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CLEAN ENERGY SPURT VITAL FOR 2°C WARMING LIMIT To attain the internationally-agreed global warming limit, a clean energy spurt delivering six times more renewables than today is essential, analysts say. [Alex Kirby, Climate News Network, 18 April 2018.](#)

ZERO CARBON FOR NEW BUILDINGS IN SA CITIES Residents and businesses moving into new buildings in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Tshwane will soon enjoy lower energy bills, and will generate less greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reducing their climate change impact. [Gadget, 17 April 2018.](#)

THE URGENCY OF CURBING POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, EXPLAINED The International Maritime Organization, a United Nations agency that regulates global shipping, is writing new rules to curb greenhouse gas emissions from ships by 2050 as it implements other regulations that will mandate cleaner-burning fuels at sea by 2020. [James J. Winebrake and James J. Corbett, BizCommunity, 17 April 2018.](#)

SCIENTISTS ACCIDENTALLY CREATE MUTANT ENZYME THAT EATS PLASTIC BOTTLES The breakthrough, spurred by the discovery of plastic-eating bugs at a Japanese dump, could help solve the global plastic pollution crisis. [Damian Carrington, The Guardian, 16 April 2018.](#)

HOW CITIES CAN FIGHT GLOBAL WATER INSECURITY By 2030, 5 billion people will be living in urban areas with hundreds of millions living in one of the world's 41 mega-cities, up from 28 today. At the same time, global demand for water is projected to outstrip supply by 40 percent. As such, cities around the world are at risk of water insecurity, the inability of a population to access good quality water of sufficient quantity necessary for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being and socio-economic development. [Robert Brears, GreenBiz, 16 April 2018.](#)

BANKS CALL FOR DISCUSSION ON TRANSFORMATION Banks want a discussion on how the industry should deal with transformation. The Banking Association of South Africa says growth in the industry depends on making banking facilities accessible to more people. [ENCA, 12 April 2018.](#)

WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WIND TURBINE BUILT AFTER DONALD TRUMP LOSES LEGAL BATTLE President Trump won't be happy. Scotland is fast becoming the go-to destination for offshore wind innovation, and the project he spent so long opposing is leading the way. [Climate Action, 12 April 2018.](#)

TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES REVITALISE SA'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY With transformation now at the centre of many development partnerships, South Africa's construction industry is calling for expanded governance in the sector to promote an enabling environment for the empowerment of historically underprivileged groups. [Infrastructure News, 9 April 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

AN AUDIT OF BUSINESS-LED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES AND ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES IN THE SKILLS PIPELINE FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR As reported in early February this year, the NBI is conducting two research studies. Read more about them [here](#).

A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA The NBI's transformation programme is facilitating a process to collectively craft a vision of a South Africa where business has transformed by meaningfully and actively addressing inequality and inequity through its value chain to create a thriving society. Over two workshops to be held, we aim to collectively explore and re-think a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. This process will allow business to pause and reflect on the journey of transformation, and to understand both successes to date as well as the barriers to meaningful change. It is an opportunity to re-energise ourselves and galvanise towards collective and collaborative action. For more information please contact: [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#).

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) will again partner with Global Initiatives for the 2nd annual Responsible Business Forum (RBF) on Sustainable Development, Africa. Under the theme '**Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology**', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. [Further information](#).

THE UMHLATHUZE WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIP (UWASP) convenes key government, private sector and civil society stakeholders to actively collaborate on water security solutions for the uMhlathuze catchment in KwaZulu-Natal. Read update [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 press release entitled: "*Chemical reaction: stress testing the future of the chemicals industry through carbon pricing*", [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 article entitled: "*The Business Alliance for Water and Climate to Collaborate with the Moroccan Coalition for Water?*", [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 CEO's article entitled: "*Three keys to transforming business for the low-carbon transition*", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their new publication released this week entitled: “*SDG Sector Roadmaps: Leveraging the power of collaboration to drive SDG impact*”, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

‘LEANER AND FITTER’ PICK N PAY REAPS REWARDS OF COST-CUTTING PROGRAMME CEO Richard Brasher says the retailer has kept its average selling price inflation in check and well below Statistics SA’s official figure. [BusinessLIVE, 19 April 2018](#).

