

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**3 WAYS BUSINESSES CAN SHOW GOVERNMENTS THEY'RE TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE** In this critical year for climate action, more forward-looking businesses are stepping up — helping to deliver the goals of the Paris Agreement and supporting ambitious climate policy. *Jennifer Austin, GreenBiz, 17 May 2018.*

**MINISTER NALEDI PANDOR: 2019/18 HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PRE BUDGET VOTE MEDIA BRIEFING** *South African Government, 17 May 2018.*

**CUT UNPACKS TRANSFORMATION PLAN** Transformation in higher education has been a pressing global issue and CUT is working hard towards becoming a transformed university. At the summit held on 10 May 2018, the delegates debated, unpacked and reflected on the burning issues. They relooked the current framework and tackled challenges that were impeding progress. *Central University of Technology, 17 May 2018.*

**WATER SHORTAGES TO BE KEY ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE OF THE CENTURY, NASA WARNS** Freshwater supplies have already seriously declined in 19 global hotspots – from China to the Caspian Sea – due to overuse, ground-breaking study shows. [Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, 16 May 2018.](#)

**LONDON CONSIDERS CAR-FREE DAYS TO CUT BACK ON AIR POLLUTION** The days of the London smog may be a thing of the past, but the UK's capital still struggles to provide clean air for its growing population. [Climate Action, 16 May 2018.](#)

**IS IT TIME FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE GATHERING IN SA?** The International Social and Behaviour Change Communication Summit held recently in Bali drew over 1,000 delegates from more than 90 countries, including a strong South African contingent. [Hugh Tyrrell, BizCommunity, 16 May 2018.](#)

**NEW-ENERGY VEHICLES ARE SELLING FAST AND SOUTH AFRICANS ARE INTERESTED** "As battery prices drop and motorists become more environmentally conscious, the global market for 'green' cars is growing – in some countries, exponentially." [Caira-Lee, Women on Wheels, 16 May 2018.](#)

**MORE WOMEN WORKING MAKES NORDIC COUNTRIES RICHER AND HAPPIER** The Nordic countries have grown considerably richer thanks to decades of policies designed to improve gender equality, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). [Frances Schwartzkopff, Business Day, 15 May 2018.](#)

**RADEBE AFFIRMS SOUTH AFRICA'S COMMITMENT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY** Energy Minister Jeff Radebe has affirmed his commitment to renewable energy in South Africa, saying it will help to reduce pollution and create thousands of jobs. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 15 May 2018.](#)

**THESE 20 WATER-STRESSED COUNTRIES HAVE THE MOST SOLAR AND WIND POTENTIAL** Most power generation consumes water, whether to cool steam in thermoelectric plants or power turbines for hydropower. And the global demand for both water and electricity will continue to increase substantially in the coming decades. [Tianyi Luo, World Resources Institute, 10 May 2018.](#)

**BURNING OUR WAY TO A CLEANER PLANET** A novel and unproven plan to fight climate change and feed humanity. [Marlene Cimon, Nexus Media, 9 May 2018.](#)

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AS THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION BRING CHANGE TO AGRICULTURE** The fourth industrial revolution will bring significant change to South African agriculture and agro-processing. According to Nico Groenewald, Head of Agriculture at Standard Bank Group, it will introduce new challenges and opportunities. "It means changes through the value chain and the agro-processing chain by improving processes, increasing productivity and reducing costs." [BizCommunity, 8 May 2018.](#)

## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**NBI NEWS:** Steve Nicholls, our Head of Environment and Mandy Rambharos, an NBI Board Member, have been invited to join a World Bank advisory group to support a high-level Leadership Forum on Carbon Pricing and Competitiveness, led by a panel that comprises global business leaders. The Leadership Forum will involve a series of regional consultative dialogues with a broad range of stakeholders, including senior government representatives, business and civil society. It will be supported by the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition (CPLC), a public-private platform launched at COP21 in Paris in 2015 with the aim to accelerate the global uptake of carbon pricing as a key solution to address climate change. Please contact: [Steve Nicholls](#) for further information on this Leadership Forum.

**FEEDBACK FROM EMPLOYERS ON THE NSF PLACEMENT PROGRAMME** Over the past two weeks, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the National Skills Fund (NSF) visited 21 learners that are participating in the Graduate Placement Programme. The learners are currently placed at Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, Tsogo Sun and Compass Group sites, for a period of nine months. [Further information.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA'S CARBON TAX BILL** Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here.](#)

**STEADY SKILLS SUPPLY FOR MANUFACTURING: 'MAKING WHAT WE'VE GOT WORK DIFFERENTLY AND BETTER ...'** The NBI is conducting a study on behalf of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation to understand ways in which to develop a steady supply of relevant skills by Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges for the manufacturing sector. One of the central pieces of the study is aligning supply and demand taking cognisance of the constraints and opportunities in the TVET college sector and designing innovative interventions to realise quality and relevance of the workforce, scale and swift responsiveness to demand in manufacturing. [Read here.](#)

**NBI ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY (ACES)** On the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the NBI hosted a mini-strategy session with our Advisory Council on Environment and Society (the group of NBI members that guide our environment work) in preparation for a bigger strategy session later this year. ACES approved the current work plan of the NBI and requested us to continue with our work on making sense of international and local trends and their impacts on our economy and society. The challenges of transforming our business models and our economy in a just and trust building way is top of member company minds. Please let us know if you would like to participate in ACES or in our larger strategy session. Contact [SteveN@nbi.org.za](mailto:SteveN@nbi.org.za).

