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INDUSTRY NEWS

SEA ICE HITS NEW RECORD LOW AT BOTH POLES The sea ice cover in the Arctic and Antarctic hit new record lows for this time of year, marking the smallest polar ice caps in the 38-year satellite record, US government scientists said Wednesday. [*Times Live, 23 March 2017.*](#)

NEW BRITISH FACTORY TURNS LONDON'S BLACK CABS GREEN Chinese-owned maker of London's black cabs opened a new factory in central England on Wednesday to produce electric taxis which it also hopes to sell overseas for the first time to cities keen on the famous brand and concerned about pollution. [*Engineering News, 22 March 2017.*](#)

WATER WEEK KICKS OFF AS CAPE TOWN HAS JUST 100 DAYS OF WATER LEFT National Water Week kicked off this Monday, while globally World Water Day was celebrated yesterday. [*CNBC Africa, 22 March 2017.*](#)

THIS WORLD WATER DAY ACT AGAINST MARINE POLLUTION The time to act against marine pollution is on World Water Day, 22 March 2017; tomorrow will be too late. [The Green Business Guide, 22 March 2017.](#)

HOW RECYCLED WATER COULD REVOLUTIONISE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT By 2025, absolute water scarcity will be a daily reality for an estimated 1.8-billion people. [Tamara Avellán, BizCommunity, 22 March 2017.](#)

SADC SEEKS INVESTMENT IN ENERGY Southern Africa will soon convene a special conference to present its multi-billion-dollar energy infrastructure development plan to potential funder. [Tralac, 22 March 2017.](#)

WATER STEWARDSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE WATER USAGE Should directors of companies have a fiduciary responsibility to address water risks? [Bernard Jacobs, BizCommunity, 22 March 2017.](#)

BUSINESS LEADERS URGE G20 TO PUT CLIMATE CHANGE BACK ON AGENDA Business executives and scientists on Tuesday urged the world's leading economies to put global warming back on the G20 agenda after finance ministers and central bankers failed to reaffirm their readiness to finance measures against climate change. [Sharenet, 21 March 2017.](#)

AFRICA'S FOOD SECURITY CHALLENGES DRIVING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION Climate change, severe drought, water scarcity and the invasion of Fall armyworm sees Africa's food security under threat, but technology tools are available to help solve the continent's food security problems. [Biosciences for Farming in Africa \(B4FA\), 21 March 2017.](#)

KENYA ALIGNS EDUCATION OBJECTIVES WITH SDGS The Ministry of Education has launched a policy document on Education and Sustainable Development (ESD) geared towards achieving provision of quality education as provided for under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Africatime, 21 March 2017.](#)

NATIONAL WATER WEEK AND WORLD WATER DAY: ARE PPS THE SOLUTION TO AFRICA'S WATER STRUGGLES? South Africa's National Water Week kicked off on Monday, 20 March while globally World Water Day was celebrated on Wednesday, 22 March. [Htxt.Africa, 20 March 2017.](#)

COMMERCIAL FORESTS ARE FULL OF UNTAPPED ENERGY The theme of the 2017 United Nations International Day of Forests is *Forests and Energy*. [Forestry South Africa, 20 March 2017.](#)

UJ, SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY STRENGTHEN RESEARCH TIES, TO IMPROVE LOCAL MATHS, SCIENCE EDUCATION Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS), which was established through a partnership with Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU), has renewed its partnership with the University of Johannesburg (UJ) through the signing of a second memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Monday. [Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 20 March 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: "Two speeds of water stewardship shown from European companies", [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 latest Executive Update here: *“UN Global Compact Launches the Women’s Empowerment Principles Gender Gap Analysis Tool”*, [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: *“Untapped Potential – How Wastewater Can Unlock The Tap To Our Water”*, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled: *“WBCSD Leadership Program 2017 kicks off at Yale University”*, [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 the latest *“NBI WMB OACD Special Edition 3 Newsletter”*, [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 2017 Mini grid solutions for Africa in the spotlight at Energy Revolution Africa 2017. [Energy Forecast, 14 March 2017](#) and [Eco-Business.com, 21 March 2017](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

BMW SA INVESTS IN NEW WAREHOUSE, X3 PRODUCTION TO START IN 2018 BMW Group South Africa (BMW SA) will, over the next two years, invest R400-million in a new regional distribution centre (RDC) and the expansion of its Midrand headquarters. [Engineering News, 22 March 2017](#).

