

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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INDUSTRY NEWS

EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS EMPOWER CEOS TO EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY Businesses that contribute to socioeconomic development can dramatically outperform their competitors which turn a blind eye to sustainability as a driver of business growth. [*BizCommunity, 18 May 2017.*](#)

A SIMPLER WAY TO PURIFY WATER Scientists have devised a simple way to separate microscopic pollutants from water. [*Design Indaba, 18 May 2017.*](#)

#AUW2017: CAPE TOWN DROUGHT - CITY 'WAITING ON A MIRACLE' Amidst what has been labelled the worst drought in Cape Town in 100 years, a city official told delegates at the 2017 African Utility Week conference that there was no way they could reasonably have anticipated the severity of it. [*Alicestine October, BizCommunity, 18 May 2017*](#)

GLOBAL GROWTH STRENGTHENS IN LINE WITH ECONOMIC FORECASTS, BUT PROSPECTS FOR SOME OF WORLD'S POOREST REGIONS DETERIORATE: UN REPORT Shifting international policy landscape heightens uncertainty around prospects for world trade, development aid and climate targets. [*Tralac, 17 May 2017.*](#)

AS FOUR COUNTRIES FACE FAMINE, WORLD 'MUST STEP UP NOW' SAYS TOP UN FOOD SECURITY FORUM

With famine looming in four countries, the United Nations-backed Committee on World Food Security ([CFS](#)) stressed today the need to rally support for both immediate relief to people at risk and for longer-term initiatives. [Africa Newswire, 17 May 2017.](#)

GRACA MACHEL SAYS GENDER PARITY IS ESSENTIAL Graça Machel delivered the keynote speech at The Triologue Business in Society Conference in Johannesburg on 16 May. The famed humanitarian, politician and widow of Nelson Mandela addressed the role of women in the socio-economic transformation of Africa. She argued that it is imperative to allow women to reach their full potential and contribute to the African GDP. [Marie Claire, 17 May 2017.](#)

AFRICAN COUNTRIES LOOK TO MINIGRIDS TO LIGHT UP RURAL AREAS African countries are increasingly looking towards minigrids to provide people living in remote areas access to electricity. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 17 May 2017.](#)

WATER LEVELS IN SOUTH AFRICA STILL SLOWLY DROPPING Water levels are continuing to drop gradually despite recent good rains that have been experienced in some parts of South Africa. [Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 16 May 2017.](#)

MINERS INCREASE GREEN ENERGY USE TO POWER THEIR PITS Major mining companies, including some of the world's biggest suppliers of fossil fuel, are seeking to use more renewable energy themselves as they strive to drive down costs and curb emissions. [Engineering News, 16 May 2017.](#)

INDIA AND CHINA 'ON TRACK TO EXCEED PARIS CLIMATE PLEDGES' Coal plant cancellations mean the world's two largest countries are cutting emissions faster than predicted a year ago, outweighing the effect of US policy rollbacks. [Climate Change News, 15 May 2017.](#)

CIRCULAR ECONOMY COULD BRING 70 PERCENT CUT IN CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2030 Odds are, your mobile phone is less than two years old. Today's economy is built on a "fast turnover" principle. The faster we replace our gadgets the better – not only our phones, but most items we consume. [The Guardian, 15 May 2017.](#)

CELEBRITY GROUP TO TACKLE THIRD JOURNEY OF WATER WITH WWF-SA WWF South Africa is gearing up for its third Journey of Water which will see a group of influential South Africans traverse a water catchment area in Mpumalanga and northern KwaZulu-Natal over a three-day period to highlight the many challenges facing water security in this country. [WWF-SA, 15 May 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: "[Thomson Reuters Launches Latest Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report](#)", [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 news article entitled: "[Leaders from Latin America Convene to Discuss Role of Businesses in](#)

Achieving the SDGs”, [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: “*In Water Stewardship, It’s All About Context*”, [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 5 – May 2017*”, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news article entitled: “*Business statement on FSB TCFD recommendations to the G20*”, [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

A STUDY ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING: DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS The National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted a Thought Leadership and Dialogue Session to discuss the findings of the research into scaling up Work Integrated Learning (WIL) at Sasol in Sandton yesterday. More [here](#).

