



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

LOURENSFORD TOPS ENERGY CONSERVATION AT GREEN AWARDS Lourensford Estate in Somerset West, having invested over R7 million to install 686kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) plants on the roof of the winery and the packshed, has been named Best Farming Practice Winner in the Leadership in Energy Conservation category at the Nedbank Green Wine Awards 2016 for the second consecutive year. [WEBSITE.](#)

FRANCE PROVIDES €6M GRANT TO AFDB FOR THE AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE The Government of France and the Africa Development Bank on November 6 signed a €6-million agreement for the implementation of the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI). The resources will help set up the Delivery Unit of the Initiative to be hosted at the African Development Bank. [Aspire Africa, 9 November 2016.](#)

MARRAKECH: NEW INITIATIVES ON FOREST PROTECTION GIVE BOOST TO CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA The global effort to protect and sustainably manage forests and deliver on climate change targets got a major boost at the United Nations Climate Conference (COP 22) taking place in Marrakech, Morocco, where several projects on protecting woodlands worldwide were announced today. [Africa Newswire, 9 November 2016.](#)

MINISTER EDNA MOLEWA TO LEAD SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS MARRAKECH, MOROCCO The Minister of Environmental Affairs, Dr Edna Molewa, is to lead the South African delegation at the High Level Segment of the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Marrakech, Morocco, from 12 to 18 November 2016. [Department of Environmental Affairs, 9 November 2016.](#)

WORLD'S FIRST FOREST BOND BEATS EXPECTATIONS A green investment that for the first time channels private money into protecting forests has raised twice as much planned, its issuers said on Tuesday. [Engineering News, 9 November 2016.](#)

COP22 GETS UNDERWAY IN MOROCCO The United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as 'COP 22,' is underway in Marrakech, Morocco, only days after the landmark Paris Agreement, which has been ratified by 100 countries, came into force. [Channel Africa, 8 November 2016.](#)

COP 22: A BIG PUSH TOWARD RENEWABLES LIKELY As the 22nd UN conference on climate change in Marrakesh approaches, an era-defining agreement on emissions reduction has entered into force. [Green Business Guide, 8 November 2016.](#)

MOROCCO LAUNCHES ACTION PLAN TO FIGHT DEVASTATING CLIMATE CHANGE Morocco is using the COP22 conference to formally launch its "Adaptation of African Agriculture" (AAA) initiative. As food security becomes increasingly challenged by erratic weather patterns, the initiative proposes measures such as improved soil management, water and irrigation management and better weather forecasting and insurance programmes for farmers affected by drought. [B4FA, 8 November 2016.](#)

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DESERVES CENTRE STAGE AT MARRAKESH CLIMATE TALKS Agriculture, including forestry and fisheries, is the sector most threatened by climate change. At the same time, the agricultural sectors produce a fifth of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. [BizCommunity, 8 November 2016.](#)

REPORT UNPACKS SUSTAINABLE OCEANS ECONOMY IN SA 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). [Fin24, 8 November 2016.](#)

CLEAN-UP DRIVE FOR SA'S PRECIOUS WATER Public and private organisations are working together to improve the quality of water in the country, with a specific focus on the mining industry. [IOL, 8 November 2016.](#)

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION CRITICAL TO GROWTH SUCCESS The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) works to develop a dedicated agroprocessing incentive to attract investment, Trade and Industry Minister Dr Rob Davies has reiterated the importance of diversifying South Africa's economy. [Engineering News, 8 November 2016.](#)

WWF: UN CLIMATE TALKS IN MARRAKECH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCELERATE GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION Today international negotiations on climate change return to the African continent after the milestone Paris Agreement. The CoP22 which opens in Marrakech, Morocco, today represents an opportunity to accelerate global climate action

as countries meet just days after the world's first universal climate deal becomes a legally binding global agreement. [WWF, 7 November 2016.](#)