OLD MUTUAL INITIATIVE AIMS TO FURTHER DRIVE TRANSFORMATION Old Mutual Black Distributor's Trust has launched Infinitum Initiative, an incubation programme that aims to further boost transformation in the financial services sector, growing the number of black financial advisers and creating new employment opportunities. [BizCommunity, 15 March 2017](#).

BARLOWORLD LAUNCHES INCUBATION HUB TO ASSIST IN SMME DEVELOPMENT JSE listed Barloworld on Tuesday launched the Siyakhula Incubation Hub at its Johannesburg offices to assist suppliers and other companies operating in its value chain to overcome challenges such as market access, finance and skills that tend to impact on small, medium-sized and microenterprises (SMMEs). [Engineering News, 14 March 2017](#).

FUNDING ENERGY PROJECTS IN AFRICA Nedbank is not a stranger to playing a role in energy deals on the continent having being involved in the US\$650 million Cenpower gas turbine project in Ghana, and the US\$623 million Lake Turkana wind project in Kenya. [CNBC Africa, 14 March 2017](#).

SASOL PROMOTES MATHS AND SCIENCE TO HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS With an established reputation as an employer of choice, Sasol offers a comprehensive all-inclusive bursary programme that is regarded as one of the most competitive in the market. [Western Cape Business News, 14 March 2017](#).

MONDI FULL-YEAR OPERATING PROFIT UP 3% Paper maker, Mondi reported a full year underlying operating profit increase of 3 per cent to about \$1 billion and also declared a dividend of 38.19 euro cents per share. [CNBC Africa, 14 March 2017.](#)

TREVOR MANUEL APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF OLD MUTUAL EMERGING MARKETS Former Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has been appointed chairman of Old Mutual Emerging Markets. [Times Live, 9 March 2017.](#)

MTN BUSINESS AND FORBES WOMAN AFRICA HOST 2ND ANNUAL LEADING WOMEN SUMMIT MTN Business together with Forbes Woman Africa, held the second Leading Women Summit, which coincided with International Women's Day. [Biz Nis Africa, 8 March 2017.](#)

NEDBANK FUNDING MAKES GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING A REALITY Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (NCIB) today announced that it has made the first disbursement from an innovative R120 million Sustainable Affordable Housing finance facility that was put in place through the collaborative efforts of Nedbank's Affordable Housing Development Finance division, and South Africa's Green Fund. [The Green Business Guide, 7 March 2017.](#)

MTN S.A'S CEO TO HEAD UP ALTRON JSE listed Allied Electronics Corporation (Altron) has appointed MTN South Africa's CEO Mteto Nyati, a respected ICT executive and business leader, as its new Group Chief Executive. [CNBC Africa, 7 March 2017.](#)

WOOLWORTHS LAUNCH SA'S FIRST RETAIL BRANDED MSC CERTIFIED CANNED TUNA After four years of working closely with the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and WWF-SASSI, Woolworths has succeeded in securing an MSC-certified source of canned tuna, caught using the pole-and-line catch method, for its Woolworths branded canned tuna range. [The Green Business Guide, 2 March 2017.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

WBCSD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017: [Marking World Water Day.](#)

DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FOR WATER CHALLENGES IN RESPONSE TO SDG 6 The Water Research Commission (WRC) and UNLEASH have partnered to identify and bring together young leaders, experts, and entrepreneurs who will be tasked with developing innovative and practical solutions in response to the Sustainable Development Goals. Get nominated by the Water Research Commission. Closing date is the 30 March 2017. [Website.](#) Further details can be obtained by e-mailing [Hlengiwe Cele.](#)