THE TOOLS AND FRAMEWORKS FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP Indicating that water is central to sustainable development in South Africa seems a very obvious statement. Water is paramount to our future development, and without it livelihoods and business continuity will come to a standstill. [NBI Quick Brief, 11 May 2017](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA’S INVESTEC REPORTS 17 PERCENT FULL-YEAR PROFIT JUMP [CNBC Africa, 18 May 2017](#).

CLICKS SPONSORS PROJECT DIGNITY'S GIRLS ON THE GO CAMPAIGN Clicks is partnering with Project Dignity on its Girls on the Go campaign, to assist with sponsorship of thousands of reusable sanitary packs being donated to disadvantaged communities across the country every two months. [BizCommunity, 17 May 2017](#).

IMPERIAL EXPECTS TO EARN R1.5BN FROM PROPERTY SALES Imperial Holdings, the listed transport and mobility group, expects to receive R1.5 billion this calendar year and R600 million next year from the sale of non-strategic properties owned by the group. [IOL Business, 17 May 2017](#).

BURSON-MARSTELLER TAKES AFRICAN NETWORK OF THE YEAR AT PR AWARDS The PRISM Awards are Africa's most sought-after awards in the public relations industry and this year awarded African Network of the Year to Burson-Marsteller. [BizCommunity, 10 May 2017](#).

WEF AFRICA DEBATE: INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT Transnet recently hosted a breakfast session on the side lines of the World Economic Forum on Africa in Durban where CNBC Africa Editor in Chief, Bronwyn Nielsen

moderated a panel discussion with Siyabonga Gama, Chief Executive Officer of Transnet and other panellists to discuss Infrastructure development and innovative funding mechanisms from Development Finance Institutions (DFI). Listen [here](#).

MTN GROUP PLANS TO INVEST \$295 MILLION IN IRANIAN BROADBAND NETWORK South Africa's MTN Group has agreed to invest more than \$295 million in Iranian Net, a fixed line broadband network in which it is to buy an initial 49 percent stake. [BizNis Africa, 9 May 2017](#).

NEDBANK RELEASES 2016 SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW Nedbank's 2016 Sustainability Review highlights how it contributes to the sustainable development agenda of the South Africa, with a focus on products and services, partnerships and operations. [BizCommunity, 4 May 2017](#).

ABB RESPONDS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RAIL LOCALISATION DEMAND WITH TRACTION TRANSFORMER INVESTMENT Technology multinational ABB has responded to South Africa's tightened local-content requirements in the railways sector by opening a new state-of-the-art traction transformer factory in eastern Johannesburg. [Engineering News, 3 May 2017](#).

WOOLWORTHS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE GOOD BUSINESS JOURNEY Woolworths Holdings Limited (WHL) is pleased to announce the 10th anniversary of its Good Business Journey (GBJ), a flagship South African sustainability programme that was launched in 2007 by Simon Susman, now Chairman of WHL, as a commitment by Woolworths to make a difference to people, communities and the environment. [Spice4Life, 3 May 2017](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE JOURNEY OF OUR WATER In light of the drought, and the realisation that water stress is the new normal, we've been forced to reconsider the way we use water. It has even inspired a renewed and deeper appreciation for this natural resource that we simply can't live without. [WWF-SA](#).

THE FUTURE BEGINS NOW It's not a question of whether regulations for greenhouse gas emissions will come, but, rather, when. Two degrees of global warming are enough and the implementation has to start quickly. [Focus on Transport & Logistics](#)

WITH THE SDGS, EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED "It's all connected." We know that already, those of us who work on making the world a more sustainable, resilient, fair and prosperous place for all. [GreenBiz, 17 May 2017](#).

