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INDUSTRY NEWS

INVESTORS SHOULD PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO GENDER DIVERSITY In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange will ring its bell in support of gender equality. This is part of a global bell-ringing ceremony hosted by more than 50 stock exchanges around the world, to raise awareness of the role that the private sector can play in advancing gender equality. *Mike Davies, Moneyweb, 8 March 2018.*

ONE IN FIVE SA BUSINESSES STILL HAVE NO WOMEN AT ALL IN SENIOR POSITIONS Nearly one third (29%) of senior roles in South Africa are now filled by women, but it is concerning that one in five local businesses (20%) still have no women at all in senior positions, the 2018 Grant Thornton International Business Report shows. *Times Live, 8 March 2018.*

HOW TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER In an ever more polarized and divided world, a rare consensus is forming among business leaders. Influential figureheads — from BlackRock’s Larry Fink to Unilever’s Paul Polman and even the governor of the Bank of England — increasingly agree: Businesses need to move beyond traditional measures of commercial success and make social value the benchmark for performance. [Lindsay Hooper, GreenBiz, 7 March 2018.](#)

HOW THE UK IS LEADING THE WORLD IN SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION British organisations are setting the global standard for innovation in sustainable projects. [Responsible Business, 7 March 2018.](#)

WINE INDUSTRY CONTINUOUSLY FOCUSES ON TRANSFORMATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SAYS VINPRO With every R1-million invested into the South African wine industry, almost five jobs are created, says wine industry representative Vinpro. [Marleny Arnoldy, Engineering News, 7 March 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN TO HOST FIRST IN SERIES OF 2018 TOP WOMEN CONFERENCES Celebrating human rights this month, Cape Town will play host to the first in a series of Top Women Conferences, providing a platform to address challenges around women empowerment and women-driven economic growth. [BizCommunity, 7 March 2018.](#)

DOE SAYS RENEWABLE ENERGY RECEIVING ‘URGENT ATTENTION’ The Department of Energy (DoE) has promised that the signing of the outstanding power purchase agreements with renewable energy independent power producers (IPP) is receiving “very urgent attention” and would happen soon. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 7 March 2018.](#)

THE SURPRISING TRUTH BEHIND THE WORLD'S ELECTRIC CARS The BNEF says electric vehicles were 39% cleaner on average than using internal combustion engines in 2016. [EWN, 6 March 2018.](#)

ARCTIC HAS WARMEST WINTER ON RECORD: 'NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS' Sea ice has hit record lows for time of year as experts say global warming probably fueled big storms in Europe and north-eastern US. [The Guardian, 6 March 2018.](#)

WEATHER PATTERNS PUTTING STRAIN ON FOOD SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA According to FAO, conflicts and climatic shocks are taking a toll on East African and the Near East in particular, where high levels of food insecurity persist and large numbers of people continue to need humanitarian assistance. [BizCommunity, 6 March 2018.](#)

3 TIPS TO CLOSING THE GENDER PAY GAP FOR CLASS OF 2020 Women graduating from university in developed markets in 2020 could be the first generation to close the gender pay gap in their professional lifetimes, according to new research from Accenture (NYSE: ACN) that covers South Africa and other countries. [HR Future, 6 March 2018.](#)

SALGA TO HOST ENERGY SUMMIT TO DEFINE ‘ENERGY FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA’ The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) will host the 2018 Energy Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg – from 7-9 March 2018 – to examine the current energy landscape and to define the energy future role for Local Government. [SME South Africa, 6 March 2018.](#)

HOW REDRESSING INEQUALITY IN SA CAN BE DONE THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP Inequality emerged as a major theme at the 47th World Economic Forum in Davos, and remains a pressing concern globally and in SA. [HR Future, 6 March 2018.](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH BETTER THAN WHAT MANY EXPECTED In a time when good news seems hard to come by, the latest gross domestic product (GDP) results provide some cautious cheer. The South African economy

grew by 1,3% in 2017, exceeding National Treasury's expectation of 1,0% growth announced during the National Budget Speech in February. [Statistics South Africa, 6 March 2018.](#)

