

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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"TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINED HIGHER GROWTH, THERE ARE ALSO MORE FUNDAMENTAL, MORE RADICAL TRANSFORMATION MEASURES THAT ARE NEEDED." Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, Budget Speech 2017. [Watch video here.](#)

AGRICULTURE DEPT TARGETS CREATING 60,000 JOBS The Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries plans to spend over R1.7bn and create 60,000 jobs, according to Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's Budget Speech. [BizCommunity, 23 February 2017.](#)

THE NILE – A SOURCE OF ENERGY, FOOD AND WATER FOR ALL River Nile is a trans-boundary resource shared by 11 countries in the Nile Basin, each with different and, sometimes, conflicting interests. This scarce resource is a source of water, energy and food, all of which are essential to human well-being, poverty reduction and sustainable development. [East African Business News, 22 February 2017.](#)

MAJOR GLOBAL AGREEMENT COMES INTO FORCE MAKING TRADE CHEAPER, EASIER AND FASTER Members of the World Trade Organization, supported by UNCTAD, commit to streamlining procedures that will significantly increase international trade, reduce corruption and boost development. [Tralac, 22 February 2017.](#)

GOVT COMMITS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY Finance minister Pravin Gordhan has thrown his weight behind the renewable energy industry and says government will continue to support the independent power producer (IPP) programme. [IT Web, 22 February 2017.](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION SECURES A FURTHER R5BN IN FUNDING The National Treasury allocates a further R5-billion to support financially-strapped students, new ways are being examined to develop a clear roadmap to mitigate the magnitude of the student funding challenge faced by young South Africans. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 22 February 2017.](#)

EDUCATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MUST BOOST EMPLOYMENT Education and skills shortcomings are at the heart of South Africa's employment crisis, said Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan in his 2017 Budget Overview on Wednesday. [FIN 24, 22 February 2017.](#)

GERMANY SHARES ITS RENEWABLE-ENERGY LESSONS [Germany](#) is on an all-out campaign to decarbonise its [energy system](#), with plans to slice carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 80% to 90% by 2050. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 21 February 2017.](#)

100+ SPECIES FACE EXTINCTION AS WARMING HITS AUSTRALIA'S SOUTHERN WATERS Scientists tell senate committee that marine animals and plants at Australia's southern-most point have "nowhere to go" and will disappear this century. [Climate Change News, 21 February 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: "CDP ramps up plans for Task Force adoption to bring climate change into the boardroom", [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. Access the “UN Global Compact 2017 Toolbox”, [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 blog article entitled: “Protecting our water sources brings a wealth of benefits”, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their article entitled: “From Fork to Farm: WBCSD’s FReSH Framework for Transforming Global Food Systems”, [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 document entitled: “REALIZING THE AMBITION of the Paris Agreement”, [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

MAKANO MOROJELE, HEAD OF SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AT THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED ON CLIFF CENTRAL’S TEBOHO MAFODI AND BULELANI BALABALA SHOW (360 Biz). Please click [here](#) to listen to the Podcast.

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) RECENTLY HOSTED AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON ACCELERATING YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY: HARNESSING THE COLLECTIVE ACTION OF SMALL AND EMERGING CONTRACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY at Group 5 in Johannesburg. The event which will also be held in Cape Town and Durban over the next few months, marked an important milestone in the implementation of the joint initiative between Harambee and the Construction Industry Partnership (CIP), facilitated and managed by the NBI. This initiative seeks to offer structured placements to TVET College Graduates so that they are well-equipped for entry level jobs into the construction industry. Please contact [Cecil Macheke](#) for additional information or [Shavilla Harpal](#) if you are interested in attending the Cape Town and Durban sessions. [#NBI Skills](#)

OPPORTUNITIES WORTH US\$ 12 TRILLION FOR BUSINESS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS One year after Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) became effective, a report titled Better Business, Better World by Business Commission on Sustainable Development (BCSD) estimates that the SDGs will open up business opportunities to the tune of US\$12 trillion across four economic systems. The 4 systems researched are Food and Agriculture; Cities; Energy & Materials; and Health & Well-Being. [NBI Quick Brief, 7 February 2017.](#)

