

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2017



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INDUSTRY NEWS

CLIMATE CHANGE THREATENS AGRICULTURE IN PACIFIC RIM ECONOMIES Global warming is expected to have a significant impact on future yields of everything from rice to fish, particularly in countries situated closer to the equator, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has warned, and urged the Asia-Pacific economies to take a leading role in adaptation and mitigation. *[Agri Portal South Africa, 6 September 2017.](#)*

HOW SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS CAN HELP GOVERNMENT FIX THE ECONOMY What business is willing to say to itself is as important as what it says to government. Which is why the document, a contract with society, released by an organisation representing big business, Business Leadership SA's Contract with South Africa, may be setting a new tone not only on how business deals with government, but also how major economic actors deal with the economy's problems. *[Steven Friedman, CNBC, Africa, 6 September 2017.](#)*

CAN BUSINESS SAVE THE WORLD FROM CLIMATE CHANGE? "We are still in." On June 5, with these four words a group of U.S. businesses and investors with a combined annual revenue of \$1.4 trillion sent a powerful message to the world: U.S. President Donald Trump may have withdrawn from the Paris agreement on climate change four days earlier, but corporate America was not following suit. [Bianca Nogrady, GreenBiz, 5 September 2017.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATES AT THE COP13 TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD) IN CHINA 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 South Africa, a signatory to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), will participate in the forthcoming thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) taking place from 6 to 16 September in Ordos, People's Republic of China. [Knowledge Bylanes, 5 September 2017.](#)

AFRICAN GREEN REVOLUTION FORUM UNDERWAY IN ABIDJAN The President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Akinwumi Adesina, wants greater attention paid to the implementation of concrete plans for achieving the green revolution in Africa. [BizNis Africa, 5 September 2017.](#)

AFRICA HOPES TO BECOME NEW GROWTH POLE THROUGH COOPERATION WITH BRICS Africa hopes to become new growth pole through cooperation with BRICS. [Tralac, 5 September 2017.](#)

WESTERN CAPE DAMS ONLY A THIRD FULL The Western Cape's dams are only at an average 33.6% full as the rainy season draws to a close, the province's MEC for Local Government Anton Bredell said on Monday. [Engineering News, 5 September 2017.](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF WATER KEY TO EFFICIENT USE Understanding and recognising the many different values attached to water is the key to more efficient use. This was the message participants took home after World Water Week officially closed on Friday 01 September 2017. [Liesl Frankson, Infrastructure News, 4 September 2017.](#)

LEVEL 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN CAPE TOWN Further water restrictions for domestic and commercial users have been implemented in Cape Town, Mayor Patricia de Lille announced on Sunday. [Engineering News, 4 September 2017.](#)

INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN AFRICA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of global goals to be reached by the year 2030, with the aim of addressing a diverse range of developmental issues faced by various nations in the world, in particular Africa. [Lebogang Mahlalela, Responsible Business, 1 September 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: "US\$9.5 billion city water projects open for investment", [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: "Global Compact Local Networks in China, Japan and Korea Adopt Declaration to Commit and Follow up on Advancing the Global Goals", [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 latest blog article entitled: *“Generating Stakeholder Buy-In: How to Communicate What’s Relevant to Report and Why”*, [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 latest news article entitled: *“Business and Climate Summit spurs business, government collaboration”*, [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: *“Unlocking opportunities and advancing practice: Reflections from World Water Week, Stockholm”*, [here](#).

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NBI PROJECT LAUNCH: UNLOCKING WATER INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA took place yesterday, the 6th of September 2017 at The Venue Green Park in Morningside. 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 and click [here](#) to follow the action from the launch on Twitter.

PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERSHIP PUSH FOR MORE INCLUSIVE VISION IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA 400 leaders from the South African government, United Nations Development Programme and other regional leaders gathered on Thursday, 31 August, for the Responsible Business Forum on Sustainable Development to discuss accelerating and scaling innovations to end poverty, reduce inequalities, address climate change and achieve a healthy and prosperous society in Africa. [BizCommunity, 1 September 2017.](#)

AVENG GRINAKE-LTA, NBI AND HARAMBEE PARTNER TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH The National Business Initiative (NBI) has secured funding from the National Skills Fund to provide a 12-month structured workplace-based learning (WBL) programme for 60 civil engineering, building construction and engineering graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges in Gauteng. The initiative aims to enhance the employability of TVET college graduates while increasing their chances of securing employment in construction and technical fields. [AVENG News, 1 September 2017 – Page 2.](#)

NBI PROJECT OPPORTUNITY: BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT COP23 PARTNERSHIP The 23rd session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be organised by Fiji and hosted at the headquarters of the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany, 6 to 17 November 2017. In South Africa, the NBI and member companies Exxaro, Sasol and Eskom would like to invite you to participate and contribute towards setting up an exhibition at COP23 that will demonstrate and promote the world-class climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts undertaken by South African business. In addition the exhibition space will provide for daily seminars between leading South African and international business and government on specific climate themes.

