

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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INDUSTRY NEWS

URGENT SHIFT IN WATER MANAGEMENT CRUCIAL IF SDGS ARE TO BE MET The High Level Panel on Water (HLPW) says a fundamental change in the way the world manages water is necessary if the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly goal six, are to be achieved. [BizCommunity, 15 March 2018.](#)

HOW MUCH OF THE SEAFOOD ON YOUR PLATE WAS CAUGHT ILLEGALLY? Illegal fishing represents close to a third of all catches – and the global nature of the seafood industry means that the seafood on your plate could easily come from halfway across the world. [WWF-SA, 14 March 2018.](#)

SIGNING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEALS WILL REPOSITION SA AS A LEADER IN THE FIELD The signing of 27 renewable energy independent power producer projects (REIPPP) by the South African government on 13 March 2018 is an acknowledgement of the importance and the future of the renewable energy sector. [*u-Chief, 14 March 2018.*](#)

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE FUTURE OF WORK? As the Fourth Industrial Revolution disrupts every facet of our lives, business leaders and HR practitioners face a challenging but exciting time. [*HR Future, 14 March 2018.*](#)

JUNE SUMMIT TO FOCUS ON RURAL, TOWNSHIP ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT A township and rural economy summit will be held in June to discuss issues affecting rural economy development, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rural and Township Industrial Economic Development programme director Mbofholowo Tsedu revealed on Wednesday. [*Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 14 March 2018.*](#)

FEARS THAT CARBON TAX COULD LIMIT SA ECONOMY Concerns raised in the public comments on the draft carbon tax bill include the adverse effect it will have on the SA economy. [*Lameez Omarjee, FIN24, 14 March 2018.*](#)

DROUGHT DECLARED A NATIONAL DISASTER Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Zweli Mkhize has declared the drought and water crisis affecting parts of the country as a national state of disaster. [*BizCommunity, 14 March 2018.*](#)

MAJOR FINANCIAL INJECTION TO GO INTO KZN SMALL BUSINESSES Cooperatives and small business enterprises in KwaZulu-Natal are set to receive a major financial boost thanks to a whopping R57 million that the provincial department of economic development, tourism and environmental affairs (EDTEA) has set aside for the sector. [*The Citizen, 14 March 2018.*](#)

WHY BUSINESS NEEDS WOMEN TO LEAD ON THE SDGS In recent years, two issues have taken on increasing importance to business: sustainability; and, thanks to the rise of the #MeToo movement, women's leadership. By looking at the need for business to embrace new leaders to help achieve the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a new paper by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission (Business Commission) draws a connection between these two business priorities. [*Ellen Weinreb, Greenbiz, 13 March 2018.*](#)

BUSA OPTIMISTIC OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) is optimistic about South Africa's economic prospects following meetings with investors and ratings agencies in London this week. [*Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 13 March 2018.*](#)

EXTREME WINTER WEATHER BECOMING MORE COMMON AS ARCTIC WARMS, STUDY FINDS Scientists found a strong link between high temperatures near the pole and unusually heavy snowfall and frigid weather farther south. [*Oliver Milman, The Guardian, 13 March 2018.*](#)

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIGNS DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE TO PROPEL SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA In a major boost for its Light up and power Africa initiative, the African Development Bank has entered into partnership with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to scale up solar energy in Africa. [*Africa Business Communities, Bob Koiqi, 13 March 2018.*](#)

WATER - HEART OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT World Water Day is celebrated on 22 March every year, and each year it highlights a specific aspect of fresh water. This year's theme is 'Nature for Water', which will be amplified through the South African Department of Water and Sanitation's National Water Week awareness campaign from 18-24 March 2018. [Automotive Business Review, 13 March 2018.](#)

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OF THE FUTURE IN SMART CITIES How in-vehicle intelligence could revolutionise the transport industry. [Talkiot, 13 March 2018.](#)

FIX THE FOUNDATION PHASE, URGES METCALFE South Africa urgently needs to fix the basic literacy and numeracy education in primary schools in order to prevent the fallout that occurs on high school level, says education expert Mary Metcalfe. [Penwell Dlamini, Times Live, 12 March 2018.](#)