THE AWARD-WINNING GREENOVATE AWARDS PROGRAMME JUST GOT EVEN BIGGER Engineering students can now achieve green glory too! Inspiring and encouraging university students to discover, explore and invent ways to live more sustainably, the hotly-contested Greenovate Awards Programme is taking environmental innovation even further this year by introducing a new category to the awards for engineering students. [Green Business Guide, 15 May 2017](#).

WEF SELECT AFRICA'S TOP FEMALE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS FOR 2017 Swiss non-profit foundation, World Economic Forum ([WEF](#)) has selected six female entrepreneurs from Nigeria, Uganda, South Africa and Kenya as its top female technology innovators in Africa for 2017. [African Entrepreneur Start-up Project - AESP, 10 May 2010](#).

OP-ED: TACKLING AFRICA'S ENERGY DEFICIT MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR THE CONTINENT Access to electricity is key to Africa's future. It is the springboard to increased prosperity and a better quality of life. [CNBC Africa, 8 May 2017.](#)

IMVELISI – DEVELOPING ENVIROPRENEURS MENTORS: CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2017 GreenMatter and the Young Water Professionals (a division of the Water Institute of Southern Africa) manage the Imvelisi Enviropreneur Programme which is a DST funded training programme. This initiative supports young people interested in running water and biodiversity related businesses, through the creation of an early ideation training programme that enables participants to develop their business idea, understand their market, conceptualize a business plan and refine their pitching skills. If you are interested, please click [here](#).

SAB FOUNDATION 2017 SOCIAL INNOVATION AND DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT AWARDS The SAB Foundation supports and invests in entrepreneurs and social innovation with a priority in benefitting women and youth, people in rural areas and people with disability. The Social Innovation Awards are aimed at innovators/social entrepreneurs/institutions/social enterprises with prototypes or early stage businesses that can solve a social problem. Applications open on 3 May 2017 and close on 25 May 2017 at noon (12:00). [Website and further information.](#)

GCF 101 – NEW GUIDE ON HOW TO ACCESS THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND The Green Climate Fund launches “GCF 101” – a new web-based guide that provides Partners with detailed information on how to access the Fund's resources. The guide aims to help GCF stakeholders better navigate the many elements of engaging with the Fund. Access it [here](#).

BIGGEST US CORPORATES SETTING AMBITIOUS CLIMATE TARGETS: NEW REPORT Corporate sourcing of renewables in the US has reached record levels with nearly half of the country's biggest companies having set climate targets, according to a [new report](#) released in April.

NBI EVENTS 2017

A STUDY ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING: DISSEMINATION OF THE FINDINGS on Wednesday, 31 May 2017 at Clicks, Woodstock, Cape Town. 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 click on the link should you wish to attend this session: [Cape Town, 31 May 2017.](#)

SAVE THE DATES: THE BUSINESS OF ADAPTATION A framework for businesses to act on, enable and influence climate resilience on Tuesday, 20 June 2017 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton and on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at The Radisson Hotel, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town. Co-hosted by BSR, NBI and Kudos Africa. Click on the appropriate link: [RSVP Johannesburg, 20 June 2017](#) and [RSVP Cape Town, 22 June 2017.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

THE BLUE ECONOMY 30 May 2017 at GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg. Prof Gunter Pauli proposes a new competitive strategy called The Blue Economy. The Blue Economy explores some of the most tantalising prospects for realising a low-carbon, resource-efficient, and competitive economy in the 21st century. [GIBS](#).

BUSINESS ACTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S SANITATION CHALLENGE WEBINAR 1 June 16:00 to 17:30 SA Time. The CEO Water Mandate, Strategic Water Partners Network, and UNGC Network South Africa invite you to participate in a webinar focused on how businesses can help address South Africa's sanitation challenges. The webinar will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the sanitation challenges in South Africa, provide an opportunity to learn about innovative approaches to addressing the challenge and the enabling environment needed to do so, and begin to explore how companies can support improved sanitation outcomes. To participate, register [here](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING 6 June 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Johannesburg. Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

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.