MAKING DO WITH LESS WATER: THE NEW REALITY OF FARMING As the impact of an extended period of drought across Southern Africa continues, the concern is setting in among commercial and small-scale farmers that a water-constrained environment may no longer be a short-term challenge. It could, in fact, become the new normal. [Farmer's Weekly, 7 November 2016.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS GO TO COURT TO STOP NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMME South African environmental activists have taken the government to court over its proposed one trillion Rand (about 74.5 billion US dollars) nuclear energy development programme. [AfricaNewswire, 7 November 2016.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. View what they have planned during COP22 [here.](#)

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: "Paris Climate Agreement Enters into Force Sending Powerful Market Signal", [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: "Stewardship is Good for Business", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their article entitled: "Paris Agreement enters into force today: Check out what our CEOs are saying", [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 [NBI's We Mean Business Newsletter: Edition 1.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS

CEO INITIATIVE PLEDGE: Log onto the [CEO PLEDGE WEBSITE](#) and view the growing number of South African CEOs (including small and medium companies) who have signed the CEO Initiative Pledge. The National Business Initiative (NBI), through our CEO Joanne Yawitch, is the Secretariat to the CEO Initiative.

NBI NEWS

COMMIT TO A LOW CARBON AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, THROUGH NBI'S PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL COALITION WMB COP22 began in Morocco this week, a year after the landmark **Paris Agreement** was forged at

COP21. The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** would like to offer you the opportunity to be part of a global movement for change as we enter COP22 and beyond, **by committing to a low carbon and sustainable future**, through our partnership with international coalition **We Mean Business (WMB)**. For more information on the commitments, please see our [campaign overview](#) and [summary of the commitment process](#). Please contact [Amy Marshall](#) if you would like to commit to any **one or more** of these commitments.

OVER 40 CEOS ATTEND THE #SAVESA MEDIA BRIEF: Over 40 CEOs and business leaders gathered in Pretoria, under a banner and campaign called Save South Africa. [CNBCAfrica, 2 November 2016.](#)

CDP CLIMATE CHANGE SOUTH AFRICA REPORT LAUNCH 2016 The 10th successive NBI CDP Climate Change South Africa Launch made for meaningful discussion with the celebrated accelerated progress of the Paris Agreement. The event recognised **Anglo American Platinum, Gold Fields, Harmony Gold Mining Company, Kumba Iron Ore, Mediclinic International, Mondi, Nedbank, Pick n Pay Stores, RCL Foods, Remgro and Sibanye Gold** as South Africa's top performers who compete with the best in the world. Click [here](#) to view more.

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

SOUTH32 OPENS DESALINATION PLANT Diversified mining company South32 has opened a seawater desalination plant at its Hillside aluminium smelter in Richards Bay to mitigate against the drought experienced in KwaZulu-Natal in the last few years. [Engineering News, 8 November 2016.](#)

WOOLWORTHS CELEBRATES YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO EDUCATION Woolworths today announced that it is marking its 85th anniversary by partnering with the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet fundraising programme in order to provide 50 educational bursaries of R20 000 each, totalling R1 million. [HR Pulse, 3 November 2016.](#)

JOHNSON & JOHNSON LAUNCHES AN AFRICA INNOVATION CHALLENGE FOR BUDDING HEALTHCARE ENTREPRENEURS Winners of the challenge could receive up to \$100,000 to bring their forward-thinking ideas to the next level. [WEBSITE.](#)

M&R TO SELL CONSTRUCTION UNITS TO SOUTHERN PALACE-LED CONSORTIUM FOR R314M Engineering and construction group Murray & Roberts (M&R) announced on Tuesday that it had entered into a R314-million agreement to sell eight of its infrastructure and building divisions to a black-empowered entity known as Firefly Investments, led by the Southern Palace Group. [Engineering News, 1 November 2016.](#)

WESIZWE PLATINUM: CHANGING THE GAME PLAN In the five years since Wesizwe Platinum started building the R10.67bn Bakubung platinum mine near Rustenburg, many things have changed. [Financial Mail, 28 October 2016.](#)

