



# On a Clear Day

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**AFTER QUICK ACTION, THE PARIS CLIMATE DEAL IS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT WAY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED** The wheels of international diplomacy usually turn very slowly, but things have moved fast this year on one major diplomatic effort — the global climate deal negotiated last December in Paris. [NewsHub SA, 6 October 2016.](#)

**MARRAKECH, COP22: WHAT IS AFRICA'S CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE?** As preparations for the UNFCCC COP22 set for Marrakech, Morocco, gather momentum, a comprehensive introspection is needed in order to find out what Africa's climate change concerns vis-à-vis those of established habitual polluters are. [The Green Business Guide, 6 October 2016.](#)

**"WE JUST NEED TO GET THE BASICS RIGHT" – COLEMAN ON SA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH** The just concluded South

Africa Tomorrow Investor Conference in New York was an opportunity to talk about the country's story and for government, business and labour to jointly put their best foot forward. [Africa TV24h, 6 October 2016.](#)

**PREVENTING CLIMATE CHANGE, ACKNOWLEDGING NEEDS OF SPECIFIC STATES FOCUS, AS SECOND COMMITTEE CONCLUDES GENERAL DEBATE** Preventing climate change, enhancing international cooperation, and acknowledging the needs of specific groups and categories of States were necessary to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, Member States said today as the General Assembly's Second Committee (Economic and Financial) concluded its general debate. [Africa Newswire, 5 October 2016.](#)

**ENEL'S FIRST WIND FARM GETS GRID CONNECTION** Italian multinational manufacturer and distributor of electricity and gas, Enel, through its subsidiary Enel Green Power SA, has completed and connected to the grid the Nojoli Wind Farm, which is located in SA's Eastern Cape province. [Postilion Press Office on ITWeb, 5 October 2016.](#)

**CONSERVATION TRUMPS COMMERCE AT CITES COP17 – IFAW** The world's biggest wildlife trade conference, CITES CoP17, wrapped up in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 4 October, with many significant votes in favour of more stringent conservation. [BizCommunity, 5 October 2016.](#)

**EU APPROVES PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE DEAL** The European Parliament approved the Paris accord to fight climate change on Tuesday, tipping it over the threshold needed for the global deal to enter into force, in what UN chief Ban Ki-moon hailed as an historic vote. [ENCA, 4 October 2016.](#)

**GLOBAL INVESTORS SHOW INTEREST IN GAS-TO-POWER PROGRAMME** Investors from around the world, including the US, Japan, Spain, South Korea and China, among others, have met in Cape Town this week to hear more about plans for South Africa's gas-to-power programme. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 4 October 2016.](#)

**DOE OPTS FOR INTEGRATED MODEL FOR HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GAS-TO-POWER ROLL-OUT** South Africa's Department of Energy (DoE) has opted for an integrated delivery model for the country's highly anticipated Liquefied Natural Gas Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (LNG IPPPP), which will be initially deployed at Richards Bay, in KwaZulu-Natal, and Coega, in the Eastern Cape. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 4 October 2016.](#)

**FACTBOX: HOW ARE CITIES ACTING ON CLIMATE CHANGE?** The number of cities reporting on their efforts to tackle global warming has jumped 70 percent to 533 across 89 countries since a new climate change agreement was adopted late last year, according to the group gathering the data. [Sharenet, 4 October 2016.](#)

**SKILLS GAP STRANDS BUSINESSES AS JOBS GO UNFILLED** As chief executive officer of South Africa's First National Bank, Michael Jordaan moved the lender into the tech era by persuading customers to manage their accounts online, one of his biggest challenges was finding enough software developers. [Moneyweb, 4 October 2016.](#)

**FINANCIAL EDUCATION IS KEY TO DRIVING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** Financial education has been hailed as a key tool in empowering citizens and driving national development objectives. This is the underlying theme that emerged at the Seminar for Financial Education, hosted by the Financial Services Board (FSB) in collaboration with the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2I), International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) and the Finmark Trust recently. [Insurance Gateway, 4 October 2016.](#)

**ADESINA URGES AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SEIZE NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES** Speech by AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina at the Third FT Africa Summit in London, 3 October 2016. [Tralac, 3 October 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 news article entitled: *“New research shows that the Sustainable Development Goals matter to leading global businesses?”*, [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 IN THE NEWS

**BKCOB – FIRST GREEN BUSINESS CHAMBER IN SOUTH AFRICA** The BKCOB (Border Kei Chamber of Business) launched their GREEN OFFICE yesterday making them the first Business Chamber in South Africa to be totally green. [East London ShowMe, 30 September 2016.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**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.](#)

**BARLOWORLD CEO TO STEP DOWN** Global industrial group Barloworld’s CEO Clive Thomson will step down next year. Thomson who has been with the group for a decade will hand the baton to Dominic Sewela at the industrials’

next annual general meeting to be held on 8 February 2017. [CNBCAfrica, 3 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.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**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

**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 tomorrow, the 7 of October 2016 to RSVP.

**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.

**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).

**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](#).

**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.

**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-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**.

**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

**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](#)**.

**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. Details **[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.](#)

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