

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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INDUSTRY NEWS

WWF-SA LIVING PLANET CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON SOUTH AFRICA'S "JUNK STATUS" Former finance minister Pravin Gordhan was the key note speaker at WWF South Africa's annual Living Planet Conference in Johannesburg today which had as its theme "What's your junk status?" The conference brought together experts in the food, energy and water sectors to explore solutions to one of the planet's most pressing challenges – namely waste. [*WWF Press Release*](#).

#LPC2017: WWF-SASSI FOUNDER RECEIVES LIVING PLANET AWARD SANBI Marine Programme manager Dr Kerry Sink was recognised at this year's WWF-SA Living Planet Conference with the organisation's Living Planet Award for her contributions to marine conservation. [*BizCommunity, 27 July 2017*](#).

WORLD'S YOUNG PEOPLE 'COULD FACE \$535TN CLIMATE BILL' The financial burden for young people could total \$535 trillion (£410tn) if action to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions is delayed. [*Energy Live News, 26 July 2017*](#).

PARIS CLIMATE DEAL NEEDS TO BE POLITICALLY, NOT LEGALLY, BINDING Whether countries have the legal right to back out of their climate commitments is irrelevant. It's up to defenders to make sure it hurts them politically. [Climate Change News, 26 July 2017.](#)

US VISITS SA TO ADDRESS PLASTIC POLLUTION IN OCEANS Solutions to reduce plastic waste along South Africa's coastline were recently discussed with members of the United States' Embassy who recently visited several provinces across the country. [Riante Naidoo, Infrastructure News, 26 July 2017.](#)

RECENT RAINFALL HAS HAD LITTLE IMPACT AS CT CONTINUES TO FACE DROUGHT CRISIS The drought conditions experienced in Cape Town has become the new normal for the city as a water-scarce region. [BizCommunity, 26 July 2017.](#)

NEPAD ADVOCATES CENTRALISED BANKABLE PROJECT INFORMATION HUB The New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad) Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF) is suggesting that a one-stop shop initiative – comprising a project hub and a help desk – be established to promote bankable projects in Africa, with the aim of increasing the accessibility of credible information for investors and to establish a regional, country-linked information hub. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 25 July 2017.](#)

INDIA'S SOLAR POWERED TRAINS Fancy a hop on a solar train? In India, that could be possible. Indian Railways rolled out its first train with rooftop solar panels that power the lights, fans, and information display systems inside passenger coaches. While the train will still be pulled by a diesel-powered locomotive, a set of 16 solar panels atop each coach will replace the diesel generators that typically power these appliances. [IOL, 25 July 2017.](#)

BRITISH RETAILER TESCO TO DETOXIFY CLOTHING Tesco has promised to eliminate hazardous chemicals from its clothing supply chain, in a major coup for environmental campaigners Greenpeace. [Madeleine Cuff, GreenBiz, 24 July 2017.](#)

DWS RELEASES PROPOSED RAW WATER TARIFFS The Department of Water and Sanitation met with all concerned stakeholders at the end of last week to discuss raw water tariffs. [Riante Naidoo, Infrastructure News, 24 July 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: "World's mining heavyweights put \$16 billion at risk in climate costs", [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 update: "UN Global Compact Provides Platform for Business Leaders to Take Action on 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. The CEO Water Mandate Secretariat welcomes Xylem as its latest endorsing company! Xylem is joining over 140 companies from across the globe and representing multiple industry sectors that have committed to advancing water stewardship and have been a participant of the United Nations Global Compact since 2002. Read [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: "Queensland Renewable Fuels Association to Partner With Below50", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read: "What experts are saying about the Natural Capital Protocol Toolkit", [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN THE ANALYSES OF CDP CLIMATE CHANGE DATA AND CDP WATER DATA The NBI requests proposals to support us in the delivery of the CDP Climate Change Programme and for the CDP Water Programme. Click [here](#) to download the RFP.

ETHICAL CULTURE IS AN OUTCOME OF GOOD GOVERNANCE: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF SOCIAL & ETHICS COMMITTEES OF COMPANY BOARDS In the current context of a leadership crisis and failures of governance both in the public and private sectors in South Africa, the role and relevance of Social & Ethics Committees of Company Boards has become even more critical and calls for leadership to be intricately linked to ethics. [NBI Quick Brief, 26 July 2017](#).