IMVELISI – DEVELOPING ENVIROPRENEURS Call for applications 2017. This 5 day Bootcamp is about finding out if entrepreneurship is for you, unpacking your ideas, exploring the alignment of your ideas to national priorities, learning how to assess market potential, understanding the funding and partnership landscape that will be important to take your ideas forward, networking with entrepreneurs in this space and practicing your pitching skills in a Dragons Den simulation session. [Website.](#)

A LOOK AHEAD TO AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADERS' SUMMIT IN APRIL 2017 [African Review, 20 March 2017.](#)

MINI GRID SOLUTIONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT ENERGY REVOLUTION AFRICA 2017 An estimated 600 million people in Africa live without access to electricity, the majority of which are in remote communities requiring major capital expenditure and time to get connected to the grid. [Infrastructure News, 8 March 2018.](#)

WHY THE RETAIL SECTOR IS PERFECTLY PLACED TO PUSH RENEWABLE ENERGY Consumer Consciousness is Leading to A Shift In 'Ethical' Choices, particularly those at the Top-End of the Market, writes Justin Smith. [Business Live, 2 March 2017.](#)

COMMENTS REQUESTED ON THE NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY, INTEGRATED ENERGY PLAN (IEP) AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP) Click [here](#) for further information. The Department of Energy has extended its deadline for public comment to the **31 March 2017.**

NBI EVENTS 2017

APPLYING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET METHODOLOGY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT Thursday, 30 March 2017 at **Exxaro in Pretoria.** The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with We Mean Business (WMB), is holding an exclusive seminar in Pretoria intent on exploring the local application of The Sectoral Decarbonisation Approach in South Africa. The Science Based Targets initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, WWF and World Resources Institute and aims to provide companies with a platform to set emissions reduction targets that are in line with the level of decarbonisation required to keep global temperature increase below 2° C compared to preindustrial temperatures. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for additional information or if you are an NBI Member Company, RSVP: [Pretoria West \(Exxaro\) - Thursday, 30 March 2017.](#)

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING OF GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK SA Tuesday, 28 March 2017 at **Discovery, Sandton.** The Global Compact Network South Africa and the National Business Initiative (NBI) are hosting the Annual Members' Meeting of Global Compact participants in South Africa. The meeting brings together all existing signatories, partners and companies that are interested in integrating the UNGC 10 Principles and Sustainable Development Goals into core corporate strategy. At this meeting, the NBI will provide a progress report on collective activities during 2016 and an update on the UNGC strategy and what it means for South Africa's Network. Please contact [Achieng Ojwang](#) for further information or should you wish to attend this annual event.

ROUNDTABLE FOR SOCIAL AND ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF COMPANY BOARDS Tuesday, 4 April 2017 at **Investec, Sandton.** By April 2012, boards of designated companies were expected to have set up Social and Ethics Committees, with a mandate to report back to shareholders annually on the company's performance on a range of social, governance and environmental responsibilities. This is in accordance with section 72 (4) of the Companies Act 71 Of 2008. Five years since the Regulation became effective, it is under review by the Department of Trade and Industry. One recurring issue for many companies and for the Regulator, is how to enable the Committee to be more effective in driving value for the Company and for society more broadly. The Roundtable will bring together Social & Ethics Committee members of company boards for exchange of knowledge and experiences. Click [here](#) should you wish to attend this meeting.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP: MANAGING CLIMATE-RELATED BUSINESS RISKS Wednesday, 5 April

2017 at Olives & Plates Conference Venue, WITS University, Parktown. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with the Global Change Institute at the University of Witwatersrand, is hosting an exclusive workshop for NBI Members only, on the application of climate change information for adaptation, and its relevance for businesses in South Africa. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#).