CLICKS GROUP’S H1 PROFIT RISES Retailer Clicks Group posted a 14.8% rise in half-year earnings on Thursday as health and beauty products appealed to thrifty consumers in a weak economy. [Moneyweb, 19 April 2018](#).

GRINDROD CONCLUDES SALE OF UNICORN BUNKER SERVICES Grindrod has finalised the sale of its bunker division, Unicorn Bunker Services, for an undisclosed amount. [Engineering News, 18 April 2018](#).

VODACOM BUSINESS LAUNCHES LOCAL SMME INCUBATION CENTRE Vodacom Business, in partnership with technology and training company, Silulo Ulutho Technologies launched a business incubation centre in Mitchells Plain earlier this month. [IOL Business, 18 April 2018](#).

DE BEERS EARNS \$520M IN THIRD SALES CYCLE Diamond miner De Beers’ global sight holder and auction sales earned the company \$520-million in the third sales cycle of this year. [Mining Weekly, 17 April 2018](#).

AB INBEV DEVELOPS NEW ENERGY-EFFICIENT BREWING METHOD AB InBev has developed a new brewing method which will reduce its CO2 emissions by approximately 5% once the technique is utilised in its entire brewery network. [FASTMOVING, 16 April 2018](#).

CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP (CNG) AND CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE (CCC) have joined hands to assist South African fruit and wine farmers along their journey towards achieving climate neutrality for their products. Through this collaboration, CNG and CCC can offer a turnkey approach to turning challenges associated with climate change into opportunities for their clients. [Read more](#).

TSGO SUN’S JAMES KHOZA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SA CHEFS ASSOCIATION The SA Chefs Association is a non-profit industry body that represents the interests of chefs, cooks and caterers at all levels, with a focus on skills development, the celebration of culinary professionals, and transforming the industry. [Joburg Tourism, 12 April 2018](#).

ABB INVESTING IN AFRICA’S YOUTH TO SHIFT MEANINGFUL CHANGE Social investment in Digital Technology Centre offers under-privileged youth access to the fast-changing digital technology economy to develop local Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) solutions. [ABB, 11 April 2018](#).

WOOLWORTHS INVESTS R1.5M IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCHOOLS Following the ongoing drought in South Africa being declared a national disaster, Woolworths has announced a R1.5m investment in water infrastructure for schools via the newly launched MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet LoveH2O Water Fund. [BizCommunity, 10 April 2018](#).

STANDARD BANK EYES WEST AFRICA GROWTH AFTER IVORY COAST OPENING Standard Bank Group is seeking a banking license in Senegal after opening in Ivory Coast as the lender expands in West Africa's French-speaking countries. [Moneyweb, 10 April 2018.](#)

MTN GROUP'S 2017 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT: MTN Group's digital dividends and responsibilities report on digital inclusion, innovation and enterprise transformation, and environmental, digital human rights, talent and workplace management was released on 29 March 2018. Click [here](#) to download the report with accompanying UN GRI 4 and UN Global Compact COP reports.

