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INDUSTRY NEWS

GLOBAL PROGRESS LAGS BEHIND ENERGY TARGET FOR 2030 The world is not on track to meet the global energy targets for 2030 set as part of the Sustainable Development Goals, however real progress is being made in areas of expansion of access to electricity in least developed countries as well as industrial energy efficiency. [ESI Africa, 3 May 2018.](#)

WIMBLEDON WILL BAN PLASTIC STRAWS FOR UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIP Wimbledon, the iconic tennis venue, will ditch plastic straws at this year's tournament, replacing them instead with recyclable alternatives. [Climate Action, 3 May 2018.](#)

FOR CIVIL SOCIETY, INNOVATION IS THE NEW NORMAL We live in a world of major geopolitical shifts and life-changing technological innovations. It's fair to wonder, then, what our biggest hopes are for society in the coming decades. [Silvia Maqnoni, GreenBiz, 3 May 2018.](#)

MAD RUSH TO CREATE SELF-DRIVING CARS STALLS AFTER NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS A series of high-profile accidents involving self-driving cars are slowing the mad rush into the autonomous vehicles business, according to a report issued on Wednesday. [Brian Eckhouse, Business Live, 2 May 2018.](#)

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL FORUM OPENS WITH FOCUS TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND IN ENERGY TRANSITION The [Sustainable Energy for All Forum](#) opened today in Portugal with the urge to global leaders that more can be done to ensure no one is left behind in an energy transition focused on delivering Sustainable Development Goal 7. [PR Newswire - NewsPrelease.com, 2 May 2018.](#)

DECLARATION OF MOUTONSHOEK PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT WELCOMED The Moutonshoek Protected Environment (MPE) is South Africa's newest privately protected area, lying in the mountains of the Moutonshoek valley near Piketberg which is an important catchment for the Verlorenvlei on the West Coast. [WWF-SA, 2 May 2018.](#)

1 000 SA YOUTHS TO GET HEALTHCARE SKILLS As many as 1 000 South African youths stand to benefit from a [healthcare skills development programme](#) in line with government's call to create opportunities for young people to gain work experience. [Engineering News, 2 May 2018.](#)

9 OUT OF 10 AIR-POLLUTION DEATHS OCCUR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHO STUDY FINDS Almost every single person worldwide breathes in toxic air on a regular basis, although the consequences for those living in developing regions are more deadly, according to a new World Health Organization study. [The Huffington Post South Africa, 2 May 2018.](#)

A SCIENTIST SAYS HE'S INVENTED A REPLACEMENT FOR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES THAT FULLY DECOMPOSES IN 3 WEEKS A British scientist claims to have invented a plastic-free, single-use water bottle that can decompose within three weeks. [Alexandra Ma, Insider Business South Africa, 2 May 2018.](#)

LAYING THE BRICKS FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT The National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) has held a women's roundtable as part of efforts to show its commitment to transformation in the human settlements and built environment sector. [BizCommunity, 2 May 2018.](#)

INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE HELPS TACKLE PRESSING SDGS With more than 200 million people unemployed globally and nearly one billion people living in extreme poverty, a global call for private businesses and investors to invest in sustainable business models aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been issues by the 2018 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). [BizCommunity, 25 April 2018.](#)

INNOVATION, PEOPLE KEY TO CREATING A SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY Bioeconomy can aid in efforts to tackle global problems such as hunger, poverty, and climate change - if done right. According to FAO Deputy Director-General Climate and Natural Resources, Maria Helena Semedo, a sustainable bioeconomy "is foremost about nature and the people who take care of and produce biomass." This means family farmers, forest people and fishers, who are also "holders of important knowledge on how to manage natural resources in a sustainable way." [BizCommunity, 25 April 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

BUSINESS HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN ADDRESSING INEQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA The seemingly intractable issues of poverty and inequality in South Africa pose fundamental challenges now and for the future. [NBI Quick Brief, 24 April 2018.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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 news article entitled: "*Moving beyond disclosure and driving action*", [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: "Climate is Water: Tackling Brazil's Growing Water Challenges?"*, [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 blog article entitled: "*Business demonstrates bold action at Bonn climate talks*", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their new report entitled: "*New report shows green growth and reporting are high on Vietnam's agenda*", [here.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

HOW PWC IS USING VR TO HELP 'SEE' THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE [GreenBiz, 3 May 2018.](#)

MTN Q1 REVENUE RISES 9% South African telecoms firm MTN Group reported on Thursday a 9.1% rise in its revenue for the quarter to the end of March, sending its shares 5% higher. [Moneyweb, 3 May 2018.](#)

MONDI BUYS REST OF EGYPTIAN PAPER FIRM'S SHARES Dual-listed packaging and paper group Mondi has announced that it had signed an agreement to acquire 100% of the outstanding shares in National Company for Paper Products and Import & Export S.A.E (NPP) in Egypt for a total consideration of 23.7million (R356.21m) on a debt and cash-free basis. [IOL Business, 2 May 2018.](#)

THE BOARDWALK IS KEEN TO BE GREEN Sun International's award winning The Boardwalk is paying more than just lip service to its commitment to environmental sustainability. [Baydu.co.za, 2 May 2018.](#)