FINANCIAL SECTOR GETS WAKE-UP CALL The financial sector has come under fire again for its slow pace of transformation, with the Association of Black Securities and Investment Professionals (Absip) saying it wants the sector to be more reflective of South Africa's demographics. [Thulebona Mhlanqa, Mail & Guardian, 9 March 2018.](#)

FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES TO GET AHEAD, MANAGERS MUST ASSIGN WORK FAIRLY Organizations have been trying to improve diversity in the workplace for decades — with little success. [HBR, Joan C William and Marina Multhaup, 5 March 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI): PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYABILITY The NBI in partnership with Harambee Youth Accelerator, held a debriefing session with mentors and company owners of medium size companies providing workplace-based learning in basic plumbing and the installation and maintenance of solar water heaters for 25 graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training. The session took place at the end of six months of workplace-based learning and provided a platform for mentors and company owners to reflect on their experiences in hosting candidates. The companies applauded the placement of women as a way to diversify participation in the sector; 14 women out of 25 candidates took part in the initiative. Companies stated their commitment to hosting the second cohort by also offering them technical support and guidance on how to start and manage their own businesses. Employers were given the opportunity to reflect on their experiences in mentoring solar water heater candidates and one made the following profound comment: *"We need diversity in our industry and having ladies on this programme was one of the best ways we could demonstrate this and also start diversifying our company."* Please contact [Cecil Macheke](#) for further information.

MASTER BUILDERS SOUTH AFRICA HOSTED A CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COLLOQUIUM ON 8TH MARCH 2018 IN DURBAN. Speaking as a panellist at the Colloquium under the theme, making construction a career choice, **Makano Morojele, Head of Social Sustainability at the National Business Initiative (NBI)** said employers play a vital role in defining demand and influencing youth career choices. Employers and schools must jointly find creative ways of exposing pupils to the world of work. She added that, non-mandated stakeholder platforms constituted by companies, research agencies and industry associations and bodies offer opportunities for innovation and coordinated effort and thus they can continually shape demand. Makano contended that public funding regimes in turn must be alive to shifting demands brought about by the 4th Industrial Revolution and adapt

swiftly to respond to these demands. Please note that Makano's input drew on NBI's youth employability projects in construction and solar water heating sectors. Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to contact her.

LAST WEEK THURSDAY WAS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Read NBI's Quick Brief: [International Women's Day | Transforming Lives – 8 March 2018.](#)

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) UPDATE The National Business Initiative (NBI) has been working to support the implementation of the [National Development Plan](#) through prioritising the following 6 key areas: working with local government, working on waste water treatment, understanding the role of gas in the economy, working with TVET colleges, social cohesion, and the cross-cutting role of the NBI. The NBI has been making incremental progress across all of these areas and we have a number of collective action programmes that partner with local government in energy and in water. We are also working to scale up specific company programmes that are already involved in this area. If you would like to collaborate more with local government please contact: [Gugu McLaren](#). We are focussing on the role of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in waste water treatment and the water value chain in general - for more information on this, please contact: [Alex McNamara](#). We plan to host workshops during the year exploring the work that has been done on the role of gas in the economy and a climate friendly energy transition. [Steve Nicholls](#) can be contacted regarding the workshops that are to take place. [Makano Morojele](#) is scaling up the NBI's very successful track record in working with TVET colleges. Gugu McLaren is leading the work on the NBI's new and very exciting programme on Transformation (and social cohesion) and the NBI as a whole continues in its core role of connecting business to each other and to other stakeholders (especially government), to build trust and to scale-up impact.

TRANSFORMING THE SUPPLY CHAIN ROUNDTABLE INSIGHTS [NBI Quick Brief – 6 March 2018.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. They have built the most comprehensive collection of self-reported environmental information in the world. Over the past 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest blog article entitled: "*Sourcing soy: how the private sector can cut deforestation in the Brazilian Cerrado companies*", [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: "*Crowdsourcing the First Water Management Database-With a Little Help from Companies?*", [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 case study: "*Ørsted: Science-based target case study*", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their new report released this week which shows that *Costa Rica is raising the bar for sustainability reporting ambitions*, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

NEDBANK LAUNCHES SA INVESTMENT INITIATIVE Nedbank has launched the Investing in South Africa initiative to woo investment into the country on the back of the renewed business confidence. [IOL Business, 15 March 2018.](#)

