

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**UCT PROFESSOR TO SERVE ON CARBON PRICES COMMISSION** Climate change will be one of the pressing matters discussed during this year's meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, and the G20 Hamburg Summit in July. Carbon pricing is expected to be addressed, particularly at the G20 Summit. [\*BizCommunity, 12 April 2017.\*](#)

**CPUT LAUNCHES ELECTRIC EDUCATION TRAINING CENTRE** A training centre designed to equip underprivileged people with the skills essential to the energy industry has been launched on the Bellville Campus. [\*Cape Peninsula\*](#)

[University of Technology, 12 April 2017.](#)

**NZIMANDE LAUNCHES UMGUNGUNDLOVU TVET COLLEGE** Higher Education and Training minister Blade Nzimande has launched the Umgungundlovu TVET College Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment Centre in KwaZulu-Natal. [BizCommunity, 12 April 2017.](#)

**FOUR EMERGING COUNTRIES JUST PUSHED TRUMP TO STOP BEING 'UNCLEAR' ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE** China, Brazil, India, and South Africa signal that the US and the rest of the wealthy world need to keep promises made in Paris in 2015 on climate issues. [Business Insider, 11 April 2017.](#)

**LOOK OUT FOR NEW GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATIONS** After being in draft format for nearly two years, the *National Greenhouse Gas Reporting Regulations* were published by the Minister of Environmental Affairs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2017. [CNBC Africa, 11 April 2017.](#)

**CHINA SOLAR, WIND TO ATTRACT \$780 BLN INVESTMENT BY 2030 - RESEARCH REPORT** China's wind and solar sectors could attract as much as 5.4 trillion yuan (\$782 billion) in investment between 2016 and 2030 as the country tries to meet its renewable energy targets, according to a research report published on Tuesday. [Reuters Africa, 11 April 2017.](#)

**FOSTERING REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS AND POLICY COORDINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA** UNCTAD and the Department for Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa jointly organized a regional workshop on regional value chains and policy coordination in Southern Africa. [Tralac, 11 April 2017.](#)

**CAPETONIANS URGED TO KEEP UP WATER-SAVING EFFORTS DESPITE RAIN** The City of Cape Town on Monday urged consumers not to relax their water-saving efforts after two days of light rain in the city. [Engineering News, 11 April 2017.](#)

**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON THE SEARCH FOR AFRICA'S TOP FEMALE INNOVATORS** The World Economic Forum launches its second annual search to identify Africa's next generation of top female technology innovators and entrepreneurs. [CNBC Africa, 10 April 2017.](#)

**G7 FAILS TO AGREE PARIS CLIMATE STATEMENT AS US TURNS SPOILER** G7 energy ministers have failed to agree on a statement supporting the Paris climate accord after the US delegation said it was reviewing its position. [Climate Change News, 10 April 2017.](#)

**PLASTIC BAG WORKING GROUP WEIGHING SOLUTIONS TO RECYCLABILITY PROBLEM** A working group set up to investigate the impact 'fillers' are having on the recyclability of plastic supermarket carrier bags is said to have "progressed well" in researching possible solutions and will report back to the industry in June. [Meghan van Wynqaardt, Engineering News, 10 April 2017.](#)

**WWF CELEBRATES TWO CHAMPIONS OF THE SUCCULENT KAROO** WWF South Africa has lauded two inspiring leaders in the environmental sector for their years dedicated to conservation within the Succulent Karoo Biome. [WWF-SA, 6 April 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 and UL EHS Announce Strategic Alliance to Future Proof Sustainable Reporting*", [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 the following article by Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director, UNGC: *“Rebuilding trust between business and society”*, [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: *“The 5 First Things To Report About Water In Your CSR Report Water”*, [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: We Mean Business Newsletter Edition 4 - April 2017”*, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their news article entitled: *“Why don’t we Redefine the Good Life?”*, [here](#).

## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP: MANAGING CLIMATE-RELATED BUSINESS RISKS** was held by the National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with The Global Change Institute (GCI) at Wits University last week. This exclusive workshop which was for NBI members only, enabled the audience to practically use various climate models and also dealt with the application of climate change information for adaptation and its relevance for businesses in South Africa. The need for businesses to adequately understand their climate-related risks is vital to selecting the appropriate climate change adaptation models and their input data. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for further information.

