

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**SOUTH AFRICA COULD FACE ANOTHER EL NINO DROUGHT SOON** Drought conditions associated with an El Nino weather pattern are likely to reoccur in a few months time, the South African government said on Thursday. [CNBC Africa, 30 March 2017.](#)

**WWF CALLS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN SUBMISSION** Ahead of the Department of Energy's closing date for stakeholder engagement in the national Integrated Energy Plan and Integrated Resource Plan, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is underscoring the importance of South Africa's need to embrace renewable energy as the country's single largest potential energy source. [WWF-SA, 30 March 2017.](#)

**WESTERN CAPE BUDGETS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF** The [Western Cape government](#) has set aside R797-million

for its Department of [Agriculture](#) in the 2017/18 [financial](#) year. [Megan van Wynqaardt, Engineering News, 29 March 2017.](#)

**HOW AFRICA CAN COPE WITH INCREASING WATER DEMANDS** Sub-Saharan Africa is currently home to more than 1.2 billion people, and it is estimated that another 1 billion will be added by 2050. [Eyewitness News, 29 March 2017.](#)

**SILENT TREE GIANTS THREATENED BY CLIMATE CHANGE** At a recent meeting of scientists in the Kruger National Park interesting findings were presented like the fact that baobabs are not handling climate change well and that bees can protect Marula trees from elephant damage. [Lowvelder, 29 March 2017.](#)

**MINISTER DR EDNA MOLEWA ADVOCATES FOR INCLUSIVE GREEN ECONOMY** The Minister of Environmental Affairs, Dr Edna Molewa called for the inclusion of young people in the economy of our countries, in the process of transition and transformation into a sustainable future. [Department of Environmental Affairs, 29 March 2017.](#)

**SANPARKS EMBARKS ON HUGE INVESTMENT DRIVE** South African National Parks (Sanparks) will on April 4 showcase 55 new investment opportunities in ten of its national parks during its first ever investment conference that will be held in Sandton. [Moneyweb, 29 March 2017.](#)

**BSR'S STATEMENT ON THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE ORDER ON CLIMATE CHANGE** [BSR, 28 March 2017.](#)

**OFFGRID SOLAR POWER COULD SAVE ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR AFRICAN HOUSEHOLDS** Offgrid [solar power](#) could help lower the [energy](#) costs for 138-million households in [Africa](#) that live on less than \$2.50 a day and spend about \$10-billion a year on [energy](#)-related [products](#), including charcoal, candles and kerosene, South African [Solar Photovoltaic Committee](#) chairperson [Jo Dean](#) highlighted on Tuesday. [Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 28 March 2017.](#)

**NEW RESEARCH VESSEL EXPLORES OCEANS FOR THE SAKE OF BETTER MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT** FAO and Norway have announced the launch of the new *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen*, a state-of-the-art marine studies vessel with the mission to investigate the planet's least explored oceans, using cutting-edge technology and sophisticated equipment to help developing countries assemble scientific data critical to sustainable fisheries management and study how a changing climate is affecting the world's oceans. [BizCommunity, 28 March 2017.](#)

**CAPE TOWN WATER CRISIS: THE CITY'S CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS REVEALED** City of Cape Town's water and energy efficiency strategist Sarah Rushmere today revealed just how stressed the greater Cape Town water supply system is. [Cape Business News, 28 March 2017.](#)

**BEIJING SHUTS DOWN ITS LAST COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT AS PART OF BID TO CLEAR AIR** But capital still relies on polluting energy sources in other provinces for part of its energy needs. [South China Morning Post, 19 March 2017.](#)

## NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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**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](#).

**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 news article entitled: *“Carbon Capture And Use: The Missing Link for Climate Change?”*, [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

The Global Compact Network South Africa and the National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted the Annual Members’ Meeting of Global Compact participants in South Africa this week with Dr Ayanda Ntsaluba: Executive Director at Discovery Group as the key note speaker. The meeting which was extremely well attended brought together all existing signatories, partners and companies that are interested in integrating the UNGC 10 Principles and Sustainable Development Goals into core corporate strategy. The NBI gave 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](#) should you wish to become a UNGC Signatory Company in South Africa. [#NBI UNGC](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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

**SAREC CALLS ON PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON IRP2016 AHEAD OF FRIDAY'S DEADLINE** South African Renewable Energy Council (SAREC) on Wednesday urged South Africans to participate in the public comment process on South Africa's draft Integrated Resources Plan 2016 (IRP2016) update, which closes on 31 March 2017. [Engineering News, 29 March 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).

**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 today, 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.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2017

**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

**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.

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

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

**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](#).

**WEBINAR - RISKY BUSINESS: HOW TO ASSESS EXPOSURE TO WATER RISK USING WRI'S AQUEDUCT TOOL 12 April 2017 at 15:00.** How WRI's risk aqueduct tool can help companies to identify hot spot areas of risk exposure. [WEBEX LINK](#).

**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.](#)

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