SOUTH32 TAKES STEPS INTO PERU Diversified miner South32 has signed an earn-in agreement with ASX-listed junior Inca Minerals over its Greater Riqueza project, in Peru. [Mining Weekly, 5 April 2018.](#)

CLICKS OPENS 500TH PHARMACY Health and beauty retailer Clicks said on Thursday it had opened its 500th pharmacy at Park Station in central Johannesburg, underlining its position as South Africa's largest retail pharmacy chain. [ENCA, 5 April 2018.](#)

TRAFIGURA SIGNS COBALT OFFTAKE DEAL WITH SHALINA RESOURCES SUBSIDIARY Commodities trader Trafigura has signed an offtake agreement for cobalt hydroxide until December 2020 with Shalina Resources and its subsidiary Chemaf based in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chemaf said in a statement on Wednesday. [Mining Weekly, 5 April 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: The next meeting is taking place on the 24th of April 2018 at Old Mutual, Pinelands. For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

CAPE TOWN COMES TO THE RESCUE AS SALDANHA RUNS DRY Saldanha Bay, on the West Coast, is a week away from running out of water and Cape Town has come to their rescue. The drinking water supplies in the small town are running dangerously low because the Misverstand Dam has dried up. [Lucinda Dordley, Cape \(Town\) etc, 19 April 2018.](#)

COLD FRONT TO BRING DESPERATELY NEEDED RAIN TO DROUGHT-HIT CAPE A moderate cold front is expected to reach Cape Town on Wednesday, possibly bringing much needed rain to the drought-hit area. [ENCA, 17 April 2018.](#)

WATER CONSUMPTION SPIKES IN DROUGHT-STRICKEN CAPE TOWN Collective water consumption has increased by 5% from 516 million litres to 542 million litres over the past several days. [EWN, 17 April 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN'S WATER PLAN IS TOO NARROW, SAYS EXPERT; ADVISES LONG-TERM PLAN UCT academic Dr Kevin Winter says the City council's proposed 26.9% water price hike, which has drawn howls of protest from Capetonians, is not big enough to shift the city out of the water crisis in the long term. [Engineering News, 17 April 2018.](#)

Below some useful resources to assist in the water conservation journey:

- [Water Saving Toolkits:](#) water and drought-related materials e.g. posters and guides
- [How to save water in your business or organisation,](#) including a building water usage poster and guide
- [Summary Guidelines for Alternative Water Installations,](#) and [apply here](#) to install and use such systems

- [Water Rationing Guide](#)
- [Safe Use of Greywater booklet](#): how to use greywater safely at home or work
- [GreenCape's drought business support service](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

GENDER EQUALITY AT WORK CAN PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN TECH INDUSTRY – REPORT The report released by PwC on Tuesday says women in technology remain significantly under-represented. [The Citizen, 17 April 2018.](#)

WBCSD: LAUNCHING THE SOCIAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL COALITION: HELPING COMPANIES RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES LIVING WELL This week marks the launch of the [Social and Human Capital Coalition](#), designed to help companies recognize, measure and value the importance of people and communities. As part of the launch, the Coalition is also [opening the Social and Human Capital Protocol](#) for public consultation until 16 June 2018.

SOCIAL INVESTORS NOW WANT TO SEE IMPACT, SUSTAINABILITY - AND ROI Investing in social and developmental causes has become increasingly innovative lately, moving away from one-directional donations and suchlike. Social investors now use a mix of finance models to put their money where it has the potential to grow substantially. [BizCommunity, 17 April 2018.](#)

2018 ECO-LOGIC AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED After gathering earlier this month, the 2018 Eco-Logic Awards judging panel have selected the finalists in each environmental category. Hosted by [The Enviropaedia](#), the awards will take place on 5 June, World Environment Day, in Tshwane. [BizCommunity, 16 April 2018.](#)

AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME - APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN UNTIL 30 JUNE 2018 Your company may be eligible to apply for the Agro-Processing Support Scheme (“APSS”) if it is involved in implementing upgrade or expansion projects with a minimum investment value of R1 million in new machinery and equipment; commercial vehicles; buildings; and/ or competitiveness improvement costs. The APSS was launched by the South African government in 2017 to target support towards agro-processing activities that result in job creation and they have recently reopened a new call for proposals. [Read here.](#)

IT'S TIME TO DO MORE TO CLOSE THE GENDER PAY GAP [Watch video here.](#)

