

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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## CALL FOR TVET COLLEGE GRADUATES

As a result of the successful implementation of a structured placement programme in 2016 of Civil Engineering and Building Construction graduates in bricklaying and carpentry for the construction sector, the National Business Initiative (NBI) is scaling-up the placement programme in 2017. For 2017, the structured placement programme will include Hospitality and Tourism TVET College graduates. The NBI has entered into a partnership with the Nedbank Foundation, Harambee and the Institute of Plumbing South Africa to train plumbing graduates in the installation and maintenance of Solar Water Heaters. The NBI is inviting applications from:

- Civil Engineering and Building Construction TVET graduates with NCV Level 4 qualification achieved between 2012 & 2016, in carpentry and roof work, concrete structures, bricklaying, plumbing, roads or electrical systems and construction.
- Hospitality and Tourism TVET college graduates with NCV Level 4 qualification achieved between 2012 & 2016.

For further information please contact [Shavilla Harpal](#) or call 011 544 6000 **by 17 February 2017**.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH WILL PICK UP IN 2017** In PwC's 20th annual survey of CEOs worldwide, 38% (2016:35%) are very confident about their company's growth prospects in the next 12 months while 29% (2016:27%) believe global economic growth will pick up in 2017. [Energy Forecast, 1 February 2017.](#)

**G20 AFRICA CONFERENCE KICKS OFF** Wednesday was the first day of the G20 Africa conference, discussing issues that will forge the African agenda at the Group of 20 Summit. [CNBC Africa, 1 February 2017.](#)

**6 TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 2017 EU STATE OF THE ENERGY UNION** Brussels bids for climate leadership as US backs out, but stocktake shows clean energy momentum slowing and a carbon lock-in risk from gas pipelines. [Megan Darby, Climate Change News, 1 February 2017.](#)

**BUSINESS PROCESS SERVICES INCENTIVE SCHEME CREATED 30 000 JOBS – DTI** The [Business Process Services](#) (BPS) Incentive Scheme of the department of trade and industry (DTI) has created 30 000 jobs since 2011, the department said on Tuesday. [Engineering News, 1 February 2017.](#)

**SA NEEDS TO START PREPARING FOR A CARBON TAX NEXT YEAR** South Africans should prepare for a new Carbon Tax in 2018, which will be levied on the carbon content of fuels says Izak Swart, director of Carbon Tax at Deloitte South Africa. [Knysna – Plett Herald, 1 February 2017.](#)

**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE IS KEY TO ENSURING EQUITABLE GROWTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** A new World Bank policy report urges developing countries and international development agencies to rethink their approach to governance, as a key to overcoming challenges related to security, growth, and equity. [Tralac, 31 January 2017.](#)

**PROFESSORS DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY FOR SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER** Three university professors, who have developed a revolutionary ground water absorption treatment system hope their work will change the lives of millions of rural South Africans. [BizCommunity, 31 January 2017.](#)

**UNIVERSITIES KEY IN SUSTAINABILITY GOALS** Universities need to take the lead in solving the greatest challenges the world faces today, particularly in Africa. [IT-Online, 31 January 2017.](#)

**ROLE OF ICT IN IMPLEMENTING SDGS** ICT notably mobile penetration has played an important role in the attainment of SDGs as it has demonstrated to be the fastest technology uptake in human history. [CNBC Africa, 31 January 2017.](#)

**WATER SCARCITY DOMINATES SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE** Water scarcity and water quality are two key issues facing SA, and innovative approaches are required to ameliorate both, writes Legalbrief. Water scarcity has dominated discussions at the 6th World Sustainability Forum being held in Cape Town. [Legal Brief, 31 January 2017.](#)

**TECHNOLOGY BOOST FOR EC SCHOOL** Life will never be the same again for hundreds of pupils from an

Eastern Cape rural school which received a major technology boost on Tuesday, thanks to a government-private sector partnership. *Knowledge Bylanes South Africa, 31 January 2017.*

**NEW UN CHIEF SAYS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH AU** The newly appointed United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday expressed keen interest to work with the African Union (AU) and its member states. *Africa Time, 30 January 2017.*

## NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

**CDP** The CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. Read their latest press release entitled: “*New York Pension Fund Joins Multi-billion-dollar International Investors to Reduce Carbon Footprint*”, [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 executive update entitled: “*The Power of Principles in Uncertain Times*”, [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 about: “*Worsening Water Challenges?*”, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their new report, launched at WEF 2017, entitled: “*Sustainability and enterprise risk management*”, [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 Special Edition 2: We Mean Business Newsletter December 2016*’, on the [NBI Website](#).

## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**NBI ANNOUNCES CDP KEY PROCEDURAL CHANGES** The NBI has implemented a key methodological change for CDP South Africa reports, along with CDP Global announcing two main high level changes: an administrative fee to be paid by all responding companies and sector-focussed questionnaires. [Read NBI Notification here](#).

**ACHIEVING DIVERSITY OF SUPPLIERS IS A WIN-WIN** There is a business case for black economic empowerment (BEE) that will benefit all stakeholders, the South African Supplier Diversity Council believes. [Business Day, 19 January 2017.](#)

**9/12: THE DAY SA BUSINESS WOKE UP** The watershed political events of a year ago formed the impetus for

the private sector to speak its mind. In a year that was truly stranger than fiction, big business found its voice and piled into politically sticky situations it has traditionally shied away from. [Lisa Steyn, Mail & Guardian, 22 December 2016.](#)

**AN IMPORTANT MOMENT: TCFD LAUNCHES RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT** In our feedback to Member Companies, arising from NBI participation in the Business and Climate Summit (London in June 2016) followed by Climate Week New York (September 2016), the NBI has been advising that you watch out for feedback from the Financial Services Board Task Force for Climate Related Financial Disclosure. This project has the potential for changing the game in climate risk disclosure. [NBI Quick Brief, December 2016.](#)

**TOOLS AND REFERENCES TO MAKE SENSE OF COP22** Despite the political uncertainty introduced by President-Elect Trump's electioneering statements, such as his stated intention to "End the War on Coal" and to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, nearly 30 additional countries ratified the Paris Agreement in the run up to the COP. In particular, key emitters such as the UK and Australia joined after the US elections had taken place. [NBI Quick Brief, December 2016.](#)

**UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE BASED TARGETS** The National Business Initiative (NBI) has chosen to prioritise Science Based Targets (SBTs) as an important focus area in our on-going campaign with the international coalition, We Mean Business (WMB). [NBI Quick Brief, November 2016.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**MONDI APPOINTS NEW CEO AS HATHORN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT** [David Hathorn](#) will step down as CEO of [packaging](#) and [paper](#) group [Mondi](#) on May 11. He will be succeeded by [Peter Oswald](#), who is currently CEO of [Mondi's Europe & International](#) division. [Engineering News, 1 February 2017.](#)

**ANTHONY LEEMING TAKES THE HELM AT SUN INTERNATIONAL** Hotel and casino group Sun International's chief financial officer Anthony Leeming succeeded Graeme Stephens as CEO on Wednesday, three months earlier than originally scheduled. [Business Day, 1 February 2017.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS PALMYRA STORE RECEIVES SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST 5-STAR RETAIL TENANT GREEN BUILDING RATING** The Woolworths Palmyra store in Claremont, Cape Town has become the first retail outlet in South Africa to achieve a 5-star rating certified by the Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA), using the Green Star SA – Existing Building Performance Custom Tenant rating tool. [Supermarket & Retailer, 31 January 2017.](#)

**[BARLOWORLD AND BAYWA EXTEND COLLABORATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA](#)** South Africa's Barloworld Limited and BayWa AG of Munich, Germany, are to establish a new joint venture to further their agriculture and materials handling operations in southern Africa. [Crown Publications, 18 January 2017.](#)

**SASOL CEO OUTLINES EXPANSION PLANS** [CNBC Africa, 18 January 2017.](#)

**CARBON TAX LAGGARDS MAY PAY DEARLY** Some mid-size companies not generally viewed as big polluters could end up paying more carbon tax than mining, manufacturing and metals-processing players with larger CO<sub>2</sub> footprints. The alert has been sounded by ERM Southern Africa, part of the global Environmental

Resources Management group, the world's leading sustainability consultancy. [Africa Science News, 12 January 2017.](#)

**FIELDS OF BARLEY: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES AND INCREASING LOCAL INPUT** South African Breweries (SAB) draws much of its success from the expansive barley fields of the Southern and Northern Cape that are flourishing under the care of both commercial and emerging farmers. [Harvest SA, 7 December 2016.](#)

**PRIORITIZING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO ACCELERATE GROWTH IN AFRICA** ABB supported a number of pledges signed by world leaders at COP21 in [Paris](#), including a commitment to scale up [renewable energy](#) and help emerging economies transition their markets for [energy efficient products](#). At COP22, [ABB](#) showed how this commitment translates into [solutions](#) and [services](#) that enable access to [electricity](#) and improve lives. [Engineering News, 7 December 2016.](#)