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.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

THE 702 BUSINESS ACCELERATOR CAMPAIGN WITH NEDBANK CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEURS WHO BUILD THE BUSINESSES THAT SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS. The campaign aims to help successful, established entrepreneurs get to the next level by giving business owners the opportunity to share their stories and insights on air. [Website.](#)

WHY THE 'GREEN ECONOMY' OFFERS GOLD FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS For innovative SMMes, green is the new gold. There is a growing trend towards caring, sharing and sustainability. This offers opportunities for SMMes to build both a niche and become part of an inclusive supply chain that will support the growing green and blue economies. [Standard Bank BizConnect.](#)

WOOLIES S.A RAISES R100-M FOR EDUCATION The MySchool and Woolworths campaign to 'Raise R100 million for Education' has managed to raise R104.9 million, exceeding the original target of R100 million set in April 2015. [CNBC Africa, 23 February 2017.](#)

BURSON-MARSTELLER SA'S NEW PROGRAMME SEARCHES FOR CEO-IN-TRAINING Global strategic communications and public relations firm, Burson-Marsteller have launched the Cornerstones Executive Development Programme, designed to develop the future generation of leadership of the firm in South Africa. [BizCommunity, 21 February 2017.](#)

DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S BROADER RENEWABLE ENERGY VALUE CHAIN HOLDS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL SAYS STANDARD BANK Africa's broader energy production value chain holds enormous potential to deliver better solutions for the end user and for a reduced carbon footprint. [Insurance Gateway, 15 February 2017.](#)

NEF MERGES WITH IDC TO ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK INDUSTRIALISTS The National Empowerment Fund (NEF) will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the [Industrial](#) Development Corporation (IDC) in a move designed to better meet the considerable demand for funding by black entrepreneurs. [Engineering News, 15 February 2017.](#)

SAPPI TO INVEST \$305M IN US, EUROPE MILLS JSE listed [Sappi](#) will invest \$305-million over a three-year period in certain of its [operations](#) in the US and [Europe](#), the company said on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 8 February 2017.](#)

BARLOWORLD ENTERS NEW FINANCIAL YEAR ON STRONG FOOTING JSE listed Barloworld has experienced a strong start to its 2017 [financial](#) year, with its Southern African [equipment](#) division's order book already standing at R1.7-billion at end-January, up from the previous quarter's R1.3-billion. [Engineering News, 8 February 2017.](#)

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND VODACOM FOUNDATION IMPROVING LEARNING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN DUNOON, CAPE TOWN Human Settlements Deputy Minister, Zou Kota-Fredericks in partnership with Vodacom Foundation will hand over a fully equipped cyber lab to Dunoon Primary School to address socio-economic challenges, amongst them the issue of access to education and internet to learners from vulnerable households in the area. [Knowledge Bylanes, 6 February 2017.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

GET SKILLS TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS The SAB Foundation invites applications for the 2017 Tholoana Enterprise Programme for entrepreneurs who want to grow their business. Applications close on 15 March 2017. [Netwerk24, 23 February 2017.](#)

2017 CDP SUPPLY CHAIN REPORT LAUNCHED: 'The Missing Link: Harnessing the power of purchasing for a sustainable future' which was recently launched online.

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](#).

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.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2017

CDP CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER WORKSHOPS 2017 – DURBAN, CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG taking place in March 2017. The CDP workshops will provide companies with feedback on key outcomes from the 2016 CDP reporting round and give companies an update on what to expect for 2017. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for further details regarding these sessions or RSVP by clicking on the relevant city: [Durban – 13 March 2017](#), [Cape Town – 14 March 2017](#) or [Johannesburg - 17 March 2017](#).