SANBI PROMOTES ITS CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS TO ACCESS GREEN CLIMATE FUND RESOURCES VIA A NATIONAL ROADSHOW The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), an Accredited Entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in South Africa has been on the road to promote its call for a Green Climate Fund Expression of Interest (EoI). The EoI call invites institutions who wish to register their interest and project ideas to formally request this by way of completing an Expression of Interest application form. **Closing date: 30 April 2018.** [Further information.](#)

HOW TO CREATE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE Do you know how your organization can drive gender equality? [Henna Inam, Forbes, 8 April 2018.](#)

EXECUTIVE UPDATE: HOW TO PUT HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF YOUR BUSINESS: FOUR KEY STEPS Leading CEOs and investors have realized that sustainable business depends on a sustainable world. [Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, UN Global Compact, 9 March, 2018.](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR THE MASTER'S IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE ARE NOW OPEN Africa needs development practitioners in government, business and civil society who understand the complexity of developmental challenges and who have the leadership capacities to design and implement the integrated and multidisciplinary Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The University of Pretoria's **Master's in Development Practice (MDP@UP)** addresses this need by delivering graduates with the knowledge, leadership competence and technical skills needed to implement the SDGs. [Further information.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

LAUNCH: SOUTH AFRICAN RISK AND VULNERABILITY ATLAS, 2ND EDITION – KZN Friday, 20 April 2018 at The Hilton Hotel, Durban. The Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the National Business Initiative (NBI) are launching the hardcopy launch of the 2nd Edition of the South African Risk and Vulnerability Atlas (SARVA). First published in 2012, the SARVA has been updated to reflect an enhanced knowledge of future climate change in South Africa and places greater emphasis on specific themes and case studies. The hard copy SARVA is complemented by an on-line portal, managed by the South Africa Earth Observation Network (SAEON). RSVP [here](#) should you wish to attend the Durban Launch.

APPLYING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET METHODOLOGY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT taking place in Cape Town on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at the Westin Hotel and in Johannesburg on Thursday, 26 April 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with WWF and We Mean Business, is hosting an exclusive seminar that will assist South African companies in implementing science based targets. The Science Based Targets initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, WWF and World Resources Institute that aims to provide companies with a platform to set emissions reduction targets that are in line with the level of decarbonisation required to keep the global temperature increase below 2° C. Whilst the content of this seminar will be largely technical in nature, the introduction will include a quick refresher on the rationale behind setting science based targets and the methodologies available. This is an NBI member only event. Click [here](#) if you wish to attend the Cape Town workshop and [here](#) for the Johannesburg one.

ENHANCING BUSINESS RESILIENCE THROUGH CONTEXT-BASED STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS Friday, 4 May 2018 at Santam, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Network for Business Sustainability (NBS-SA) are hosting a morning workshop to discuss how we ensure that companies and communities are resilient in the face of increasingly frequent and severe disruptions, such as the Western Cape drought? We will focus on two key dimensions: how companies are contextualising their strategy to enhance resilience and how they are partnering with municipalities and others to enhance the resilience of their companies and the communities in which they operate. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for this workshop.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE: INTERMEDIATE CITIES AS DESTINATIONS FOR INVESTMENT Thursday, 17 May 2018 at the DBSA, Midrand. This dialogue focuses on the infrastructure needs and investment opportunities present in cities outside of the major metropolitan regions. As always, the Dialogue's goal is to use shared information and facilitated discussion to achieve: an improved climate for policy and decision-making; strengthened cooperation within the infrastructure sector; and specifically, ideas that participants may be able to take forward or apply through their respective areas of responsibility and influence. [Read more.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REPORTING COURSE 2 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

CARBON TAX 101 COURSE 3 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

IMBEWU WILL BE HOSTING A FULL-DAY LEGAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT 59 OF 2008 in Cape Town on 4 May 2018 at Intaka Island Eco Centre, Century City. The workshop will cover: waste management activities and licensing requirements; the implications of on-site storage, sorting, shredding etc. of waste; the duty of care and the contaminated land provisions; compliance action taken by government and case studies; offences, including director liability, and what steps must be taken in the event of unlawful action; and the future of waste management in South Africa. [Programme](#) and [Booking Form](#).