R2.1BN TOP-UP DEAL TAKES PPC SA BEE SHAREHOLDING TO 30% Cement producer PPC on Thursday announced details of its R2.1-billion top-up black economic empowerment (BEE) scheme that, together with the BEE shareholding from two previous transactions, will result in an effective 30% BEE shareholding at the PPC South Africa level. [Engineering News, 15 March 2018.](#)

NEW STOKVEL SAVINGS TOOL LAUNCHED BY PICK N PAY With South African consumers widely using stokvels as a savings tool and the concept continuing to grow in popularity, Pick n Pay has partnered with Absa to launch a new stokvel account, providing a safer and easier way to save. [IOL Business, 15 March 2018.](#)

SHELL AWARDS £120K TO THREE LOW CARBON START-UPS Three businesses have won funding totalling £120,000 to further develop their low carbon technologies. [Energy Live News, 14 March 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT GOES GREENER TO ATTRACT SPECIALISED INVESTORS Growthpoint Properties has become the first South African company to issue a green bond programme on the JSE as it looks to attract specialised investors wanting exposure to environmentally friendly projects. [BizCommunity, 14 March 2018.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN LAUNCHES NEW SUSTAINABILITY GOALS Anglo American on Tuesday announced new goals to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent, improve energy efficiency by 30 percent and cut freshwater withdrawal by 50 percent in arid regions, all by 2030. [Sharenet, 13 March 2018.](#)

SANLAM PURSUES \$1BN AFRICAN DEAL Insurer is on track to becoming Africa's largest non-banking financial service group. [Moneyweb, 8 March 2018.](#)

MONDI JOINS WWF'S CLIMATE SAVING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME Global packaging and paper group Mondi has adopted 2050 science-based targets to help limit the rise in global temperature to under 2 °C above pre-industrial levels by joining nature conservation organisation, the World Wide Fund for Nature's (WWF's) climate leadership programme for businesses – Climate Savers, which aims to transform businesses into low-carbon economy leaders. [Engineering News, 7 March 2018.](#)

SA'S FUTURE 'JUST GOT A LOT MORE POSITIVE' – ANGLO AMERICAN CEO Cutifani says he believes in the future of the country. [Moneyweb, 7 March 2018.](#)

FIRSTRAND CE PINS GROWTH HOPES ON CYRIL RAMAPHOSA Outgoing FirstRand chief executive Johan Burger yesterday became the latest captain of industry to pin his businesses growth hopes on the elevation of Cyril Ramaphosa to the country's head of state. [IOL Business, 7 March 2018.](#)

FNB CEO: IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TECH, ITS ABOUT HEARTS AND MINDS FNB may have shifted its "centre of gravity" from physical branches to the digital space in recent years, but its brains trust is aware that it needs to do more than roll out cutting-edge banking tech to attract and retain customers. [FIN24, 7 March 2018.](#)

BARCLAYS AFRICA REPORTS HIGHER ANNUAL PROFIT, AIDED BY FALL IN IMPAIRMENTS Barclays Africa Group, South Africa's No.2 lender by market value, reported a 4 percent rise in annual profit on Thursday, thanks to a substantial decline in impairments. [Reuters, 1 March 2018.](#)

CLICKS EMPLOYEES BENEFIT FROM COMPANY'S PROFIT SHARE SCHEME Nearly 8 000 full-time employees at the Clicks Group will benefit from a massive R1.3 billion employee share ownership scheme payout as well as a further R100 million donation to the Clicks Foundation for educational bursaries. [IOL, 28 February 2018.](#)

SAPPI CONCLUDES CHAM PAPER ACQUISITION JSE-listed Sappi has completed the acquisition of Cham Paper Group (CPG). [Engineering News, 28 February 2018.](#)

MURRAY & ROBERTS INTERIM PROFITS MORE THAN DOUBLE South African engineering and construction group Murray & Roberts said interim profits more than doubled on higher earnings from its underground mining activities and reduced loss from the sale of its Middle East business. [Moneyweb, 28 February 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