TIGER BRANDS IS CERTIFIED AS A TOP EMPLOYER SOUTH AFRICA 2017 Tiger Brands is exceptionally proud to announce that it has once again been certified for Top Employers South Africa status in 2017. More [here.](#)

PICK N PAY PUTS JOB CREATION FIRST Pick n Pay Stores created more than 2 000 new jobs in the first half of its financial year and opened 74 new stores as part of plans to grow its market share in the face of South Africa's sluggish economic growth. [IOL, 19 October 2016.](#)

FNB LAUNCHES PROPERTY OWNERSHIP FINANCIAL NAVIGATION TOOL First National Bank (FNB) has launched its nav» Home edition digital financial navigation service to simplify customers' financial decision-making when buying or selling property. [Engineering News, 19 October 2016..](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

TO ACCESS THE COP22 EVENTS CALENDAR CLICK [HERE](#).

WBCSD ARE PROUD TO LAUNCH THE [LCTPI 2016 PROGRESS REPORT](#).

WESSA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EVENT IN SA This week WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) played host to the 2016 international FEE Eco-Schools conference – also known as the National Operators' Meeting (NOM) – in Johannesburg. [The Green Times, 9 November 2016.](#)

NEW MODEL LETS YOU MAKE MONEY FROM SOLAR FedGroup has launched a project allowing members of the public to own one or more solar panels that form part of a larger facility located on the roofs of commercial and industrial buildings and to earn rent from these. [TechCentral, 8 November 2016.](#)

KING IV: SIMPLE BUT FEARLESS Aimed at promoting the highest standards of corporate governance in South Africa, the King Report on Corporate Governance (King I) was published by the King Committee on Corporate Governance in 1994. Integrating a Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct. The report was the first of its kind in the country. Fast forward 22 years later, King IV was released on the 1st of November 2016. [BBrief, 3 November 2016.](#)

FOUR TOP FINANCE BOSSES REVEAL THE REASONS FOR THEIR SUCCESS ON THE CONTINENT What does it take to be successful in the rest of Africa? We asked four CFOs who were nominated for the 2016 CFO Awards to share some tips. [CFO South Africa, 2 November 2016.](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE NUMBERS Infographic on renewable energy. [Financial Mail, 28 October 2016.](#)

ENTRIES ARE OPEN FOR ECO-LOGIC AWARDS 2017 The Enviropaedia has officially opened the 2017 Eco-Logic Awards competition, calling on the public to help identify and nominate individuals, organisations and communities that positively contribute towards an environmentally sustainable world for us to live in. Details [here](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT PARTNERS If you need to understand what it means to do business with respect for human rights, look no further than this guide. Read [here](#).

WWF LIVING PLANET REPORT MEDIA RELEASE Please find attached a media release about WWF International's latest Living Planet Report which was released internationally today. Published every two years, the report has become the world's leading, science-based analysis on the health of our planet and the impact of human activity. Knowing we only have one planet, WWF believes that humanity can make better choices that translate into clear benefits for ecology, society and the economy today and in the long term. For more on the report and to download the full document, please click on this [link](#).

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.

NBI EVENTS 2016

NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 17 November 2016 at ARUP, Melrose Arch. Please contact [Jo-Anne Stanford](#) should you wish to attend. The meeting will take place at 15:30 for 16:00 to 18:00 followed by cocktails.

NBI TRANSFORMATION DIALOGUE SERIES Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at Sanlam, Sandton. The NBI's overarching strategic focus is to enable member company participation in contributing to economic transition and social transformation. This implies not only a positive relationship between business and society, but also a corporate sector that demonstrates a commitment to internal transformation including to addressing issues of equity and diversity. The NBI has planned a series of dialogues that address key political and transformation issues in a practical and positive way that will start now and continue into 2017. If you are a NBI Member Company and wish to attend this dialogue, please click [ACCEPT](#).

