisi Mgojo said last night that innovative advancement is no longer a nice-to-have but an imperative for mining industry survival into the future. [Engineering News, 12 October 2016](#).

**KPMG EXPLORES THE FUNDING CHALLENGES TO ACCESSING TERTIARY EDUCATION AND PROVIDING FREE TUITION** Click [here](#) to view infographic.

**ENGEN SPONSORS SCIENCE LAB FOR CASTLE BRIDGE SCHOOL** Children of Castle Bridge School in Bloemfontein will soon reap the benefits of learning in a modern science lab and newly renovated classrooms following a donation by Engen and the owners of the Engen Bloemfontein 1-Stop. [FleetWatch, 5 October 2016](#).

**SOUTH AFRICA'S WOOLWORTHS TO BUY AUSTRALIAN MEN'S FASHION RETAILER POLITIX** South Africa's Woolworths Holdings plans to buy Australian men's fashion brand Politix through its subsidiary, Country Road Group, the retailer said on Wednesday. [CNBCAfrica, 5 October 2016](#).

**INVESTEC BUYS STAKE IN BERLIN-BASED OFF GRID SOLAR DEVELOPER** Investec Asset Management Ltd. bought a stake in Mobisol GmbH in the biggest yet round of equity financing for the off-grid solar industry. [Liquid Africa, 4 October 2016.](#)

**CENNERGI CELEBRATES COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF WIND FARM** CENNERGI - the cleaner energy company started by Exxaro and Tata Power - formally celebrated the commencement of operations at their 95MW Tsitsikamma Community Wind Farm with the local AmaMfengu community in Wittekleibosch on September 16. [News24, 22 September 2016.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**MAKING GLOBAL GOALS LOCAL BUSINESS – DUBAI** Bringing together leaders across sectors to explore the transformative platforms and partnerships needed to advance the SDGs on the ground: **24 to 27 October 2016.** This closed conference will help inform the work of the UNGC local network with respect to among others the domestication of the SDG as well as measurement of their impact. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) if you require further information.

**PARIS AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO FORCE MUCH EARLIER THAN EXPECTED** Read an NBI Quick Brief entitled: “*Paris Agreement to enter into force much earlier than expected*”, on our [website](#).

**SIX OUTCOMES FROM CITES** [Hazyview Herald, 5 October 2016.](#)

**THE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS REPORT 2016–2017** The World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017 assesses the competitiveness landscape of 138 economies, providing insight into the drivers of their productivity and prosperity. Download the report [here](#).

**NATIONAL SANITATION CAMPAIGN** The Department of Water and Sanitation will embark on a month long sanitation campaign (**from 15 October to 19 November 2016**), which seeks to elevate discussions around education and awareness on sanitation issues. This will be done through collaborative efforts with business, civil society, communities and all relevant stakeholders. Given the severe drought conditions that are experienced across the country, the need for efficient water use, as part of correct sanitary practices, has become more important than ever before. The campaign will incorporate two United Nations commemorative days, namely **Global Handwashing Day on 15 October 2016** and **World Toilet Day on 19 November 2016**. For further information on this campaign kindly contact **Mandy Reddy** at **012 336 7281** or [ReddyM@dws.gov.za](mailto:ReddyM@dws.gov.za).

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN IS OFFERING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** Closing date: 28 October 2016. Details [here](#).

**CALLING ALL CIRCULAR ECONOMY PIONEERS!** Be recognised for your **circular economy leadership** on the global stage at the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, January 2017. **The Circulars**, an initiative of the World Economic Forum and the Forum of Young Global Leaders, is the world’s **premier circular economy award programme**, offering recognition to individuals and organizations from commerce and civil society across the globe that have made notable contributions to the circular economy in the private sector, public sector and society. Last year [REDISA](#) and [Agriproteins](#) flew the South African flag at the awards – are you next? Visit the website [thecirculars.org](http://thecirculars.org) and follow on twitter [@CircularsAwards](https://twitter.com/CircularsAwards). Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**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.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2016

**OPEN THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES EVENT: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRENDS, CARBON PRICING & PRE-COP22 DIALOGUE WITH NIGEL TOPPING** Monday, 17 October 2016 at the **Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel**. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is delighted to welcome Nigel Topping, CEO of We Mean Business, to South Africa for a strategic session focusing on global business trends post-Paris and what this means for South African companies leading into COP22 in Morocco this November. Please register [here](#) if you would like to attend this open TLS session.

**PUBLIC SEMINARS: UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE BASED TARGETS FOR GHG EMISSION REDUCTIONS** Wednesday, 19 October 2016 in **Johannesburg** and Thursday, 20 October 2016 in **Cape Town**. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with WWF South Africa and the CDP, are hosting a public seminar detailing the various Science Based Target setting methods for greenhouse gas emission reductions, and what they mean for your company. Science Based Targets are gaining prominence amongst international companies for setting carbon emission reduction goals in line with climate science. Globally 184 companies have committed to setting these targets yet this remains a relatively new knowledge area for South African businesses, with the 2015 CDP findings highlighting that domestic companies need to be setting longer-term, more ambitious targets. Please click here to [RSVP for Johannesburg](#) (Hilton Hotel, Sandton) and here to [RSVP for Cape Town](#) (Atlantic Imbizo Conference & Function Studio). For further information on these two seminars, please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

**A VISUAL DISPLAY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CDP CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT 2016** Tuesday, 25 October 2016 at **KPMG, Parktown, Johannesburg**. 2016 shows a record number of South African companies on the global Climate A-list. In addition to reviewing the results of the international and South Africa CDP questionnaire analysis, this year's CDP launch will critically look at the question of 'economic transition and energy reform' and provide a deeper analysis of the performance of South African companies. Please click [here](#) should you wish to attend the 2016 CDP Launch or e-mail [Naseema Elias](#) for further details. Speakers include: **Tasneem Essop**, a former Provincial Minister of Environment, Planning and Economic Development and WWF International Climate Policy Advocate, who currently sits on the National Planning Commission and **Marcus Norton**, the Chief Partnerships Officer & General Counsel of the CDP.