YESTERDAY THE NBI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INVESTEC HOSTED A THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SESSION ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH RT HON LORD MARK MALLOCH-BROWN KCMG AS THE GUEST SPEAKER. The discussion was based on opportunities for business to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to further their core business interests and support development. Click [here](#) to view the tweets from the event. A report by the Business Commission on Sustainable Development entitled [Better Business Better World](#), estimates that the SDGs will open up business opportunities to the tune of US\$ 12 trillion globally through four economic systems of Food and Agriculture; Cities; Energy & Minerals; and Health & Well-Being.

SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CLIMATE ACTION Many of South Africa's leading companies are embracing climate action as a driver of innovation, competitiveness, risk management and growth. The National Business Initiative (NBI), which is the key partner of the We Mean Business coalition in South Africa, spoke to many forward-looking companies about their approach to the low-carbon transition. [We Mean business Website](#).

Joanne Yawitch, NBI's CEO partook in a panel discussion on **Classic FM Business** with **Michael Avery** last week and **Alex McNamara**, NBI's Programme Manager of Environmental Sustainability was interviewed by **Bruce Whitfield** on **The Money Show** on **Talk Radio 702**. Listen to what they had to say on the role of the NBI in driving the global

compact principles and ideals in business in SA and how SA business is responding to climate change: [Classic FM](#) and [Talk Radio 702](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

THE DTI AND FNB SIGN PLEDGE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR BLACK INDUSTRIALISTS The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Rob Davies together with First National Bank (FNB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Public Sector Banking, Mr Kgosi Ledimo have today signed a pledge that will improve access to finance for Black Industrialists (BI) to fast-track accelerated economic transformation at a ceremony that was held in Johannesburg on Tuesday. [Transform SA, 26 July 2017](#).

BMW GROUP TO LAUNCH ELECTRIC THREE-DOOR MINI BMW Group's new battery-electric Mini, a variant of the brand's core three-door model, will go into production in 2019. [Engineering News, 26 July 2017](#).

SAB ANNOUNCES BREWERY EXPANSIONS South African Breweries (SAB) has announced R2.8 billion worth of expansions at two of its local breweries. The expansions will include a new packaging line for returnable glass bottles at both the Alrode and Rosslyn breweries, as well as a brewhouse at Rosslyn. According to SAB, the projects will create up to 70 additional full-time jobs. [Crown Publications, 24 July 2017](#).

TONGAAT HULETT LAUNCHES R550M SUGAR REFINERY PROJECT IN MOZAMBIQUE Sugar producer Tongaat Hulett on Monday launched a R550-million 90 000 t/y refinery to process brown sugar into white sugar at its Mozambique-based Xinavane sugar mill. [Engineering News, 24 July 2017](#).

IVANHOE APPOINTS TWO MORE FINANCIERS TO FIND FUNDS FOR PLATREEF Africa-focused platinum group metals (PGM) miner Ivanhoe Mines has appointed mine-financing institutions KfW IPEX-Bank and the Swedish Export Credit Corporation (SEK) to arrange project financing for the development of the Platreef project in South Africa's Limpopo province. [Mining Weekly, 19 July 2017](#).

VODACOM PLANS TO EXTEND MOBILE MONEY TO NEW AFRICAN MARKETS Vodacom Group sees the expansion of mobile-banking services into new markets in sub-Saharan Africa as a top priority following a shareholder vote to rubber stamp its purchase of a 35% stake in Safaricom, Kenya's biggest company. [Moneyweb, 19 July 2017](#).

CONSTRUCTION ON EXXARO'S NEW OFFICES TO START IN SEPTEMBER Real estate investment trust Growthpoint Properties has started the multimillion-rand development of a new head office for diversified miner Exxaro Resources. [Mining Weekly, 18 July 2017](#).

SAB INVESTS R2.8BN IN EXPANDING GAUTENG BREWERIES Multinational beverage and brewing company Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB-InBev) subsidiary South African Breweries (SAB) will invest R2.8-billion into brewery expansions, including two new packaging lines for returnable glass bottles, at its Alrode and Rosslyn breweries, in Gauteng. [Engineering News, 11 July 2017](#).