TRAINING IN THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 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](#).

THIRD ANNUAL VISION 2030 SUMMIT 21 to 22 June 2017 at Birchwood Hotel & Conference Centre, Gauteng. Hear from and network with thought leaders in both the private and public sectors, to be part of a new phase of socioeconomic acceleration and transformation in South Africa. [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.

INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM 21 to 22 August 2017 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton. Africa, with a population exceeding 1 billion people, is well placed as an emerging market and has successfully maintained an average growth rate of 4% for the past few years as a continent. Africa is also urbanising at breakneck speeds, which means the need for infrastructure such as bypasses, bridges, new highways and new technologies need to be deployed in congested areas where traditional methods cannot work. This evolution of infrastructure and the underlying drivers of growth are highlighted at the annual Infrastructure Africa conference and exhibition. With discussions on specific project development opportunities from infrastructure players operating on the ground, the two-day business forum offers businesses the platform to set their regional strategies for long-term growth and the opportunity to unpack the enormous growth potential in Africa's infrastructure sectors. [Website](#).

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 22 August 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 COURSE 23 August 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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

UNGC WEBINAR: FORCED LABOUR RISKS IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS: HOW TO ADDRESS RISKS, REACT TO CHALLENGES AND RESPOND TO DILEMMAS Forced labour is ubiquitous in global supply chains. This webinar will showcase approaches to some of the challenges, including; how to respond to risks in different countries and lower tiers of supply chains; how to work effectively with suppliers and enable workers to exercise their rights; and how to ensure meaningful transparency to investors in line with regulatory requirements. Register [here](#).

CDP SUPPLIER SUPPORT WEBINAR - FIRST TIME DISCLOSERS 25 May 2017. Targeted at those people and companies new to CDP, this webinar provides an introduction to CDP's supply chain program, explaining the value and opportunities that result from disclosing on climate change and water. The webinars will cover how the disclosure process works, using the ORS, and where you can find guidance. **May 25 2017 09:00 BST // 16:00 CST** [Register](#)
May 25 2017 11:00 EDT // 16:00 BST [Register](#).

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](#).

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 June 2017. World Environment Day (WED) occurs on 5 June every year, is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. WED has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.

2017 WORLD CIRCULAR ECONOMY FORUM 5 to 7 June 2017 Helsinki, Finland. This ground-breaking event presents the world's best circular economy solutions and gathers together the most recognised experts and decision makers in the field. [Information](#).

UN CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG 14 5 to 9 June 2017, New York, USA. [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](#).

SETTING SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS: A CARBON TRUST WEBINAR 8 June 2017, 10am until 11am (BST). A webinar discussion on Science-based targets, why they are important and the benefits companies can experience by setting them. This webinar will be delivered by our experts, drawing on experience of client projects and serving on the Technical Advisory Group for the Science Based Targets initiative. [Read more & register](#).

We Mean Business: Water Initiative Webinar Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 14:00 BST/15:00 SAST. The We Mean Business Coalition in partnership with the Business Alliance for Water and Climate (BAFWAC) is offering companies a platform to act and be recognized for business leadership on climate. Join our webinar to learn how your company can commit to improve water security. [Registration Link](#).

WEBINAR: WE MEAN BUSINESS: COMMIT TO ACTION Tuesday, 13 June 2017 from 9:00 AM EDT //15:00 PM SAST. We Mean Business is offering companies a platform to act and be recognized for business leadership on climate. Join CDP for a webinar to learn how your company can commit to one or more climate initiatives, including RE100 and the Science Based Targets initiative. [Registration Link](#).

THE 7TH GLOBAL MEETING OF LOW CARBON TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE ([LCTPI](#)) will take place on 19 to 20 June 2017 during [Sustainable Energy Week](#) in Brussels, Belgium. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with key business leaders and policymakers in climate action. Seats are filling fast so [sign up now!](#)

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