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](#).

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: DEVELOPING CARBON PROJECTS 16 May 2018 at the Westin Hotel in Cape Town. Climate Neutral Group is hosting a business breakfast and informal discussion on the topic: "Developing Carbon Projects". The focus will be on the essential elements of developing an emission reduction project that can generate additional income through the sale of carbon credits within the context of South Africa's future compliance carbon market. [RSVP or for further information](#).

ISO 14064 FOUNDATION COURSE 21 to 25 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**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

2018 AFRICA SHARED VALUE SUMMIT 24 to 25 May 2018 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The aim of the Africa Shared Value Summit is to raise awareness and advocate for the success of the strategic implementation of the Shared Value

business model which brings about social change while positively impacting profit. In 2018, the Summit aims to deepen and continue the Shared Value conversation, with a focus on implementation, impact and how Shared Value may be used as a vehicle to implement and align business to the SDGs. [Website](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators), 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**.

SCENARIO PLANNING AND STRATEGIC THINKING 30 May to 1 June 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Are you sufficiently prepared for a range of alternative future scenarios your organisation could face? Learn how to build an effective scenario plan and think strategically in a complex and uncertain environment. [GIBS Website](#).

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](#).

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](#) 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

CERES 2018 CONFERENCE 24 to 26 April 2018 Boston, US. Scaling up sustainable solutions to climate change, water scarcity and pollution, and human rights abuses are needed now more than ever to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy. [WMB Website](#).

SUSTAINABLE APPAREL: HOW BRANDS CAN TRANSFORM SUPPLY CHAINS 25 April 2018 Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The forum will look at major issues such as: Circular economy in the apparel industry: How close is circularity to gaining real traction in the industry? Can brands work together successfully to implement circular solutions at scale? Supply chain transparency: What's the best way for brands to collate, monitor and use supplier data in an age of transparency and disclosure? Better factory engagement: How can brands and factories work together more effectively for improved performance, energy efficiencies and cost-savings? [More information](#).

WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINAR 3 May 2018 (15:00-16:00 CET / 08:00-09:00 UTC-5). We will zoom-in on SDG developments and business action in Latin America and advance the conversation around the 2030 agenda. With this webinar we continue our efforts to explore the SDGs through the lens of a particular regional perspective and provide

a platform to exchange insight and updates on important initiatives. Experts from the United Nations Development Programme and CEMEX will join us to offer their thought leadership and share their experiences about key SDG developments in the region and beyond. [Register here](#).

2018 NORTH AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT 9 to 10 May 2018 Casablanca, Morocco. NARES 2018 will not only focus on the Solar power and Wind power development in North Africa, but also involve the energy storage future application in the North Africa region. The summit will attract more than 300 leaders to share the latest progress of the renewable industry in Northern Africa. Click [here](#).

5TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING 23 to 24 May 2018 New York, USA. Climate 2018 is based on the theme: “Abrupt Impacts of Climate Change” and the conference mainly focuses on the Climate change and its effects. Study of Climate change is important in today’s world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. We have to really understand the challenges and together we have to make a pledge for a sustainable environment. [Conference website](#).

2ND ANNUAL RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Under the theme 'Transforming Africa’s development through innovation, youth and technology', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. After an overwhelmingly positive response last year, RBF Africa 2018 will again bring more than 400 delegates together to address and share their vision for an equitable and prosperous future in Africa. The Forum will align with the African Union’s Agenda 2063, a vision for an integrated and peaceful continent, a vision encompassed by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Please note that NBI Members get a 20% discount by using the following promotional code: NBIRBFAF18D.** [Register here](#).

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