WESTERN CAPE MUST CONTINUE TO RALLY TO PREVENT DAY ZERO The City of Cape Town has managed to bring water consumption down to levels last seen in 2000, but this trend must continue well beyond the winter rainfall period to ensure that Day Zero is avoided. The key message from the **NBI Drought Task Force** is that the job is far from over, and depending on rainfall levels and consumption in 2018, the Western Cape could still face severe water shortages in 2018 or 2019. Businesses are reminded that **Level 6B** restrictions are in place in Cape Town, and that companies must reduce their monthly consumption of municipal drinking water by 45% compared to the corresponding period in 2015. The next meeting takes place on the 22nd of March 2018 at FirstRand, Tygervalley. For more information on the Western Cape Drought Task Force please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

CAPE TOWN INCREASES USE OF TREATED EFFLUENT WATER TO BOOST WATER SECURITY The City of Cape Town on Thursday said the use of treated effluent water would increase water security in the city as approval had now been given for the supply of up to 10-million litres of treated effluent to various businesses from collection points across the city. [Engineering News, 15 March 2018.](#)

WATER CRISIS: CAPE TOWN DROUGHT TO HAVE HUGE IMPACT ON SA'S ECONOMY Cape Town has fought tooth and nail to push day zero back to 2019. A large part of that battle has been concentrated on catching the national government's attention and ensuring that the water crisis was handled by the highest sources of power. [Tom Head, The South Africa, 15 March 2018.](#)

WWF WEDNESDAY WATER FILE #9: DRY HYGIENE Looking back to our very first Wednesday Water File the message was "the only thing that can really push out Day Zero is if YOU and I use less water and save water NOW"! Most Capetonians have done their part to keep Day Zero at bay. Now what, you may ask? [WWF-SA, 14 March 2018.](#)

WC GOVT TO ASSESS HOW MUCH IS NEEDED TO LESSEN EFFECTS OF DROUGHT Officials say drought relief funds will be allocated on an individual needs basis.

Kevin Brandt, EWN, 13 March 2018.

WWF WEDNESDAY WATER FILE #8: INTERNATIONAL We are not alone. Most cities are located where they are because they had a good water source to start with, but as they grow they need to import drinking water and export waste water. Although Cape Town – with almost 4 million residents – has been billed as the first major city in the world to run the risk of its taps running dry, there are many other cities that are water stressed. **WWF-SA, 7 March 2018.**

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO:

- All drought-related information at www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater
- **All drought-related City of Cape Town media releases**
- Subscribe to Day Zero and drought-related information at www.capetown.gov.za/subscribe
- **Day Zero Dashboard** – shows date from when we may have to start queueing for water. Updated every Monday.
- **City of Cape Town Water Dashboard** showing dam levels and water usage. Updated every Monday
- **Water Outlook 2018 Report** and **Water Outlook 2018 Presentation** – produced by the City of Cape Town Water and Sanitation Department. Updated regularly.
- **Day Zero and Water-related FAQs**
- **Water Rationing Guide**

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

WORLD REPORT 2018 Our Annual Review of **Human Rights** Around the Globe. **Download the report.**

NEW REPORT SHOWS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CAN UNLOCK MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES LINKED TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY Gender equality in the workplace is key to unlocking significant business growth, and driving positive social and environmental impacts, according to **Better Leadership, Better World: Women Leading for the Global Goals**, released ahead of International Women's Day.

COMMENT: DRAFT CARBON TAX BILL The Standing Committee on Finance invites stakeholders and interested parties to submit written submissions on the **Draft Carbon Tax Bill**. Please **click here** to read more.

EASTERN CAPE WILDLIFE PROJECT HOPES TO BUILD A GREEN ECONOMY FOR COMMUNITIES Nofingxana community's Double Drift Wildlife Economy Project was launched to help communities build a green economy and live with conservation. **EWN, 7 March 2018.**

CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS Sophiatown-based Youth Entrepreneurs celebrate Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards. Seven youth-owned businesses were rewarded last week at the 2018 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards held in Sophiatown. Over 100 guests cheered the category finalists and winners at the annual event featuring the Beeston Awards to recognise outstanding green entrepreneurship in South Africa. **Artslink, 6 March 2018.**

ANTI-HATE SPEECH BILL SET TO BE TABLED SOON The anti-hate speech bill is before cabinet and would be tabled in Parliament soon, Arts and Culture Minister Nathi Mthethwa said at the launch of Anti-Racism Week in Johannesburg on Tuesday. [IOL, 6 March 2018.](#)