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**SA STUDENTS COMPETE IN KPMG INTERNATIONAL CASE COMPETITION** A team of four top students from Witwatersrand (WITS) and University of Pretoria (UP) have headed to Lisbon to compete in the annual KPMG International Case Competition (KICC). The final takes place this week in Lisbon, Portugal. [BizCommunity, 11 April 2017](#).

**MONDI, CONSTANTIA AFRIPACK REACH ONE-BILLION SACK-KRAFT-PAPER-MADE CEMENT BAG MILESTONE** In a partnership spanning decades, more than one-billion cement bags have been made from packaging and paper group Mondi’s sack kraft paper by South African packaging and bags producer Constantia Afripack. [Engineering News, 11 April 2017](#).

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES ARE TOP PRIORITIES – EXXARO** Building a prosperous black-owned company in South Africa takes visionary leadership and courage, according to the management team of Exxaro. [MiningNews, 10 April 2017](#).

**TRANSNET UNVEILS TRANS-AFRICA LOCOMOTIVE** State-owned rail company Transnet on Tuesday unveiled the first locomotive to be designed, engineered and manufactured in Africa, the Trans-Africa locomotive. [Engineering News, 4 April 2017.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS**, one of South Africa's premier retail chains, has joined the EP100 corporate campaign that brings the world's most influential companies together to commit to doubling energy their productivity by 2020. The company has already committed to reducing its relative energy use by 50% by 2020 and sourcing all of its energy from renewables by 2030. Justin Smith, Group Head of Sustainability, Woolworths, said that "by joining EP100, we believe we can help to accelerate our progress towards achieving these goals." [The Climate Group, 3 April 2017.](#)

**NEW STANDARD BANK GROUP REST OF AFRICA BOSS TALKS AFRICA** [CNBC Africa, 4 April 2017.](#)

**MTN RELEASES LATEST SUSTAINABILITY REPORT** MTN, Africa's biggest mobile network operator, has disclosed its eco-responsibility highlights for the past year. Among highlights carried in its Sustainability Report for 2016 include the use of 340 renewable energy sites to power MTN's network operations. [CAJ News Africa, 29 March 2017.](#)

**AB INBEV BETS ON RENEWABLES FOR FUTURE ENERGY** Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev), the largest beer group in the world, has committed itself to secure 100% of its purchased electricity from renewable sources within eight years. [BizCommunity, 29 March 2017.](#)

**SAB INVESTS R38.4M IN TOWNSHIP TAVERNS** South African Breweries (SAB) has announced a R38.4 million investment in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and the Western Cape in partnership with provincial governments to roll out a pilot project that will formalise township taverns and assist alcohol harm-reduction programmes. [IOL, 29 March 2017.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

**DRAFT NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY POLICY OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** The Draft National Biodiversity Offset Policy has been published for public comment, the Department of Environmental Affairs said on Monday. [Knowledge Bylanes South Africa.](#)

**TOPLINE TAKEAWAYS FROM THE WBCSD APRIL 2017 ANNUAL LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING IN MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND.**

**11% OF SOUTH AFRICANS COMMITTED TO RECYCLING, RESEARCH FINDS** Baseline consumer research, commissioned

at the end of 2016, profiles current attitudes towards recycling in South Africa and where our nation sits on PETCO's Consumer Engagement Journey. [PETCO](#).

**THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL COMPANIES COMMITTED TO 100% RENEWABLE POWER.** [The Climate Group](#).

**THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD - UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. Whoa. The Global Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organizations and world leaders. It seems... [UN.ORG](#).

**PERSPECTIVES FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION: INVESTMENT NEEDS FOR A LOW-CARBON ENERGY SYSTEM** This joint study looks at the potential for decarbonisation in the energy sector in G20 countries and around the world. [International Renewable Energy Agency \(IRENA\)](#).

**OP-ED: CREATING JOBS AGAINST ALL ODDS** We need bold and far-reaching initiatives that will create and reinforce linkages between large and small enterprises, training opportunities, access to markets, mobility and skills development – a national focus on inclusivity in our economy. [Daily Maverick, 5 April 2017](#).

**SUSTAINABILITY SEMINAR SERIES LAUNCHED** Recently held at Regent Business School in Durban, the Critical Conversations in Sustainability Seminar Series opening night showcased a stellar line up of speakers, and provided a raft of provocative ideas on what the corporate sector can do to mitigate the excesses of climate change. [BizCommunity, 4 April 2017](#).