**TIGER BRANDS: PLANNING A POWER SURGE** Since becoming Tiger Brands' CEO just six months ago Lawrence MacDougall has wasted no time getting to grips with putting the food sector also-ran back on a growth track. [Financial Mail, 2 December 2016.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**THE NDP - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW** In 2012, the government adopted the National Development Plan (NDP) which is a long term vision and plan for the country. [City Press, 1 February 2017.](#)

**2017 CDP SUPPLY CHAIN REPORT LAUNCHED: ['The Missing Link: Harnessing the power of purchasing for a sustainable future'](#)** which was launched online last week.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP) OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ITCILO) FOR 2017** ITCILO is the training arm of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations agency entrusted with promoting social justice, including internationally recognized human rights and labour standards. We offer a range of learning modalities, mostly professional training courses and Masters programmes (in association with the University of Turin, the University of Barcelona and SciencesPo, Paris). For more information on the content and the specific objectives of the courses offered in each of these areas of expertise, click on the following links: [Procurement management](#), [Programme and Project Cycle Management](#), [Green Jobs](#), [Multinational Enterprises and Global Supply Chains / Enterprise Development](#). The complete brochure of SDP on short professional courses for the year 2017 as well as on the upcoming Masters programmes is available [here](#).

**RETHINKING ENERGY 2017: ACCELERATING THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSFORMATION** Renewable energy is a fundamental and growing part of the global energy transformation. Increasingly, renewables have become the first choice for expanding, upgrading and modernising power systems around the world. Download Rethinking Energy 2017 [here](#).

**UNGC EXECUTIVE UPDATE: ANNUAL LETTER TO UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT PARTICIPANTS** Read [here](#).

**COMMENTS REQUESTED ON THE NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY, INTEGRATED ENERGY PLAN (IEP)**

**AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)** Click [here](#) for further information.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SWITCH AFRICA GREEN – SEED AWARDS 2017** SEED has opened the Call for Applications for the 2017 SWITCH Africa Green (SAG) – SEED Awards. The SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development is an annual awards scheme designed to find the most promising, innovative and locally led start-up eco-inclusive enterprises in countries with developing and emerging economies. The deadline for applications is **8 March 2017**. [Further information.](#)

**WWF'S WATER RISK FILTER** In November 2016 the NBI hosted a Thought Leadership Series (TLS) event with WWF and CDP on the Water Risk Filter, focussing on how to access and make use of this tool, as well as to understand its application by companies. [NBI Quick Brief, December 2016.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2017

**ACCELERATING YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY - HARNESSING THE COLLECTIVE ACTION OF SMALL AND EMERGING CONTRACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY** Wednesday, 15 February 2017, The Peter Clogg Auditorium, Group Five, Waterfall Business Estate, Midrand. There is growing realisation of the vital role of small and emerging contractors in developing a pipeline of skilled youth for the construction sector. The National Business Initiative is hosting a Thought Leadership and Dialogue Discussion on the role and contribution of sub-contractors in accelerating youth employability for the construction industry. Discussions will draw on the reflections and lessons learnt from the implementation of a structured workplace-based learning programme, purposefully designed for the construction industry. Please contact [Shavilla Harpal](#) should you wish to attend this session or call **011 544 6000**.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

**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.](#)

**INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE - SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES: EMPLOYMENT IN AND THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S JOBS CRISIS** Thursday, 9 February at the DBSA, Midrand, Gauteng. This Infrastructure Dialogue looks at the constraints and implications of infrastructure approaches, investments and development on economic growth and jobs in the current economic context. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**SEMINAR ON THE SOCIAL AND ETHICS COMMITTEES** 9 February 2017 at the DBSA, Midrand, Gauteng. The Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) in collaboration with the Companies Tribunal is hosting a Seminar to discuss how S&ECs are implemented in various companies with special emphasis on their impact, more particularly their interaction with communities in which companies operate, contribution to corporate sustainability and their broader functions as stipulated in Regulation 43 of the Companies Act. Space is limited. Please RSVP your attendance no later than 3 February 2017 with [Lekgala Morwamohube](#), Tel: **012 394 3297**; or [Elsie Hlahaswane](#), Tel: **012 394 3368**.