CDP AND SMART FREIGHT CENTRE TO COLLABORATE One of the key areas of this collaboration will be the alignment of KPIs between CDP's transportation questionnaire and the GLEC Framework. CDP will organize a webinar for its members on 21 March to introduce CDP's work on transportation, SFC, the GLEC Framework and the link to the Science Based Targets initiative. [Website.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON THE RISE on Monday, 19 March 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. The electric vehicle (EV) market has also been steadily growing. In 2016, the cumulative sale of electric passenger cars and utility vans passed 1 million units, and in January 2017, the monthly sale of passenger EVs (including plug-in hybrids, all-electric cars and conventional hybrids) surpassed conventional car sales for the first time. But what does this global momentum on EVs mean for South Africa, if at all? To what extent will this affect local car manufacturers and the local market, both now and in the future? And is this a sustainable mobility solution for the country? If you an NBI Member company join us at our next TLS seminar as we tackle these key questions by clicking [here](#).

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: APPROACHES TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 at Sanlam, Sandton. As part of the NBI's Transformation Programme, the Thought Leadership Series (TLS) will explore approaches to contributing towards creating an equal and just South African society. Transformation is a complex and layered issue that continues to pose a significant challenge for companies. The complexity of the issue is confounded further by the context in which organisations operate: sector, location, size etc., meaning that there are multiple and varied ways to have an impact. The purpose of this Thought Leadership dialogue is to understand approaches to changing our economy and society, and explore differing views, as well as convergences, as ultimately we are all working towards the same end. If you an NBI Member company please join us at our next TLS seminar as we tackle these key questions, by clicking [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

DROUGHT CRISIS MEETING FOR FACILITIES MANAGERS 20 March 2018 in Cape Town. Facilities & Building Managers will be updated with useful case studies, tools and support. They'll share best practices on how to reduce water consumption by 45% to comply with current restrictions and business continuity plans for Day Zero. Hosted by City of Cape Town and SA Facilities Management Association (SAFMA) with support from Old Mutual, GreenCape and Western Cape Government. RSVP [here](#). For more info: Business.Events@capetown.gov.za

ALTERNATIVE WATER WORKSHOP FOR PLUMBERS 20 March 2018 in Cape Town. Workshop to discuss the practical implementation of alternative water system installations, including regulation and legislated requirements and technical aspects. No charge to attend. RSVP [here](#). For more info: Business.Events@capetown.gov.za.

FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION 23 March 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. This workshop is aimed at assisting senior executives develop strategic skills and insights in order to formulate a mission statement and a strategic plan of action. The workshop will be led by Professor Nick Binedell and Mr Grant Pattison (Chief Executive, Edcon, former Massmart CEO). [GIBS website](#).

2018 THE WATER SHOW AFRICA 27 to 28 March 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng. A unique conference and marketplace for water professionals to discover the latest services and innovation to improve the delivery of water infrastructure and efficiency in service supply. Reflecting the growth and development in the region for years to come, the show is the most important place to build partnerships for future success. Book tickets [here](#).

2018 ANNUAL SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 28 March 2018 at the Gallagher Conference Centre in Midrand, Gauteng. The conference will feature an inspirational line-up of speakers including highly successful entrepreneurs, renowned local thought-leaders, Government, mavericks and game-changers in the ESD field. As a specialist in the Enterprise and Supplier Development space, you can look forward to an interactive programme line-up that encompasses a variety of diverse and practical topics. The Keynote Speaker will be Ms Malebo Mabitje - Thompson: Deputy Director General of the DTI. Please contact: Creative Space Media on **011 467 3341** or e-mail: admin@creativespacemedia.co.za.

NEXT GENERATION'S 2018 RESEARCH REPORT LAUNCH 5 April 2018 Durbanville, Western Cape and 12 April 2018 Sunninghill, Johannesburg. Next Generation provides trusted guidance for high-impact social investment, innovation and development. With this year's trend research report release, we're celebrating 15 years of benchmarking trends in the social investment and development sectors. [Register here](#).

COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE WASTE ACT WORKSHOP 10 April 2018 Rosebank, Johannesburg. IMBEWU will be hosting a full-day workshop focused on compliance with & the enforcement of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008. [Programme](#) and [Booking Form](#).