HOW SMART WORKERS CAN FUTURE-PROOF THEIR CAREER PROSPECTS It is no secret that the world of work is shifting, and that individuals need to prepare for this changing landscape if they want their skills to remain in demand. And the way to do so, is to become a SMART worker. [HR Future, 6 March 2018.](#)

JABU MABUZA LOOKS AT "REIGNITING OUR ECONOMY" AT MAJOR PROPERTY BUSINESS CONFERENCE Eskom Chairman Jabu Mabuza will join global and local business influencers at the SA REIT Conference 2018 in Sandton Central next month. In his headline address, Mabuza will explore the challenges South Africa has to overcome in reigniting its economy and other big issues facing business in 2018 and beyond. [Sandton Central, 6 March 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Read NBI's latest 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.](#)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) The NBI core strategy is to engage business in economic and social transformation. We do this through thought leadership to identify areas where NBI member companies can collaborate and have significant impact; building the capacity of companies to understand issues; and designing collective action programmes where companies and other stakeholders (especially Government) work together to scale impact. The SDGs help provide a road map and set of targets that define this economic and social transformation as well as a framework for collaboration and measuring performance. Work by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission show the size of the opportunity of implementing the SDGs: worth US\$12 trillion in value across 12 system changes and creating 380 million jobs. The NBI is therefore working with sectors across the country in order to prioritise SDGs for a sector. Companies will struggle to simultaneously impact all of the 17 SDGs and working with other companies in their sector on selected SDGs provides a way to scale impact and share best practice. If you are interested in participating in a sector pilot, please contact: [Steve Nicholls](#).

NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE: PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYABILITY Workplace-based Learning in Hospitality: Mentors reflect on their experiences in hosting candidates. The NBI held a reflective session with mentors and

managers from companies providing workplace-based learning in Hospitality and Hotel Maintenance for 79 candidates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges. [Read here.](#)

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: *"How CDP's move to sector-based questions benefits 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 latest blog article entitled: *"Water Stewardship In Our Own Backyard: The California Water Action Collaborative?"*, [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 progress report by CEO, Nigel Toppings entitled *"Leading companies are responding to the Mahindra challenge"*, [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. View their latest video: *WBCSD President Peter Bakker On Living The Paris Agreement*, [here.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

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.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S AECI SEES GROWTH IN WATER TREATMENT AFTER DROUGHT HITS CONTINENT South African chemicals group AECI could increase revenue from its desalination and water treatment business by up to 80 percent over the next five years after a severe drought hit Africa, its CEO said. [Reuters, 27 February 2018.](#)

BMW SOUTH AFRICA INVESTS R73MN INTO SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY IN SA BMW South Africa is investing R73 Million rand on a brand new skills development academy. [CNBC Africa's Lubabalo Mashiqana filed this report.](#)

SASOL POSTS SOLID INTERIM RESULTS ON GLOBAL OIL RECOVERY Energy and chemicals group Sasol [JSE: SOL] said on Monday headline earnings per share (Heps) showed a 17% increase in the six months to end-December 2017, above market guidance on the back of a higher oil price. [FIN24, 26 February 2018.](#)

TRANSNET DELIVERS ON ITS AFRICA STRATEGY State-owned Transnet's Diaspora Infrastructure Development Group (DIDG) Consortium on Wednesday delivered rolling stock to the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) to strengthen regional integration, trade and the recapitalisation of the Zimbabwean railway programme. [Engineering News, 22 February 2018.](#)

UNITAR AND ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY AND SAVE LIVES [Press Release, 14 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. For more information on the Western Cape Drought Task Force please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

#EVERYDROPCOUNTS: CAPE TOWN'S WATER SAVING HAILED AS 'GLOBAL FIRST' Cape Town is setting a global standard for reducing water consumption. [Marvin Charles, IOL, 7 March 2018.](#)