Please contact [Steve Nicholls](#) should you be interested in participating in the exhibition and view the presentation [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

VIRTUAL TEACHER' PLATFORM INTRODUCED AT EASTERN CAPE SCHOOL Vodacom and the Eastern Cape Department of Education have taken the digitalisation of education in the province a step further through the launch of the 'Virtual Teacher' platform in East London on Monday. [IOL Business, 6 September 2017.](#)

INTERVIEW WITH MIKE BROWN, NEDBANK CEO, ON HIS CHILDHOOD, CAREER AND VIEW OF THE WORLD [Moneyweb, 6 September 2017.](#)

2017 IMPACT REPORT Old Mutual Investment Group's commitment to sustainability is embedded in the way we work. By investing in opportunities associated with a low-carbon and socially inclusive economy; supporting and developing our people and the communities in which we invest, operate and live; and ensuring our business consistently seeks to reduce its environmental impact, we aim to benefit our investors and meaningfully contribute to the long-term stability of the financial markets and society.

SAB UNVEILS PLAN FOR 10 000 JOBS BY 2021 South African Breweries Monday unveiled plans to create as many as 10 000 jobs in the country through various programmes it offers. [Moneyweb, 4 September 2017.](#)

COCA-COLA DONATES MORE THAN \$10M FOR FAMINE RELIEF IN AFRICA SAHEL REGION The Coca-Cola Company and its foundations recently announced a combined donation of more than \$10m to support immediate humanitarian relief efforts and future rebuilding and development assistance in the 10 countries in the African Sahel experiencing a devastating famine. [BizCommunity, 31 August 2017.](#)

GROWTHPOINT'S FY17 DISTRIBUTION SURPASSES GUIDANCE JSE-listed real estate investment trust Growthpoint Properties on Wednesday posted a distribution growth of 6.5% for the year ended June 30, surpassing its guidance. [Engineering News, 30 August 2017.](#)

PROTECTED: PARTNERING FOR GROWTH IN AFRICA Standard Bank is firmly rooted in Africa, with a vision to be the leading financial services organisation, creating exceptional experiences for its clients. Incredible growth is achieved when strong and influential forces work together to serve a common interest, such as Standard Bank's Incubator initiatives and partnerships with organizations such as General Electric, Lionesses of Africa, and Seedstars. [View video.](#)

BMW TO BUILD AN ALL-ELECTRIC VERSION OF THE MINI COOPER MINI's parent company, BMW, confirmed that it will release a full-electric version of the iconic MINI Cooper by 2019. [Climate Action, 30 August 2017.](#)

BARLOWORLD TO INSTALL 7 MW SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION AT NAMIBIA MINE Gold producer B2Gold has appointed Caterpillar and Cat dealer Barloworld to supply a 7-MW solar power plant at the Otjikoto mine, in Namibia. [Concrete.TV, 29 August 2017.](#)

VODACOM USES ITS TECHNOLOGY TO HELP FIGHT AGAINST RHINO POACHING The scourge of rhino poaching remains problematic in South Africa. To help combat this challenge, Vodacom and Celcom have now thrown their

weight behind the fight against anti-rhino poaching operations by introducing an innovative security measure for the Addo Elephant National Park. [Responsible Business, 23 August 2017.](#)

MURRAY & ROBERTS ACQUIRE FURTHER INTEREST IN THE BOMBELA CONCESSION COMPANY Listed construction and engineering group Murray & Roberts (M&R) has acquired a further interest in the Bombela Concession Company (BCC), the special purpose vehicle established for the design, partial financing, delivery, operation and maintenance of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link, for R405million. [IOL Business Report, 23 August 2017.](#)

ARUP INVESTS IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Two delegates from Arup recently participated in the Property Development Programme (PDP), a two-week intensive course run by the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business in association with the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA). Read [here.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

WBCSD SDG BUSINESS HUB BRIEFING: summarizes recent developments across the business and SDG landscape as well as some of WBCSD's latest initiatives in this space.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE BONN COP23 VENUE COP23 is being organized following an innovative concept of "one conference, two zones". During the two weeks of the conference, a vast area of the city of Bonn will become the Climate Campus that will be organized in two zones: the "Bula Zone" and the "Bonn Zone". This approach focuses on a close integration of the zones to ensure that negotiations, events and exhibits are integrated into one conference. View [here.](#)

HOW DO WE MEASURE SUSTAINABILITY? According to the GRI guidelines, a typical report should consist of the following elements: vision and strategy; governance structure and management. [WEF, Eyewitness News, 7 September 2017.](#)

NBI RFP: DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF CDP CLIMATE CHANGE AND CDP WATER The NBI requires the services of a suitable graphic design company to develop infographics and provide design and layout services in support of the CDP programmes (CDP Climate and CDP Water) in South Africa for 2017. [RFP For CDP SA Infographics.](#) [RFP For Design and Layout of CDP SA Executive Summary.](#)

