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INDUSTRY NEWS

TWENTY AFRICAN ECO-ENTERPRISES TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS SEED AWARDS Shoes made from old tires by disabled artisans in Ghana, roads built from recycled plastic in Kenya, natural fertilizers made from water hyacinths in Burkina Faso. Those are just some of the 20 African eco-innovations honoured this year with the prestigious SEED Awards. [*South Africa News.Net, 29 September 2016.*](#)

S.A'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS GAINS TWO PLACES South Africa is the world's 47th most competitive economy, this according to this year's World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness report. South Africa gained two places from last year's 49th spot. [*ENCA, 28 September 2016.*](#)

NUCLEAR PROPOSAL DELAY EXPECTED Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor on Tuesday cast confusion

over SA's planned nuclear procurement when she told journalists the request for proposals (RFP) would not be issued on Friday. [Linda Ensor and Carol Paton, BDLive, 28 September 2016.](#)

MOROCCO TO PRODUCE 42 PCT OF ITS ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES BY 2020: OFFICIAL Morocco will produce 42 percent of its electricity needs from renewable sources by 2020, head of the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN) said on Monday. [China.org.cn 27 September 2016.](#)

LAKE VICTORIA A 'THUNDERSTORM HOTSPOT' WITH CLIMATE CHANGE Climate change could transform East Africa's Lake Victoria into a dangerous thunderstorm hotspot, threatening some 200,000 fishermen who ply its waters at night, according to a study released Tuesday. [Hazyview Herald, 27 September 2016.](#)

BUILDING EQUITABLE CITIES Studies have shown that when investment is made in infrastructure, it positively affects the GDP growth of a country over the long run. [Danielle Petterson, Infrastructure News, 27 September 2016.](#)

AVIATION SECTOR TO VOTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN Civil aviation officials were expected to endorse a proposal that would have airlines buy credits to offset rising carbon emissions in the sector, at a 10-day meeting that opens in Montreal Tuesday. [Hazyview Herald, 27 September 2016.](#)

TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE CRITICAL TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY, CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES According to FAO director-general José Graziano da Silva, agriculture must transform itself to achieve food and nutrition security for all, as well as help address global challenges such as climate change and antimicrobial resistance. [BizCommunity, 27 September 2016.](#)

SA GOING GREEN FASTEST South Africa's flourishing renewable energy market has seen the highest year-on-year growth globally, a Moody's Investors Service report says. [IOL, 27 September 2016.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: 'SAVING ENDANGERED SPECIES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE' As the 17th world wildlife conference opens, South Africa's environment minister Edna Bomo Molewa explains the country's commitment to protecting wildlife. [Africatime, 27 September 2016.](#)

TRADE IN 2016 TO GROW AT SLOWEST PACE SINCE THE FINANCIAL CRISIS World trade will grow more slowly than expected in 2016, expanding by just 1.7%, well below the April forecast of 2.8%, according to the latest WTO estimates. [Tralac, 27 September 2016.](#)

DST: NALEDI PANDOR: ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DURING THE ECONOMIC SECTORS, EMPLOYMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER MEDIA BRIEFING, PRETORIA (27/09/2016) [Polity, 27 September 2016.](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: A FOOT IN THE DOOR Business has backed a plan to place 1m young people in paid one-year internships over the next three years in a move that is expected to raise private sector employment by around 3% and generate at least R2bn more in Vat for treasury. [Claire Bisseker, Financial Mail, 22 September 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: *“Executive Update: From awareness to action on the Global Goals”*, [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. 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 report entitled: *“Embedding a carbon price into business strategy”*, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their Insider’s perspective on: *“Business, plastics and waste management - the sustainability dream team?”*, [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 news article entitled: *“The Clean Power Plan is bold policy that will benefit the economy”*, [here](#).

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](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

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](#).

MTN’S NEW BBBEE SCHEME LAUNCHED Subscriptions for MTN’s new R9.9-billion broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) scheme MTN Zakhele Futhi are now open to qualifying black investors and groups. [Engineering News, 12 September 2016](#).

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](#).

DESPITE POWER SUPPLY STABILITY, MINES STILL PRIORITISE EFFICIENT ENERGY USE Power supply instability may

have been the catalyst for mining industry initiatives to pursue energy efficiency; however, the current stability of electricity supply has not curbed the industry's appetite for green solutions. Nonetheless, sustainability consultancy Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Southern Africa points out that management teams across the sector are still determined to save on costs and reduce mining operations' carbon footprints. [Mining Weekly, 2 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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

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](#).

IS FREE EDUCATION POSSIBLE IN S.A? Education has been a highly contested topic in South Africa in recent months. Is free education possible in the country? CNBC Africa is joined by Khaya Sithole, Qualified CA and Academic. [CNBC Africa, 27 September 2016.](#)

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**.

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

WORLD GREEN BUILDING WEEK URGES US TO CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE World Green Building Week, the flagship event of the global green building movement, takes place from **26 September until 2 October 2016**. The week raises awareness of green buildings around the world, highlighting how they are the most effective means to achieving a range of environmental, social and economic goals, from addressing climate change to creating sustainable homes, businesses and communities – better places for people to live, work and play. [Green Building Council SA.](#)

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 and follow on twitter [@CircularsAwards](#). Entries close on 30th September 2016.

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.](#)

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

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) – UNPACKING WORLD WATER WEEK & CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. [World Water Week](#) and [Climate Week New York](#) represent two of the major global dialogues on sustainability held annually. Join us as we discuss the key issues raised at each event and their relevance for South African company thinking and practice. If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this event, please click [here](#).

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](#).

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 201

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.

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.

2016 OPEN TENDER SEMINAR 11 October 2016 at Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg. The Open Tender Seminar is an event organised through a partnership between the Gauteng Provincial Treasury, KPMG, Deloitte and Ernst & Young. The purpose is to showcase the provincial government's new Transparent Open Tender Concept to various stakeholders and demonstrate the capability of the system to ensure good governance in procurement processes, and fight fraud and corruption in the public sector. Register [here](#).

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](#).

WATER RISK AND SOLUTIONS FOR INDUSTRY 13 October 2016, GreenCape Offices, Cape Town. GreenCape, WWF-SA, NBI and Sanlam are hosting a launch of the High-Resolution Water Risk Filter for South Africa in Cape Town - a new addition to WWF's Water Risk tool that quantifies water-related risks for all industries and offers guidance on what to do to mitigate them. From risk to resilience, and a water secure future for South Africa. Please click this [link](#) by 7 October 2016 to RSVP.

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 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](#).

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, 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.

CITES COP17 24 September to 4 October 2016, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. From the hotly debated topic of elephants and ivory to deciding the fate of lesser-known creatures struggling for survival, this year's CITES conference is sure to be one of the most important and potentially game-changing meetings yet. [WEBSITE](#).

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. Last chance to [register](#) to attend. You'll hear from business leaders such as **Paul Polman**, CEO, Unilever & Chairman, WBCSD; **Mukund Rajan**, Member, Group Executive Council and Brand Custodian, Tata Son; **Sunny Verghese**, Co-Founder & Group CEO, Olam International

Limited; and **Robert Swaak**, Global Vice Chairman, PWC.

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](#).

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](#).

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