**GLOBAL CLEANTECH INNOVATION PROGRAMME FOR SMES IN SA (GCIP-SA) 2017** Call for Applications now open. **Closing date: 26 April 2017.** The GCIP-SA competition and business accelerator is part of a global initiative to support start-ups and small- and medium-sized enterprises with innovative cutting-edge or adaptive clean-technology solutions to turn their innovations into successful businesses. Categories: Energy efficiency, renewable energy, water efficiency, waste beneficiation, green buildings, and green transportation. The GCIP-SA is a programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), hosted and jointly implemented by the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Applications should be submitted [online](#). **Enquiries: Ms C Maluleka - Telephone 012 472 2760 or Email - [cleantech@tia.org.za](mailto:cleantech@tia.org.za).**

**WBCSD CEO GUIDE TO THE SDGS** The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) recently launched the [CEO Guide to the SDGs](#) - a new resource aimed at galvanizing engagement from global business leaders in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## NBI EVENTS 2017

**A STUDY ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING: DISSEMINATION OF THE FINDINGS** to be held in **Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban in May 2017**. In July 2016, the National Business Initiative (NBI) on behalf of the Education and Skills Task Team, which forms part of the Presidential Business Working Group, conducted research into the opportunities and blockages relating to the implementation of effective workplace-based learning (WBL) across the South African economy. The NBI invites you or the appropriate person in your organisation to take part in a Thought Leadership and Dialogue Discussion to discuss the findings of the research. Please contact **Shavilla Harpal on 011 544 6000 or**

[ShavillaH@nbi.org.za](mailto:ShavillaH@nbi.org.za).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

**JUNK STATUS-NOW WHAT? 19 April 2017 at GIBS, Illovo.** After President Zuma's decision to reshuffle his cabinet, which saw the axing of Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan the country was downgraded to junk status by two international agencies. Join Dr Adrian Saville, Professor Nick Binedell, Moeletsi Mbeki, Iraj Abedian and Cas Coovadia for a discussion on the economic fate of our country. [GIBS](#).

**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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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.

**MANUFACTURING INDABA 27 to 28 June 2017 Emperors Palace, City of Ekurhuleni** All nations require and rightly aspire to efficient industrial bases to meet changing needs in a globalised world. South Africa has developed an established and diversified manufacturing base that has shown its resilience and potential to compete in the global economy. Collaboration and investments by both the public and private sectors in manufacturing is essential for regional and continental growth. The aim of the annual Manufacturing Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together business owners, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. Manufacturing Indaba is the leading manufacturing event in Sub-Saharan Africa. The two-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. [Website](#).

**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](#) on [magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk).

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

**WEBINAR - ASSESSING WATER RISKS IN YOUR BUSINESS: 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH WWF 19 April 2017 at 15:00.** Join to learn how to use WWF's water risk filter to create a robust water risk assessment and use it to implement change. [WEBEX LINK](#).

**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](#).

**BASEL CONVENTION COP13, ROTTERDAM CONVENTION COP8 AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTION COP8 24 April to 5 May 2017, Geneva, Switzerland.** The Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to the Basel Convention, the Eighth Meeting of the COP (COP8) to the Rotterdam Convention and the Eighth Meeting of the COP (COP8) to the Stockholm Convention will convene back-to-back to discuss issues for each Convention, and joint issues shared among the Conventions. **For more information on each Convention:** <http://www.basel.int/>, <http://www.pic.int>, <http://www.pops.int>.

**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.](#)

**IWRA XVI WORLD WATER CONGRESS 29 May to 2 June 2017, Cancun, Mexico.** The International Water Resources Association (IWRA) organizes a World Water Congress every three years. The Congress provides a meeting place to share experiences, promote discussion, and present new knowledge, research and developments in the field of water sciences around the world, bringing together a large cross-section of stakeholders. The sixteenth Congress (XVI) will take place on the theme, 'Bridging Science and Policy'. [Website.](#)

**2017 RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT EUROPE 7 to 8 June, 2017, London, United Kingdom.** This year's event will tackle all the business critical issues in responsible business. Through focussed best-practice-lead debates over 500 senior CSR, Communications and Marketing executives will look at focus on 'Social Purpose and quantified Impact'. Details [here.](#)

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