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at **Nedbank Sandton**. Each year, millions of children around the globe are lured or forced into exploitation. The trafficking in adults and children for sexual purposes is a lucrative illegal business everywhere in the world. Globally, children comprise nearly one-third of all trafficking victims. In Africa, nearly two-thirds of victims are believed to be minors. In May this year, CRES in partnership with Nedbank and the Global Compact Network South Africa hosted an initial business dialogue on how South African business can act against exploitation of children and promote children's rights in the region. Together with the Global Child Forum, we are now inviting you to a full day conference on how business can protect children. The conference will feature leading national and global experts from all sectors. Please contact [Egnatious Phiri](#) should you wish to attend this dialogue.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016**

**CISL SA MASTERCLASS LAUNCHING IN OCTOBER** Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership SA will be launching our first Masterclass in 3 locations. Please check 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](mailto:magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk).

**MANDELA INSTITUTE 5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW UPDATE 14 October 2016, at the Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, Law School Building, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.** The Mandela Institute is hosting the 5th Annual International Economic Law Update, a collaboration with the World Trade Institute at the University of Bern and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). Please contact [Mandela-Institute-Events@wits.ac.za](mailto:Mandela-Institute-Events@wits.ac.za) or phone **011 7178468** to register for this. The draft programme is available on the Mandela Institute [website](#).

**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](#).

**TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 18 to 20 October 2016 in Durban.** Please contact [Mark Dent](#) should you be interested in registering for these courses (Tuesday 18 October: Foundation course, Wednesday 19 October: Advanced course and Thursday 20 October: Specialist course) or click here to access the [website](#).

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

**KING IV LAUNCH CONFERENCE 1 November 2016 Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.** “King IV introduces some important updates to the landmark King III’s report. In addition, it breaks new ground by differentiating clearly between principles and practices, and linking practices to outcomes—all with a view to making implementation easier,” says Angela Cherrington, CEO of the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa (IoDSA). “Governance is ever evolving, and King IV provides closer, more practical guidance on how to integrate its principles into the way organisations do business.” [Online registration](#) is available until 25 October 2016.

**[ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUM AWARDS 1 November 2016 City of Cape Town Electricity Services Head Office, Belville.](#)** Well-known scenario planner, futurologist and author Clem Sunter is the keynote speaker and Steve Nicholls from the National Business Initiative (NBI) will present socio-economic scenarios and a business perspective on energy pathways in South Africa. The winners for this year’s Energy Efficiency Forum Awards will be announced on the morning of 1 November 2016, as judged by UCT’s Energy Research Centre. Clem Sunter will be the keynote speaker. Updates will be given by the City of Cape Town and SAPOA. This meeting is supported by the Western Cape Government. Attendance is free. Please click [here](#) to RSVP or call Busiswa Galada on 021 487 2022. Map/directions to the venue and the final programme are available on request.

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING COURSE 2 to 4 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-](http://www.ess-)

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**CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 12 to 15 March 2017, Diemersfontein, Wellington, Western Cape.** 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](mailto:magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk).

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

**CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM 2016 22 to 24 October 2016, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.** The Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) is an international partnership of 43 countries highly vulnerable to climate change, and serves as a South-South cooperation platform to address climate change. The CVF first met in 2009, and is currently chaired by Ethiopia. Further information [here](#).

**OFFSHORE WIND CONFERENCE 24 to 25 October 2016, Amsterdam RAI.** A promising future awaits the offshore wind industry as long as we can tap the potential opportunities amongst the challenges that lie ahead. The agreements made during COP21 in 2015 provide support and encouragement to reach the hard targets ahead of these future projects. The Offshore WIND Conference will focus on business opportunities and successes in this renewable energy industry and how, together, we can reach potential. Read [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](#).

**UNFCCC COP 22 7 to 18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco.** This will be the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC. Details [here](#).

**AFRICA BUSINESS COMMUNITIES NETWORKING EVENT 21 November 2016, InterContinental Park Lane, London, UK.** Following successful networking events in Accra, Lagos, Hamburg, Kigali and most recently in Amsterdam, Addis Ababa and Nairobi, Africa Business Communities will be coming to London in November 2016. Click [here](#).

**GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONFERENCE 26 to 27 NOVEMBER 2016, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.** Recognizing the fundamental role of sustainable transport in fighting climate change and achieving the sustainable future we want, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon will convene the first ever global conference on sustainable transport. In resolution 70/197 titled “Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors”, the General Assembly welcomed the initiative of the Secretary-General to convene the Conference. [WEBSITE](#).

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE WATER-FOOD-ENERGY ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS 8 December 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.** This meeting will discuss, plan and provide guidance to the implementation of activities on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus under the programme of work for 2016-2018 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). Further details [here](#).

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