EXECUTIVE DINNER: SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCENARIOS Tuesday, 7 March 2017. By invitation only. Details to follow shortly.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES (TLS) – DEBATING THE IRP AND IEP Wednesday, 8 March 2017 Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton. After much anticipation, both the updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for electricity and the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) were released by the Department of Energy for comment in November 2016. With the comments period for both the draft IRP and IEP extended until 31 March 2017, this TLS event will provide an opportunity for NBI members to reflect on key aspects of both the IRP and IEP, to discuss their relative importance within national energy decision making, and to consider specific components of both plans that could be strengthened or adapted prior to their final promulgation. This event is for NBI Member Companies only and seating is limited. Please RSVP [here](#).

INDUCTION ON THE UNGC REPORTING FRAMEWORK & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at the NBI offices, Parktown. The Global Compact Network South Africa and the NBI are hosting an induction session on UNGC Reporting. Signatories to the UNGC are required to submit periodic reports on progress on the 10 Principles. For UNGC Signatory Companies only and seating is limited. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

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.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION 1 March 2017 at the Durban Chamber Of Commerce and Industry. The Durban Chamber is hosting a skills development exhibition for you to learn more about implementing skills development and/or training in your organisation. For further information please contact [Diana Boast](#) or [Prudence Sakala](#) or [RSVP here](#).

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING - WATER AS A BUSINESS RISK 3 March 2017 at the Maslow Hotel, 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](#).

RING THE BELL FOR GENDER EQUALITY 8 March 2017 at the JSE, Sandown, Sandton. On International Women's Day, the JSE will join stock exchanges across the globe to raise awareness of women's empowerment and gender equality within the workplace. For further information please e-mail: brand@jse.co.za or click [here](#) to accept.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 8 to 9 MARCH 2017 at the IDC Auditorium, Sandton, Johannesburg. The WeLead Conference gives you the opportunity to engage with some of Africa's most exciting Women Leaders AND to explore your own leadership potential. Details [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](#).

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUM 16 March 2017 at Old Mutual Head Office, Pinelands for Cape Town business - water crisis, retail case study and policy developments. The next Forum meeting addresses the water crisis and introduces a new water rating system. Woolworths will share a retail case study on water and energy efficiency initiatives at their Palmyra Junction store. SANEDI will share their proposals for broadening the 12L tax break for energy efficiency. The [Department of Energy](#) currently have important policies out for comment - the future energy mix in the IRP and IEP, and the Post-2015 National Energy Efficiency Strategy. Updates and resources will also be given by the City of Cape Town, Greencape, GBCSA and SANEDI. A site tour of the Mutual Park building and its solar PV installation follows lunch, but is limited to 20 places. No charge for attendance. Please email eeforum@capetown.gov.za to RSVP and to obtain the programme and directions.

ADVANTAGE A.C.T: NON-FINANCIAL AUDITING MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP 30 to 31 March 2017 at Mokoya Lodge, Farm Harbeesfontain 472, Gauteng. The course objectives are to revisit the basics of non-financial auditing with a view to encouraging participants to re-asses their own methods, approaches and techniques and consider new ideas and interpretations with a view to career and professional development. Facilitator, Arend Hoogervorst, will share, amongst other things, 20 years of his auditing experiences, present a rare perspective on the psychology of auditing and run one of his case study role plays. For more details, please view the [Advantage A.C.T webpage](#).

TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 19 to 21 April 2017 in Johannesburg. Whether you are a major water user, a regulatory body, a natural resource manager or a civil society group; AWS’s training can give you what you need to advocate for and implement responsible water stewardship. Please contact [Mark Dent](#) for further details or to register for the Foundation, Advanced or Specialist Courses being run in April. [Website](#).

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.

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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.

THE 9TH ANNUAL GLOBAL ETHICS SUMMIT 15 to 17 March 2017 New York, USA. The Global Ethics Summit is the premier annual event connecting the most respected and diverse class of company leaders who come together to inspire company integrity and responsible business performance. **WEBSITE.**

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.

2ND 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.**

GLOBAL WATER SUMMIT 24 to 25 April 2017 Madrid, Spain. This year in Madrid, we will explore how intelligent synergies blending finance and technology can deliver solutions for both industries and utilities, from Latin America to China. By unpacking these issues now together, we can ensure that water has its place in the vanguard of the fourth industrial revolution. **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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