MAKING HR MORE RELEVANT IN THE ORGANISATION'S OF THE FUTURE 17 April 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. As we face the fourth industry revolution - HR and business leaders are compelled to rewrite the rules to how they organize, recruit, develop, manage and engage with the 21st century workforce. [GIBS website](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING (PRACTITIONERS' LEVEL) 18 to 19 April 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, 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**.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF AQUA REPUBLICA 19 April 2018 at the Willows, Pretoria, Gauteng. Join us for an exciting day using serious gaming to improve integrated water resource management. [More information](#).

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. Many of the world's leading experts in the field of Non-Revenue Water Management will be present and will discuss the latest

developments, strategies, techniques and applications of international best practices as well as successful case studies. [Conference Website.](#)

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS KEY THEMES IN CSI AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS 8 to 9 May 2018 The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg. The keynote address will be presented by the former public protector, Professor Thuli Madonsela, now the chair of social justice at Stellenbosch University's law faculty. Bonang Mohale, CEO of Business Leadership South Africa, will also share insights at this industry-leading event. [BizCommunity website.](#)

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) based on the new Standards **29 to 31 May 2018 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.**

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE FOR AFRICA 3 to 28 September 2018 at SANBI, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town. The IOI-SA will be running the annual course in Ocean Governance for Africa in collaboration with the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), and other partners in September 2018. E-mail your [application](#) by **13th April 2018** to: Shampton@ioisa.org or Hampton.shannon@gmail.com. Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 5 to 8 August 2018 at INTUNDLA, PRETORIA. Inviting managers in the private or public sector to influence and guide their organisation to take an integrated approach to sustainability across all functions. The programme is widely regarded as the most effective of its kind. Designed for those specifically charged with driving sustainability in their organisation, this programme provides access to the latest data on the global challenges facing us, tools and frameworks for action, and bold business responses from around the world. Participants explore the strategic implications for their own business, and effective approaches to engage all levels of the organisation. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership online application form and all applicants are subject to a selection panel approval. For more information kindly click [here](#) or download the application form [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

WEBINAR: CDP REPORTING – HOW TO PREPARE FOR 2018 14 March 2018 15:30 GMT. As part of its 'Reimagining Disclosure' campaign, CDP has made notable changes to its questionnaires for 2018. Whether you are an experienced CDP reporter, or a first-time responder, you will need to start preparing for these changes and ensuring your data is in order. [Further details here.](#)

8TH WORLD WATER FORUM 18 TO 23 March 2018, Brasília, Brazil. The World Water Forum is the world's biggest water-related event and is organized by the World Water Council (WWC), an international organization that brings together all those interested in the theme of water. Its mission is "to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life on Earth". [Website.](#)

WMB WEBINAR: SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS AND CDP SCORING 19 March 2018 9:00 to 10:00 pm GMT. An overview of science-based targets and CDP scoring The deadline to submit targets to the Science Based Targets initiative for an official validation in time for CDP's scoring submission deadline is April 15th, 2018. In preparation for this, please join CDP for a detailed overview of science-based targets, including how companies can commit to adopt targets through the SBTi Call to Action, best practices for submitting high-quality targets to the SBTi for validation, and an overview of CDP scoring for science-based targets. [Register here.](#)

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT 26 to 27 March 2018 New York, US. Increasingly businesses are working together to deliver the ambitious partnerships that will help deliver the SDGs and more. The Responsible Business Summit New York is USA's must-attend event for CEOs and business professionals looking to shape the future of sustainable and responsible business. [Register here.](#)

SCALING COLLABORATION TO DELIVER THE SDGs 26 to 29 March 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia. The 5th Responsible Business Forum on Food & Agriculture will convene over 500 food, agriculture and nutrition decision makers from companies, governments, investors, NGOs and farmers, to discuss these challenges and agree on scaling collaborative actions to achieve the sustainable development goals in Asia. [Registration.](#)

WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY (WSCCB-2018) 3rd to 5th April 2018 Manchester, UK. The Symposium will be a truly interdisciplinary event, mobilizing scholars, social movements, practitioners and members of governmental agencies, undertaking research and/or executing projects on climate change and biodiversity across the world. [Website.](#)

2018 WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING 16 to 19 April 2018 Montreux, Switzerland. Our [Liaison Delegate Meeting](#) will bring together over 400 sustainability professionals from all sectors and geographies to learn about new trends, explore innovative tools and implement collaborative solutions that will drive performance while delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Password: montreux2018.**

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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