

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**UN GLOBAL COMPACT CALLS UPON BUSINESS LEADERS TO CONSCIOUSLY CHAMPION GENDER EQUALITY** In Celebration of International Women's Day, the UN Global Compact Reaffirms Commitment to the Women's Empowerment Principles and Unites Business Community with Month-Long Initiatives. [UNGC, 8 March 2017.](#)

**AFRICA'S FOOD MARKET COULD BE WORTH US\$1TRN IN 15 YEARS, THIS IS HOW...** Around the world, farmers can attest to the devastating impact that climate change is having on agriculture. Whether they're in the US, Vietnam or South Africa, heat waves, droughts or heavy rains are disrupting water supplies, ruining harvests and affecting food availability and prices. [CNBC Africa, 8 March 2017.](#)

**COMMISSION FOR GENDER EQUALITY CALLS FOR BOLDNESS IN ACCELERATING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT** As the world celebrates International Women's Day (IWD) on 08 March 2017, the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) calls for boldness and decisiveness in ensuring that the rate in which women are being empowered is accelerated. [Knowledge Bylanes, 8 March 2017.](#)

**WOMEN'S PROGRESS UNEVEN AND FACING BACKLASH, UN RIGHTS CHIEF WARNS AHEAD OF INTERNATIONAL DAY** The United Nations Human Rights Office launched a joint report with the African Union and UN Women on 7 March 2017, detailing the progress and challenges to women's struggle for human rights in Africa, while the UN rights chief warned that the women's movement around the world is facing a backlash that hurts both men and women. [Tralac, 8 March 2017.](#)

**ECONOMISTS OPTIMISTIC SA'S UNDERLYING TRENDS POINT TO ECONOMIC GROWTH** Growth was 0.3% for 2016, lower than the Treasury's forecast of 0.5% and the Reserve Bank's forecast of 0.4%. [Sunita Menon, Business Live, 8 March 2017.](#)

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN DECLARES DROUGHT LOCAL DISASTER** As at Monday, 6 March 2017, dam levels dropped to 31.5%, down 1.6% from last week. Effectively, dam levels are at 21.5% as the last 10% of a dam's water is mostly not useable. At the current draw-down rate of the dams, approximately 113 days of useable water is left. [BizCommunity, 8 March 2017.](#)

**PLASTIC FIBRES ARE CAUSING MAJOR HARM TO SOUTH AFRICA'S MARINE LIFE** Next time you take a stroll along your favourite isolated beach, far from any city, take a moment to look down at the high tide mark. You'll almost certainly see small plastic particles dotted along your route. [Holly Nel, BizCommunity, 8 March 2017.](#)

**GAUTENG EDUCATION OPENS TECH SCHOOL** The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) invested R106 million to build an ICT-ready school in Soshanguve, Pretoria. [TrainingWeb, 7 March 2017.](#)

**WWF ACKNOWLEDGES A DECADE OF HARD WORK AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE SEAFOOD SECTOR** The WWF-SASSI Retailer/ Supplier Participation Scheme has made great strides in transforming the seafood sector in the past 10 years by encouraging sustainable procurement in response to consumer demand. [WWF-SA, 1 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: *“Closing the gender gap can eliminate a big roadblock to growth”*, [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: *“New Research Finds Companies Saved \$14 for Every \$1 Invested in Reducing Food Waste”*, [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

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

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**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.](#)

**OP-ED: MAKING SUSTAINABILITY REAL FOR BUSINESS** There is plenty of talk in the corporate sustainability space. Some companies embrace a green cause such as rhino poaching, tree planting, or wild dog conservation research. [CNBC Africa, 27 February 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.](#)

**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.](#)

**NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS**

**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.](#)

**WBCSD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: REDEFINING CORPORATE VALUE.** [READ HERE.](#)

**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.](#)

**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

**NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY (NEES) CONSULTATION** Friday, 10 March 2017 at the **Hilton Hotel Sandton.** The Energy Efficiency Leadership Network (EELN) of the National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with the Department of Energy (DoE) are hosting a NEES consultation session tomorrow. The NEES is intended to respond to the ever increasing demand for energy, coupled with a growing commitment to improve resource use and the reduction of South Africa's national environmental footprint. Please contact [Sindile Dlamini](#) should you wish to attend this session.

**INDUCTION ON THE UNGC REPORTING FRAMEWORK & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at **Aspen, Woodmead, Johannesburg.** 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.](#)

**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 \(Grindrod\) - 13 March 2017](#), [Cape Town \(KPMG, Foreshore\) - 14 March 2017](#) or [Johannesburg \(KPMG, Parktown\) - 17 March 2017.](#)

**NBI AND CDP DISCUSSION ON THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) RECOMMENDATIONS – Cape Town and Johannesburg in March 2017.** The [Financial Stability Board](#)<sup>1</sup>

launched an industry-led Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in 2015 as the result of a global effort to shape common guidelines and standards for climate-related financial disclosures. The discussion will cover what the TCFD recommendations are and what they mean for your organization, how CDP can aid you in their implementation, and the next steps - going further than the recommendations on the road to a well-below 2 C world, set out in the Paris agreement. Please contact Naseema Elias regarding these sessions or RSVP as follows: Cape Town (KPMG, Foreshore) - Tuesday, 14 March 2017 and Johannesburg (Investec, Sandton) - Thursday, 16 March 2017.

**APPLYING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET METHODOLOGY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT in Durban, Cape Town and Pretoria.** The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with We Mean Business (WMB), is holding an exclusive seminar in Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg 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 as follows: Durban (Grindrod) - Wednesday, 22 March 2017, Cape Town (PwC, Waterfront) - Thursday, 23 March 2017 and Pretoria West (Exxaro) - Thursday, 30 March 2017.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

**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](mailto:eeforum@capetown.gov.za) to RSVP and to obtain the programme and directions.

**WORLD WATER SUMMIT AND EXPO 22 to 24 March 2017** at the **International Conference Centre in Durban**. This high-level event, will features the launch of the 2017 edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR) – the UN flagship review on the state of the world’s freshwater resources - titled “Wastewater: The Untapped Resource”. The event will also include the pronouncement of the Panel Declaratory Statement on the recommendations linking the WWDR with High Level Panel on Water initiative on Access to Water and Sanitation for 10 Billion People. Registration and programme details are available on [www.dws.gov.za](http://www.dws.gov.za). **Enquiries: Ms M Reddy: Telephone - 012 336 7281/8559 or Email: [reddym@dws.gov.za](mailto:redm@dws.gov.za)**

**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 bankable 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, 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](#)**.

**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.

**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](#).

**UNGC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES FORUM 14 March 2017 New York, USA.** Measuring Success, Making It Count: Business Investing in Women and Girls. This event will explore the role of the private sector in empowering women and girls to advance the sustainable development agenda. [More information.](#)

**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. The standard rates for the Liaison Delegate meeting will switch to late rates **at midnight on Monday 13 March.** [Register now](#) in order to avoid paying late rates! **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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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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