ENTREPRENEURIAL PROFILE: PICK N PAY CHAIR GARETH ACKERMAN Early days and learnings at the retailer, developing the group's core values. [Moneyweb, 1 May 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT CELEBRATES GREEN BOND LISTING ON JSE Growthpoint Properties, the first South African company and real estate investment trust to issue a green bond programme on the JSE, celebrated the occasion with a bit of fanfare on Wednesday morning, 25 April. [BizCommunity, 26 April 2018.](#)

DS VIRGIN RACING FORMULA E TEAM SET TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL THANKS TO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARBON TRUST The Carbon Trust has partnered with [DS Virgin Racing](#) team to help them take the necessary steps to make their core operations carbon neutral. This commitment will also be complemented with a carbon reduction strategy to reduce the team's impact over time. [The Carbon Trust, 22 April 2018.](#)

'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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

CT WATER CRISIS SET TO CONTINUE AS APRIL RAINFALL COMES IN BELOW AVERAGE There's a strong chance of below average rainfall this year. That's according to University of Cape Town climatologist Dr Peter Johnson. [EWN, 3 MAY 2018.](#)

THESE WILD IMAGES SHOW HOW SCIENTISTS COULD HUNT FOR ICEBERGS IN ANTARCTICA AND TOW THEM BACK TO HELP SOLVE CAPE TOWN'S WATER CRISIS Scientists could soon be hunting for icebergs in Antarctica to solve Cape Town's water crisis. Among them is South African marine salvage expert Nick Sloane, who refloated the massive Costa Concordia wreck in the Mediterranean in 2013. [Business Insider South Africa, 2 May 2018.](#)

LESSONS FROM CAPE TOWN WATER SHORTAGE CRISIS In a new paper about Cape Town's water crisis, researcher Amy Fallon details lessons other world cities vulnerable to drought could learn from the metro. [BusinessLIVE, 2 May 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

SA ENTREPRENEUR WINS AWARD AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM South African entrepreneur Sarah Collins was awarded the "Woman of the Decade in Entrepreneurship" award at the World Economic Forum in New Delhi, India. [Safrica 24, 2 May 2018.](#)

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.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

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.

WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Friday, 11 May 2018 at The Hilton Hotel, Sandton. The NBI's Transformation Programme explores how we can find effective ways to contribute towards creating an equal and just South African society within and outside of the workplace. The programme engages with both the role of business in addressing our core socio-economic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment and will also address key internal transformation issues in corporates, including inter alia issues of equity in relation to race, gender, age and leadership. Via two in-depth workshops we aim to collectively explore and re-think a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. We would value your input and experience in this important and timely recommitment to changing South African society. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL ALSO BE HOSTING A PRE-WORKSHOP DINNER THE NIGHT BEFORE ON THURSDAY, 10 MAY 2018 AT 18:00 FOR 18:30 TO 20:00 AT THE HILTON HOTEL, SANDTON.** Please click on [ACCEPT](#) if you wish to attend both the dinner and the workshop or [HERE](#) if you wish to attend the workshop only on Friday, 11 May 2018. Both are for NBI Member companies only.

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.](#)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) Friday, 25 May 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. Published in June 2017, the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) have attracted significant local and international interest, with their recommendations incorporated into key disclosure platforms such as CDP. If you are an NBI Member company, please join us for a TLS "working session" where we interactively unpack the TCFD and its implications for companies in South Africa, as well as consider the ways in which the TCFD recommendations relate to key disclosure platforms and sustainability metrics. Please click [here](#) if you wish to attend this TLS.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

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](#).

IMBEWU WILL BE HOSTING A WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE WASTE ACT WORKSHOP in Cape Town on 31 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. For more information or to obtain the booking form, please email: lulu@imbewu.co.za.

2018 MANUFACTURING INDABA 19 to 20 June 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Bigger, Better and more Innovative than Ever Before. The 5th annual Manufacturing Indaba will be held in collaboration with the Department of Trade & Industry (the dti) and the Manufacturing Circle, a corporate association of private sector manufacturers. The event will comprise a two-day conference and exhibition, designed specifically for private and public company representatives to hear from industry experts as they unpack challenges and find solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors and explore regional trade into Africa. The 2018 event will launch the IoT / Industry 4.0 Conference aligned to the Manufacturing Indaba as an official side event. For more info on this event, or to register for the Indaba, visit: www.manufacturingindaba.co.za.

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

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.](#)

GREEN BUSINESS FUND SME WORKSHOP 9 May 2018 Bath, UK. Workshop for small businesses in England & Wales to learn more about the Green Business Fund, and how to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs. [The Carbon Trust website.](#)

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.](#)

THE 15TH IWA LEADING EDGE CONFERENCE ON WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGIES 27 to 31 May 2018, Nanjing, China. The IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies is designed to be the place where new ideas are introduced and the opportunity is provided to interact with the "best of the best". This is the global conference where new insights into how pioneering science, technological innovation and leading practices shape the major transformation in water management that is underway. [Further information.](#)

ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (ESDEIC) 25 to 27 June 2018, Edinburgh, UK. This conference offers a platform to share and discuss proposals and research, and to draw insights and encourage collaboration from many topics, disciplines, and backgrounds, promoting research and education to build a fair global community and more sustainable societies. ESDEIC aims to become an international forum where researchers, environmentalists, scientists, scholars and students, share their ideas, experiences, advancements, and research results about all aspects related to economy, sustainable development and energy. We also want to discuss the practical challenges encountered, and their possible solutions. [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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