BUSINESS PARTNERING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Johannesburg (Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel) & Cape Town (Clicks Head Office, Woodstock) in April 2017. The success of local government is the success of all South Africans. There can be no effective social transformation and economic transition in South Africa without a strong role played by municipalities. Local government is a key sphere of government, responsible for a range of service delivery areas that interface directly with companies, their employees and communities. Building on existing initiatives by the private sector to support municipalities and enhance service delivery is key to ensuring a resilient and productive society. This workshop, implemented by the National Business Initiative (NBI) under the [NDP Business Action Plan](#), will examine how the private sector is already working in partnership with local government and identify how these efforts can be strengthened. Please click on the relevant city should you wish to attend one of these workshops: [Johannesburg, Friday, 7 April 2017](#) and [Cape Town, Wednesday 12 April 2017](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

EARTH HOUR 25 March 2017 This is an annual global event, during which people are encouraged to switch off their lights on the last Saturday in March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm local time as a symbolic gesture marking the environmental challenges facing our planet.

THE SOLAR SHOW AFRICA 28 to 29 March 2017 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg. The Solar Show Africa is a meeting place where industry professionals come and learn how to develop sustainable, clean and world class energy generation projects throughout the African continent. Reflecting the growth and development in the region for years to come, the show is the most important place to build partnerships for future success. [Website](#).

ADVANTAGE A.C.T: NON-FINANCIAL AUDITING MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP 30 to 31 March 2017 at Mokoya Lodge, Hekpoort, Gauteng. The course objectives are to revisit the basics of non-financial auditing with a view to encouraging participants to re-assess 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, 23 to 25 May 2017 in Cape Town and 20 to 22 June 2017 in Durban. 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 2017. [Website](#).

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING WORKSHOP 3 May 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY IN YOUR ORGANISATION WORKSHOP 4 May 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Johannesburg. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the **WORKSHOP ON GRI DISCLOSURES (PERFORMANCE INDICATORS) BASED ON THE NEW STANDARDS 16 to 18 May 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 19 May 2017 (morning) 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**.

MASTERING RENEWABLE & ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES 8 to 11 May 2017 in Johannesburg. This 4 day course is designed to provide clear, independent and business-focused guidance on market opportunity and risk to those deploying, investing in or regulating renewable power projects. For further details please contact [Allan Jaluague](#) or log onto the [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.

BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME (BSP) SEMINAR RUN BY UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP in Cape Town 11 to 14 June 2017. This executive-level programme helps leaders understand the complex global trends and implications that are shaping the future of business. Delegates are very much encouraged to develop business strategies which respond to these challenges and opportunities in a commercially relevant way. You can [make your nomination\(s\) here](#) or contact [Magda DeKok](#) for more information.

CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 13 to 16 August 2017, Intundla Game Lodge, Gauteng. We need to rapidly engineer a sustainable economy, one that meets human needs within natural constraints – within the carrying capacity of the one planet we all live on and depend on. We need organisations that are able to create jobs and increase access to products, services and livelihood opportunities in a resource-constrained and low-trust world. We need to develop leadership at all levels in organisation that understand what is required. This seminar is designed for managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of sustainability. For more information as well as the application form, please have a look at the [website](#), or contact [Magda DeKok](mailto:magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk) on magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP) OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE 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). The complete brochure of SDP on short professional courses for the year 2017 as well as on the upcoming Masters programmes is available [here](#).

2017 WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING 27 to 30 March 2017 Montreux, Switzerland. Less than a week to go! 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 now](#) - Password: **montreux2017**.

WEBINAR WATER FOOTPRINT NETWORK: HOW TO UNDERTAKE A WATER FOOTPRINT ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSE TO CDP 28 March 2017 at 09:00 London, GMT (Summertime). How to undertake a water footprint assessment and understand water use throughout operations. [WEBEX link and registration details](#).

JOIN #EP100 AND @ETC_ENERGY FOR A WEBINAR ON BUSINESS CASE FOR ENERGY PRODUCTIVITY 30 March 2017, 16:00 BST [HTTP://BIT.LY/EP100-ETC-WEBINAR](http://bit.ly/ep100-etc-webinar).

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](#).

UNGC MAKING GLOBAL GOALS LOCAL BUSINESS – INDIA 26 to 27 April 2017. Making Global Goals Local Business – India will bring together over 300 local and global leaders to develop innovative business models to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Details [here](#).

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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