LEADING COMPANIES RELEASE KEY INSIGHTS ON CIRCULAR WATER MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS Today, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released [eight deep-dive case studies](#) on circular water management, designed to help companies implement water reuse through WBCSD's [Business Guide to Circular Water Management.](#)

AB INBEV AND WWF: AFRICA'S WATERSHED MOMENT: BETTER WATER MANAGEMENT IS THE KEY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, SAYS NEW REPORT. With demand for water in Africa set to increase dramatically as populations, cities and economies expand, a major new report issued during World Water Week in Stockholm highlights how the management of water is fundamental to sustainable development across the continent. Read the Executive Summary [here](#) and download the report [here.](#)

CDP CITIES AND WATER INFOGRAPHIC Water is vital, yet climate change and rising populations are putting pressure on supplies. Learn how cities and companies are collaborating on water governance with this [infographic.](#)

GROWING A GREEN ECONOMY, ONE OUTCOME AT A TIME South Africa is making strides in building a green economy. [FIN24, 31 August 2017.](#)

WBCSD: BECOMING WATER-SMART: NEWLY RELEASED REPORT DELVES INTO SCALABLE WATER AND AGRICULTURE SOLUTIONS IN INDIA Businesses face significant risks from water scarcity and have real opportunities to gain from addressing the challenge. This report is a key step in helping companies mitigate the risk and seize the opportunity.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2017

5TH GOING GREEN CONFERENCE 13 September 2017 at the Public Works Conference Centre, Durban. The theme for the 5th Going Green Conference (GGC2017) is Public Infrastructure leading through Innovation and Green Technologies. The conference is about bringing together active collaboration and cooperation to fast track green infrastructure investments within the public infrastructure portfolio. [Further details.](#)

SUSTAINABLE LIVING EXHIBITION (SLE) AND INDIGENOUS PLANT FAIR 15 to 17 September at the Durban Exhibition Centre, KwaZulu-Natal. Hundreds of exhibitors will be displaying innovative products that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy, waste minimisation, water conservation, food security and greening concepts that can make your home or office eco-friendly while helping you save water and electricity consumption. [Information.](#)

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.

ADRIAN GORE: BUSINESS AS A FORCE FOR GOOD 28 September 2017 at GIBS, Illovo. The demands on business to address social challenges has never been greater – and this is especially true in South Africa. Given the ability of insurers to monetise improvements in social risk, they have a particularly powerful role to play. [GIBS Website.](#)

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.

EMPOWERING LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY 3 to 4 October 2017 at the Sandton International Convention Centre. EduTECH will open a whole new world of possibilities for education in Africa, an unprecedented opportunity to enable education professionals to obtain the most relevant and innovative content and experiences that lead to the revolutionization of education in Africa. Book [here.](#)

2017 ANNUAL GREEN BUILDING CONVENTION 9 to 11 October 2017 at the Century City Conference Centre and Hotel in Cape Town. For the last 9 years, the Green Building Convention has led the way in inspiring sustainable building practices in South Africa. We bring together industry leaders, experts and frontline professionals dedicated

to building a better future. We've built a reputation as the not-to-be-missed event for top professionals in the building industry. Now in our tenth year, this event promises to be the best of all – an exclusive gathering of top minds and leading experts, highlighting cutting-edge ideas that will lead to buildings that are greener and provide better returns – doing well by doing good. [Website](#).

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

WBCSD AND GRI WEBINAR ON GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE (GRI) STANDARDS: 11 September 2017. The webinar will cover background to the revised Standards, highlight key changes and will give you a chance to provide feedback and ask questions. [Register here](#).

SMART CITIES LIVE 12 to 13 September 2017 London, UK. Smart Cities Live is about embracing challenges and innovative solutions in the smart and sustainable development of cities and municipalities. [Read more](#).

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 City, US. 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](#).

DEEP DIVE ON SCIENCE-BASED TARGET SETTING 21 September 2017 New York City, US. The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is hosting a training session on science-based target setting, in conjunction with Climate Week NYC 2017. SBTi experts will provide briefings to sustainability practitioners in companies and consultancy firms on key issues related to setting science-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. [Information and register](#).

2017 SUSTAINABILITY EXPO 5 to 15 October 2017 Denver, US. The Sustainability Expo plays an integral role and helps make the Solar Decathlon a memorable experience by providing direct interaction between participants, speakers, and visitors to the event and the private sector companies and non-profits developing the products and services that are leading the way in energy sustainability. [GreenBiz Website](#).

WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 16 to 19 October 2017 in Mexico City, Mexico. [Register now](#) (password: **mexico2017**) and 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.

COP23 6 to 17 November 2017 Bonn, Germany. The UN Climate Change Conference - November 2017 will take place in Bonn, Germany and will be presided over by the Government of Fiji. This is the next step for governments to implement the Paris Climate Change Agreement and accelerate the transformation to sustainable, resilient and climate-safe development. The Paris Agreement entered into force last November and the era of implementation has begun. This conference will further clarify the enabling frameworks that will make the agreement fully operational and the support needed for all nations to achieve their climate change goals. [Further information.](#)

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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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