PROJECT BUILD is celebrating 40 years of bringing good school infrastructure to the education sector of KZN, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and the Free State. As part of their celebration an excellent journal has been produced and printed by Top Business KZN reflecting the value we have added to society in these years. View [here](#).

MTN APPOINTS PROCUREMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT HEAD Telecommunications group MTN has appointed Dirk Karl to head up group procurement and supply chain management, effective 1 November 2017. [Engineering News, 4 July 2017.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

WE MEAN BUSINESS JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER Read [here](#).

13 JULY 2017: WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) AND THE NATURAL CAPITAL COALITION LAUNCHED THE NATURAL CAPITAL PROTOCOL TOOLKIT, a brand new resource to help companies implement the [Natural Capital Protocol](#) - the first-ever standardized framework for measuring business impacts and dependencies on nature.

CDP CARBON MAJORS REPORT 2017 Download [here](#).

WBCSD WATER NEWSLETTER JULY 2017 During the first half of 2017, WBCSD has been busy looking inwards, taking stock and developing their strategy for the next five years. They've also been looking outwards, identifying key opportunities to channel the business voice on water. Read [here](#).

WBCSD'S 2018 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN TO APPLICATIONS! If you are up to the challenge, this demanding and rewarding program offers the opportunity to learn skills that will benefit not only you but your employer, society and the environment. This year, we are also offering a limited number of places for non-member participants. Read more about applying [here](#).

CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS 'BOOST SMALL BUSINESSES' Co-operative relationships could be the solution for the challenges faced by small and medium enterprises, study shows. [Business Live, 12 July 2017.](#)

EMBRACING CLIMATE DISCLOSURE; AVOIDING THE SCENARIOS TRAP Forward-looking businesses and investors recognize that climate change represents both financial risks and opportunities. It's these risks and opportunities that the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) is aiming to help organizations address with its final recommendations report. [Nigel Topping, WMB CEO, 11 July 2017.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2017

A STUDY ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING: DISSEMINATION OF THE FINDINGS Tuesday, 1 August 2017 at Sanlam, Umhlanga, KZN. 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. Having already taken place in Johannesburg and Cape Town, 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, in KwaZulu-Natal. Please contact **Shavilla Harpal** on **011 544 6000** or e-mail: ShavillaH@nbi.org.za.

BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT COP23 PARTNERSHIP: SHOWCASING SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND GOOD PRACTICE Thursday, 3 August 2017 at Sasol, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) invites you to pursue the opportunity of having your company's climate stewardship promoted at COP 23 in Bonn, Germany. In South Africa, the NBI and member companies Exxaro, Sasol and Eskom would like you to participate and contribute towards setting up an exhibition at COP 23 that will demonstrate and promote the world-class climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts undertaken by South African business. Please contact [Naseema Elias](#) for further details regarding the exhibition or RSVP for the information session by clicking [here](#).

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE BUSINESS ROLE IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY Thursday, 17 August 2017 at the Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel. The circular economy provides a sustainable development model that maintains resources at their true value, reduces wastage and pollution while allowing for growth. Inherently, such an approach can additionally support business reductions in carbon emissions. This high-level National Business Initiative (NBI) workshop will offer insights into understanding the barriers and enablers that businesses encounter while attempting to transition their business model to fit within the circular economy. If you an NBI Member company and wish to attend this event, please click [here](#).

LAUNCH: UNLOCKING WATER INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at The Venue, Green Park, Morningside, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is pleased to announce the launch of a new project entitled Kopano ya Metsi ('meeting for water' in Sesotho). Kopano ya Metsi aims to analyse the current and potential role of private sector investment (specifically Public Private Partnerships) as one of the solutions to the water sector funding gap. The project, which is to be implemented over two years, will take an inclusive, bottom up approach through engagement with key experts in the water, municipal and finance sector, in order to understand the challenges and identify possible solutions to the factors hindering private investment. Please contact [Maanda Rashaka](#) for more information on the project or click [here](#) to RSVP to attend the launch.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

WOMEN IN BUSINESS 2017 2 AUGUST 2017 AT GIBS, Illovo. As South Africa celebrates Women's Month in August, GIBS is once again proud to bring together leading businesswomen across sectors in an open and supportive environment for sharing, learning and networking. [GIBS](#).