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) ON THE WWF WATER RISK FILTER Tuesday, 29 November 2016 at The Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. Water risk, whether related to the current national drought or more systemic risks factors, is as relevant in South Africa today than at any other point in our contemporary history. The completion of a water risk assessment is instrumental in understanding risk to company operations, reputation and business growth. If you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this session please click [here](#).

A VISUAL DISPLAY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CDP WATER REPORT 2016 Thursday, 1 December 2016 at The Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. Please join us for a packed water launch in 2016, as we discuss the key findings from CDP Water for 2016, hear from the National Planning Commission on future water development in South Africa and consider the role of water in a low carbon economy. Please click [ACCEPT](#) if you wish to attend this launch.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016/2017

INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE ON URBAN SAFETY 16 November 2016 at DBSA, Midrand. This Infrastructure Dialogue looks at how public spaces in South Africa can be made safer and more inclusive, in order to realise their full value. One of the defining characteristics of public spaces in South Africa is that they are, or are perceived to be, unsafe. In the most recent National Victims of Crime Survey, more than a third (nearly 37%) of respondents reported that they are prevented from going to open spaces or parks due to fear of crime. [RSVP](#).

WATER ANALYSIS AND MONITORING 21 to 25 November 2016 in Pretoria. The water analysis and monitoring course updates water professionals on current and emerging methods for sampling, handling, analysis and data management that have recently been developed to inform better decision making for resource preservation. [BizCommunity](#).

SME SCALE-UP EVENT 23 November 2016 at VodaWorld, Midrand. This event is an informative session for entrepreneurs and business owners to learn how to develop growth strategies and expose opportunities to create jobs in the SME sector - particularly in the era of industrialisation. Details [here](#).

2017 MINING INDABA 6 to 9 February 2017 in Cape Town. Investing in African Mining Indaba is the world's largest Mining Investment Conference and the World's largest Mining Event in Africa. [WEBSITE](#).

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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2016

UNFCCC COP 22 7 to 18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco. This is the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC, focussing on action items in order to achieve the priorities of The Paris Agreement, especially related to adaptation, transparency, technology transfer, mitigation, capacity building and loss and damages. [WEBSITE](#).

DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE DAYS 12 to 13 November 2016 Marrakech, Morocco. This year's Development and Climate Days ('D&C Days') – being held as always on the middle weekend of the annual UN climate talks: **COP 22** in November in Marrakech – will focus on fulfilling the ambitions of the Paris climate agreement to ensure resilient and equitable development. Register [here](#).

GLOBAL BRAINSTORMING ON PATHWAYS TO LOW EMISSIONS 14 to 16 November 2016 Marrakech, Morocco. This three-day Low-Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC) is aimed at problem solving, brainstorming, and global co-creation to inform nations about the latest technology developments. It will bring together technical experts and world-leading scientists, engineers and innovators from business, academia, and cities, to share knowledge, exchange information, identify bottlenecks, discuss best practices, and prioritize future research in order to set common technological trajectories for a decarbonized economy as well as the transformations necessary in each sector. [WEBSITE](#).

CDP'S ACHIEVING OUR LOW-CARBON FUTURE WITH A WATER SECURE WORLD 15 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco. [Register](#).

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](#).

WEBINAR: JOIN CLIMATE DISCLOSURE STANDARDS BOARD AND WE MEAN BUSINESS: Commit To Action to find out how the changing policies in the remainder of 2016 may affect the way companies report climate change information in their mainstream annual reports **22 November 2016 at 9 AM GMT // 10 AM CET // 4 PM HKT**. This webinar will cover the ways companies can be first movers ahead of the G20 Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures and EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive, through the Commit to Action platform. Read about the initiatives at www.cdp.net/commit. [Registration Link](#).

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](#).

WEBINAR ON 'CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE: A KEY TECHNOLOGY IN LOW-EMISSIONS PATHWAYS'. 29

November, 2016 15:00 GMT Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is a key technology in transforming the energy system and moving towards the long-term temperature goals of the Paris Agreement. However, there are several barriers preventing it from expanding more swiftly. Register [here](#).

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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