



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

COMMERCIAL GIANTS RECOGNISED FOR ENERGY SAVINGS The City of Cape Town and its partners have recognised Old Mutual, Ackermans, and the Clicks Group for their substantial reduction in energy usage. [*BizCommunity, 3 November 2016.*](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLEAN ENERGY IN THE 2030 AGENDA: WHAT ROLE FOR THE TRADE SYSTEM? The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) including 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and supporting targets and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, will form the substantive core of the new global development agenda. [*Tralac, 3 November 2016.*](#)

WWF-SA WELCOMES SOUTH AFRICA'S RATIFICATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT Environmental preservation

organisation World Wide Fund for Nature – South Africa (WWF-SA) has welcomed South Africa’s ratification of the milestone Paris agreement reached at the twenty-first Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). [Megan van Wyngaardt, Engineering News, 2 November 2016.](#)

GLOBAL WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY IS SOARING, HEARS WINDABA China is still leading the charge in the wind energy industry, outpacing by far the US, Germany, India and Spain. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 2 November 2016.](#)

LOERIESFONTEIN WIND FARM’S SUCCESSFUL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT Loeriesfontein Wind Farm has announced that it has achieved over a million hours without a single lost-time-incident, on the 31 October 2016, which is a health and safety highlight in this renewable energy project’s construction programme. [Green Business Guide, 2 November 2016.](#)

TOWARDS CLEAN WATER SOURCES - SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY AT THE FOREFRONT OF WATER SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES Government’s recent commitment to a contribution of R600 million annually to address the Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) problem, coupled with the launch of its clear rivers campaign and the release of the Water Quality Management Policy is a clear demonstration of its commitment to finding solutions to the country’s multifaceted water challenges. [Insurance Gateway, 2 November 2016.](#)

SA, NORWAY TAP INTO SCIENCE TO GROW OCEAN ECONOMY South Africa and Norway are exploring new business opportunities in the blue economy and other innovative solutions to address global challenges such as rising poverty, inequality and increased demand for energy. [BizCommunity, 1 November 2016.](#)

SA: JUDY BEAUMONT: ADDRESS BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY, AT THE NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR COP 22/CMP12, National Monument, Pretoria (01/11/2016) [Polity, 1 November 2016.](#)

RENEWABLES AND GAS: THE FUTURE OF SA'S ENERGY SUPPLY The irreversible momentum achieved by the industry now points to renewable energy and gas as the preferred future for energy supply in South Africa. [BizCommunity, 1 November 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: “Executive Update: Global Goals Taking Shape in Gulf Business Ambitions”, [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.](#)

CDP The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Download their latest report entitled: “**Out of the starting blocks - Tracking progress on corporate climate action**”, [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their top messages for Cop 22, [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

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

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

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, totaling R1 million. [HR Pulse, 3 November 2016.](#)

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.](#)

SANLAM EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPE TOWN MARATHON The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon has received a major boost, with Sanlam announcing it will extend its sponsorship of the event for another three years. [Sport24, 18 October 2016.](#)

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.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

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.](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN CITIES The transition to renewables cuts across the entire urban energy landscape, from buildings to transport, to industry and power. Renewables can bring tremendous benefits to cities, including cleaner air, modern services and improved living spaces. At the same time, cities are crucial to the world's transition to a low-carbon economy, accounting for 65% of global energy use and 70% of man-made carbon emissions. Download the report [here](#).

INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY Whether you are an economist, an energy financier, a multilateral organisation or an investment professional, the 2016 RE Investment Africa Summit is not one to miss. [The Green Business Guide, 19 October 2016.](#)

KPMG: THE ECONOMICS OF #FEESMUSTFALL The economics of #FeesMustFall Economic challenges to accessing tertiary education and providing tuition-free universities in South Africa. Read the report [here](#).

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](#).

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

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at Nedbank Sandton. Last chance to register! 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 register for this dialogue.

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 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](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2016/2017

HANDS-ON SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT 7 to 11 November 2016, Cricklewood Manor Boutique Hotel, Pretoria.

The hands-on supply chain management short course will provide you with an understanding of how a truly integrated supply chain creates value - for your organisation, its supply chain partners and shareholders. Tap into a realistic business environment using sophisticated computerised simulation where teams are challenged to run their own businesses and achieve determined business objectives. Learn how to align supply, production, distribution and demand - and then how to run the supply chain process successfully. Click [here](#) for further information.

2016 SOUTH AFRICAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONVENTION 8 to 9 November 2016 Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng. The 2016SAEEEC is an important energy event of national scope for end-users and energy professionals in all areas of the energy field. It is the one truly comprehensive forum where you can fully assess the big picture – and see exactly how all the economic and market forces, new technologies, regulatory developments and industry trends merge to shape the critical decisions on your organisation's energy and economic future. View the programme [here](#).

SEMINAR THEMED “MAKING ENERGY EFFICIENCY MORE COST EFFECTIVE” to be hosted by the Department of Energy during the 2016 Southern African Energy Efficiency Convention 9 November 2016, Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng. This seminar is aimed at re-launching the Energy Efficiency Leadership Network (EELN) and igniting dialogue among EELN signatories on the cost-effectiveness of energy efficiency in South Africa. It will bring together senior and executive officials from the public and private sectors with a view of increasing signatories of the EELN and sharing energy efficiency experiences. Click here to [RSVP](#) or call Pamela Twala on: **012 406 7611**.

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](#).

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](#).

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

POWER WEEK 7 to 11 November 2016, Park Royal Hotel, Singapore. Designed for the global electric power & energy industry, POWER WEEK provides 5 days of networking opportunities, consisting of 2-day conference as the focal event, 3 workshops, 2 supplementary master classes, multiple case studies, expert views, and valuable insights on market outlook. [Further Information](#).

UNFCCC COP 22 7 to 18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco. Less than a week to go! This will be the 22nd session

of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UNFCCC. COP22 will take over the reins from COP21 during which important progress was made. It will focus 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.](#)

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.](#)

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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