DROUGHT HAS HALTED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE WESTERN CAPE, SAYS MEC The drought has halted economic growth in the Western Cape, finance MEC Ivan Meyer said in his budget speech on Wednesday. [Dave Chambers, Business Live, 7 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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE GETS R280 MILLION FOR DROUGHT RELIEF FOR 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR The Western Cape has been allocated a total of R280 million for drought relief for the 2018/19 financial year. This was announced by Finance MEC, Ivan Meyer, in Tuesday's Provincial Budget Address. [IOL, 6 March 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN DISTILLERY PRODUCES NEW DROUGHT-CONSCIOUS GIN Pienaar & Son, a boutique craft distillery based in Cape Town's City Bowl, has launched a 'Drought Edition' gin with the aim of raising awareness around the water shortage, whilst reducing their own water consumption. [BizCommunity, 5 March 2018.](#)

WWF WEDNESDAY WATER FILE #7: DEBUNKING DESALINATION Desalination can provide an important additional source of water for Cape Town as our existing freshwater sources become more stressed under conditions of drought and climate change. [WWF-SA, 28 February 2018.](#)

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO:

- [How to save water in your business or organisation](#): includes building water use poster and guide.
- [Water Saving Toolkits](#): water and drought-related materials e.g. posters and guides.
- [Summary Guidelines for Alternative Water Installations](#) and [apply here](#) to install and use such systems.
- [Safe Use of Greywater booklet](#): how to use greywater safely at home or work.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINION AND SURVEYS

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.

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. [Eye Witness News, 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 Beston 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.](#)

THE WBCSD is pleased to share with you their latest [SDG Briefing](#) which aims to source and package latest insight, key developments and emerging trends about the SDGs and seeks to provide inspiration and guidance to help you navigate this very dynamic landscape. For more detail on any of these developments and resources, news and insight pieces visit: [SDG Business Hub.](#)

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS KEY THEMES IN CSI AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS Delegates at South Africa's annual responsible business gathering taking place in May 2018 can look forward to an inspirational speaker line-up addressing on-trend themes ranging from social justice to harnessing the momentous changes of the digital revolution. [BizCommunity, 26 February 2018.](#)

RELEASED RECENTLY: NEW REPORT HELPS BUSINESS NAVIGATE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING TRENDS The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) just released a [new report](#) that maps global and regional Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) reporting trends.

NBI EVENTS 2018

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at the BLSA Offices, Sandton. For South Africa and for Africa, shifts in the nature of work towards greater reliance on technology and ICT are generally perceived as a threat and one which can only exacerbate our serious unemployment and skills challenges. The NBI and Adcorp are hosting the first in a thought leadership series that will explore the 4th Industrial Revolution from the perspective of what it might mean for our economy and how we can engage with it to create new opportunities and jobs that support the vision of the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Please click [here](#) if you are an NBI Member Company and would like to attend this event.

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 in 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

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 13 March 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**.

H2KNOW SUMMIT AND EXPO FOR BUSINESSES 13 March 2018 River Club, Observatory, Cape Town. Organised by the Cape Chamber of Commerce, and non-member businesses welcome too. No charge to attend. Exhibition open 8:00 to 14:00, presentations from 09:00 to 13:00. Pre-register online [here](#). To exhibit contact Denise: denise@capechamber.co.za or on: **021 402 4300**.

HOW TO MANAGE ASSURANCE OF YOUR ORGANISATION'S SUSTAINABILITY/ INTEGRATED REPORT COURSE 14 March 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**.

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. 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**.

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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

2018 SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM EUROPE 13 March 2018 Paris, France. The new Sustainable Investment Forum Europe will be taking place in March 2018 in Paris, France, gathering decision-makers from the investment community, European governments and think tanks to discuss concrete solutions to the current challenges of the European and global climate finance market. [Website](#).

WEBINAR: SUPPLIER SUSTAINABILITY RATINGS FOR PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN NEEDS 13 March 2018 13:00 EST. Does your organization know whether its suppliers are sustainability leaders or laggards? Does it include supplier sustainability scores in supplier selection and in supplier relationship management scorecards? [Register here](#).

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](#).

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.](#)

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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