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 organisations 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 De Kok** on magda.dekok@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

SANBI: BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FORUM 14 to 17 August 2017 at the Salt Rock Hotel and Beach Resort in KwaZulu-Natal. The BIMF, established in 2007, provides an opportunity for the biodiversity data community in South Africa to share information, discuss our practices and explore ways of improving the efficiency and impact of our work. [Website](#).

FATE OF THE NATION 17 August 2017 at GIBS, Illovo. What does our future hold? Will the ANC split within the next five years? Could the DA rule the country in 2024? Will the EFF form an alliance with the ANC? What should we do to make our economy grow at levels that will impact on poverty and inequality? Will we become a more tolerant or a more violent society? [GIBS](#).

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](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE 19 to 21 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, Johannesburg followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) based on the new Standards**. Participants receive a GRI certificate. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 27 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in 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 28 September 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING 12 October 2017 at the Glenhove Conference Centre in Melrose, 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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2017

CEO WATER MANDATE WORKING CONFERENCE 27 to 31 August 2017 Stockholm, Sweden. The Mandate's main annual convening will coincide with Stockholm World Water Week from **August 27th to September 1st**. Mandate events will take place both as seminars that will occur within the World Water Week conference, as well as side events that will take place offsite at the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel. They are as follows: **Collective Action to Support Water and Climate Outcomes** on Sunday, August 27 - [Details & Registration](#), **Context-Based Water Targets** on Monday, August 28 - [Details & Registration](#), **GRI 303 Water Standard Updates** also on Monday, August 28 - [Details & Registration](#) and lastly **Corporate Water Stewardship in Support of the SDGs: Impactful Collective Action at the Local Level** on Tuesday, August 29 - [Details & Registration](#).

WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM 27 August to 1 September 2017 Stockholm, Sweden. World Water Week in Stockholm is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues. It is organized by SIWI. In 2017, World Water Week will address the theme "water and waste – reduce and reuse". In 2016, over 3,200 individuals and around 330 convening organizations from 130 countries participated in the Week. To see the full programme, go to the [Online Programme](#) or have a look at the programme in a PDF format [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

2017 BUSINESS AND CLIMATE SUMMIT 31 August to 1 September 2017 New Delhi, India. The Business & Climate Summit is the leading annual forum for businesses, investors and policymakers on climate action. It is where business and governments come together to agree on a roadmap for reaching net zero emissions over the next half century. It demonstrates how low carbon strategies are good for business and good for growth – and builds the partnerships needed to scale up and accelerate the low carbon transition. [Register now](#).

CARBON TRUST GREEN BUSINESS FUND WORKSHOP 3 September 2017, London, UK. Workshop to help small companies learn how to identify and implement opportunities to reduce energy costs within their business and make the most of the Green Business Fund. [Carbon Trust Website](#).

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2017 18 to 24 September 2017, NYC, USA. Following a remarkable year in international politics and climate action, the world is at a critical turning point in its journey to address climate change. Taking place during the UN General Assembly, Climate Week NYC 2017 will gather leaders from business and government to demonstrate how continued investment in innovation, technology and clean energy will drive profitability and lead us towards a net-zero emissions global economy. [NY Climate Week 2017 Website](#).

2017 UN GLOBAL COMPACT LEADERS' SUMMIT 21 September 2017 New York, USA. The UN Global Compact Leaders' Summit brings together an international community of leaders from business, civil society, academia, Government and the United Nations to accelerate local and global business action and partnerships to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Request an invitation](#).

WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 16 to 19 October 2017 in Mexico City, Mexico. [Register now](#) (password: **mexico2017**) to take advantage of early bird rates that expire on 2 August! Join other international leaders as we gather in one of the world's megacities to discuss building roadmaps for impact in today's reality. A key highlight will be a new session on plenary day, showcasing examples from members whose business practices demonstrate a positive impact on the implementation of the SDGs. Together, we'll also explore innovative tools and solutions that can help business capitalize on the growth opportunities offered by the SDGs.

2018

WATER LOSS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2018 The IWA Water Loss Specialist Group, together with City Of Cape Town, will host the biennial Water Loss Conference and Exhibit from **7 to 9 May 2018 at the Century City Conference Centre and Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa.** The Water Loss Conference and Exhibition 2018 will be one of the world's largest water loss conferences and is expected to attract over 500 participants from more than 50 countries. [Website.](#)

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