**2017 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK** 14 February 2017 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. This highly anticipated annual event is an ideal opportunity for you to gain exclusive insights from business leaders, economists, analysts, government, strategists, entrepreneurs, experts and investors on the major developing trends and influences in the economy as well as impact on businesses in South Africa. [GIBS.](#)

**AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 21 to 22 February 2017 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.**  
The 2017 Africa Energy Indaba Conference will discuss debate and seek solutions to enable adequate energy generation across the continent. **Registration Form.**

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE** followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) based on the new Standards 21 to 23 February 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** 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.**

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI WORKSHOP ON THE TRANSITION FROM G4 TO THE NEW GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS 24 February 2017 (morning session) at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** 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.**

**EXECUTIVE BRIEFING - WATER AS A BUSINESS RISK 3 March 2017 at the Maslow Hotel in Sandton.** Don't miss this opportunity to learn from South Africa's best in water as they provide essential insight into: The state of the nation's water/Financing water infrastructure solutions/Unlocking real business value and financial rewards through water stewardship/Real examples and success stories from South African businesses. Register **here.**

**OPEN EDUCATION GLOBAL CONFERENCE 8 to 10 March 2017 at The Cape Town International Conference Centre, Western Cape.** This is the largest international conference dedicated to the impacts and practice of open education worldwide. The conference attracts faculty, teachers, administrators, policy makers, companies and educational professionals from around the globe. The theme of the 2017 Open Education Global Conference is Open for Participation. We will discuss pressing needs in education at all levels and examine how open approaches in education can increase access, equity and opportunities. **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 De Kok** on **magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.**

**ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 16 to 18 May 2017 Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa.** Everything you want and need to know about renewable energy and the future of energy development and growth in Africa comes under the spotlight at **Energy Revolution Africa 2017.** This co-located event to African Utility Week will be hosted for the first time in Africa.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017**

**2017 CARBON TRUST PUBLIC SECTOR CONFERENCE 21 February 2017 London, United Kingdom.** Join 250+ public sector colleagues at the Carbon Trust Public Sector Conference 2017 to discuss ideas, share best practice and learn about how different public sector organisations are reducing their carbon, water and waste emissions and leading the response to climate change amongst the communities and businesses that they serve and support. [Read more & register.](#)

**BETTER BUSINESS BETTER WORLD CONFERENCE 23 February 2017 Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.** The objective of this conference is to build support for the Global Goals as the right strategy for growth for business in Africa, and at the same time to launch the **Better Business, Better World Report** by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission. For further details or to RSVP, please click [here.](#)

**A CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: SETTING SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS 23 February 2017 On-Line.** A webinar discussion on Science-based targets, why they are important and the benefits companies can experience by setting them. [Register.](#)

**INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY & REGIONAL BUSINESS SUPPORT INITIATIVES FOR SMALL Businesses 23 February 2017 Nottingham, United Kingdom.** Receive free energy efficiency training from a Carbon Trust expert and explore some of the East Midlands regional initiatives that provide support and funding to develop and grow your business. Details [here.](#)

**POWERING AFRICA 9 to 10 March 2017 Washington DC, USA.** The annual [Powering Africa: Summit](#) returns to Washington DC this March, providing a platform for Africa's energy sector stakeholders and developers to engage multilaterals, global investors and technology providers. The meeting will present backbone energy and infrastructure projects to proactive partners.

**WORLD WATER DAY 22 March 2017** View [here.](#)

**WATERSHED – REPLENISHING WATER VALUES FOR A THIRSTY WORLD** On March 22nd, World Water Day 2017, Pope Francis will inspire a global conversation. His address from the Vatican will help shift how the world values and understands its single most precious resource: water. Immediately following the Papal address, at 10:30am CET, 400 thought leaders from around the world will convene at WATERSHED. These policy makers and academics, together with students, artists, business leaders and men and women from the most at-risk populations will begin an unprecedented dialogue around the value and values of water. The conference will be co-hosted by the [Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture](#) and [the Club of Rome](#). [WEBSITE.](#)

**2017 WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING 27 to 30 March 2017 Montreux, Switzerland.** The urgency of building a sustainable world is more acute than ever. And while the opportunities offered by sustainable and inclusive growth are outstanding, companies everywhere are now grappling with the uncertainty of today's social, economic and political realities. The 2017 LD meeting will put the spotlight on some of the most critical issues for business. [Register](#) to take advantage of the early bird rates, which close on 20 February.

**2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROTECTION (ICESDP'17) 2 to 4 April 2017, Barcelona, Spain.** ICESDP'17 aims to become the leading annual conference in fields related to environmental sustainability, development and protection. [WEBSITE.](#)



**2017 WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA 3 to 5 May 2017 in KwaZulu-Natal at the Durban ICC, South Africa.** WEF Africa comes four months after the conclusion of the 47th WEF annual meeting held in the Davos last week, where world leaders and business leaders gathered to address problems facing the global community. [Further information.](#)

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