**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 latest blog article entitled: "The Business Case for Water Stewardship (2018)?"*, [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: “*Heathrow’s EV transition: driverless pods, renewables and landmark partnerships*”, [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest Insider Perspective entitled: *The Bonn Climate Intersessional*”, [here](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**OLD MUTUAL STELLA PLACE: WHEN AESTHETICS AND EFFICIENCY MEET** The iconic new Old Mutual headquarters in Sandton features a state-of-the-art HVAC installation that combines the elements of energy efficiency, practicality, comfort, and feasibility. [HVACR Online, 16 May 2018.](#)

**FNB REVEALS NEW INNOVATIVE CELL PHONE BANKING APP** First National Bank is introducing a new innovative function on its cell phone banking app. CNBC Africa reporter Aviwe Mtila, spoke to the bank’s CEO Jacques Celliers for more. [CNBC Africa, 16 May 2018.](#)

**MOHAMMED MAHOMEDY APPOINTED INTERIM CFO AT TRANSNET** Mohammed Mahomedy has been appointed as Transnet’s interim CFO, effective May 15. He is a chartered accountant and, over his 12 years of service at Transnet, has led key strategic portfolios within finance. [Engineering News, 16 May 2018.](#)

**SAPPI’S MOVE TO LAVISH NEW OFFICES IN ROSEBANK ALSO HELPED IT HIT A QUARTERLY PROFIT OF R1.9 BILLION** Paper producer Sappi on Monday reported a 15.9% surge in quarterly profits, from \$88 million (R1 billion) in Q2 of 2017 to \$102 million (R1.9 billion) in Q2 2018. [Business Insider South Africa.](#)

**GOLDMAN SACHS BACKS SOUTH AFRICA’S ECONOMY TO GROW** Global investment banking group, Goldman Sachs, is backing South Africa’s economy to grow more than 2.4 percent this year, but warned that the current round of public sector wage negotiations presents a litmus test for the Ramaphosa’s presidency. [IOL Business, 14 May 2018.](#)

**VODACOM ADDS 4.5 MILLION MORE CUSTOMERS** Vodacom Group Ltd.’s full-year earnings missed estimates after Africa’s biggest wireless carrier by market value invested heavily in its network and integrated the acquisition of a stake in Kenya’s Safaricom Ltd. [IOL Business, 14 May 2018.](#)

**NEDBANK SAYS GROUP PRODUCED STRONG PERFORMANCE** The Nedbank Group said it has produced a strong performance for the first quarter to end March, underpinned by the return to profitability by its subsidiary Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) in their fourth quarter of 2017. [IOL Business, 10 May 2018.](#)

**FUEL GIANT SASOL IS TRANSFORMING INTO A CHEMICALS POWERHOUSE** Once the project is fully operational, Sasol’s geographic revenue will be evenly split between South Africa and the rest of the world. [Moneyweb, 10 May 2018.](#)

**ALTRON POSTS DOUBLE-DIGIT IMPROVEMENTS FOR FY18** JSE-listed Allied Electronics ([Altron](#)) on Thursday posted double-digit growth in revenue and earnings from continuing operations for the year ended February 28. [Engineering News, 10 May 2018.](#)

**ABB FAST E-VEHICLE CHARGERS PUT ICELAND ON ROAD TO ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY** Iceland is implementing an ambitious plan to increase the adoption of renewable energy, with incentives to promote electric vehicles. [ABB, 9 May 2018.](#)

**COCA-COLA BEVERAGES TO TAP INTO SOLAR ENERGY** Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA) is installing rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) units, with a combined installed capacity of 10.4 MW, at 11 of its sites. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

**ALSTOM COMPLETES TRAM LINE IN ALGERIAN CITY** French multinational Alstom has completed the first tram line for the city of Sétif, in Algeria. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT INVESTEC AFRICAN PROPERTIES COMMENCES OPERATIONS** Pan-African real estate investment business Growthpoint Investec African Properties (GIAP), a partnership between Growthpoint Properties, Investec Asset Management and the International Finance Corporation, has started operations. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

**MASTERCARD, PICK N PAY LAUNCH TAP TO FEED INITIATIVE** Mastercard, with Pick n Pay and FoodForward SA, has committed to donating 1.2-million meals to South Africans in need through an initiative called Tap to Feed. The initiative forms part of its global 100 Million Meals programme. [BizCommunity, 8 May 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

## WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

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

**MASSIVE ICEBERG PROPOSED AS SOLUTION TO CAPE TOWN'S WATER CRISIS** South African marine salvage expert Nick Sloane has outlined a novel plan to guide an iceberg towards the west coast and harvest it to keep Cape Town's water shortage at bay. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 16 May 2018.](#)

**SA WINE RESEARCH TACKLES DROUGHT** "Although the industry has been focusing on research related to climate change for more than a decade now, we currently have a big drive towards researching different ways in which we can monitor and manage water use more efficiently," says Gerard Martin, executive manager of Winetech, the wine industry body responsible for research and technology innovation and transfer. [Retail Brief Africa, 16 May 2018.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA: BERG RIVER MARATHON TO GO AHEAD DESPITE DROUGHT** With the Western Cape still firmly in the grips of the four year-long drought, the organisers of the 57th edition of the annual Berg River Canoe Marathon are determined to stage their annual classic race from July 12 to 15, even if it requires some lateral thought. [News24Wire, 16 May 2018.](#)

**CAPE TOWN WATER USAGE SURGES EVEN THOUGH DAM LEVELS HAVE NOT REALLY CHANGED** Water usage in Cape Town surged 6.7% over the past week to the highest levels since March even as storage in dams supplying the city barely increased. [Times Live, 15 May 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, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

##### **STUDY HIGHLIGHTS AGRICULTURE'S POTENTIAL TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION**

The African Transformation Report - a major study by the Africa Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) launched at the recent UN Economic Commission for Africa's (ECA) annual Conference of Ministers in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) - highlighted agriculture's potential to become a stimulus for economic development and transformation. [BizCommunity, 15 May 2018.](#)

**AFRICAN STATISTICAL YEARBOOK 2018** The African Statistical Yearbook series is a result of joint efforts by major African regional organizations to set up a joint data collection mechanism of socioeconomic data on African countries as well as the development of a common harmonized database. [Tralac, 15 May 2018.](#)

**JUST TRANSITION: A BUSINESS GUIDE** The B Team and the International Trade Union Confederation's Just Transition Centre have joined together to produce Just Transition: A Business Guide. More and more companies are increasingly aware that they need to incorporate just transition into their net-zero plans, but many still don't know how to approach it. Just Transition: A Business Guide serves as a roadmap for companies to understand what a just transition is and encompasses, how they can implement it and how they can learn from their peers. [Read here.](#)

**NEW UNITED NATIONS REPORT SPOTLIGHTS GENDER-SENSITIVE TRADE POLICYMAKING IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY** Jointly issued by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and TradeMark East Africa. [African Politics and Policy - Online Journal, 9 May 2018.](#)

**YOUNG TALENTS HEADED FOR GLOBAL INNOVATION LAB** Jessica Fell and Dr Dyllon Randall of the Future Water Institute will fly the UCT flag as 2018 UNLEASH talents at this global innovation lab in Singapore later this month. [UCT News, 9 May 2018.](#)

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: TOWARDS ENHANCED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND AN INCLUSIVE ADAPTIVE GREEN ECONOMY IN SOUTH AFRICA** The Government of Flanders has a long-standing relationship with the Government of South Africa. The Country Strategy Paper III (CSP III) 2017-2021, which is the product of a joint consultation process between the two governments, is focused on contributing to the evidence base for climate change adaptation (CCA) as a means for advancing South Africa's transition to a climate resilient society and an inclusive adaptive green economy. **Closing date and time: 26 May 2018 at 23:59.** Click [here](#) for further information.

**HOW CSI CAN HELP UNLOCK THE 'DEMOCRACY DIVIDEND' - THULI MADONSELA** Corporate social investment has the power to unleash "the generosity of strangers" to address South Africa's inequality, poverty and unemployment, and

the indignities imposed by those ills, said Professor Thuli Madonsela, delivering the keynote address at the 2018 Dialogue Business in Society Conference. [BizCommunity, 9 May 2018.](#)

**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. [Safrika 24, 2 May 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

**KOPANO YA METSI'S MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DIALOGUE** Monday, 21 May 2018 at the **DBSA, Midrand**. Municipalities are the service delivery arm of government. Theirs in an important mandate upon which hinges key areas of South Africa's social and economic development. At present, most municipalities face immense challenges relating to the development and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure. It is therefore key to understand the challenges municipalities face, what infrastructure projects they are prioritising and how best to strengthen their water business for social and economic prosperity. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with SALGA, are hosting a unique dialogue being held in collaboration with two South African municipalities. Please click [here](#) should you wish to RSVP to attend the dialogue.

**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

**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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za).

**BRAND SOUTH AFRICA CONSULTATION WITH EU INVESTORS, DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, AND BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS IN SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 6 June 2018 at Brand South Africa, Houghton, Johannesburg.** Geopolitical and global economic dynamics indicate that the world is in a period of increased uncertainty. This is due to developments such as brewing trade wars, Brexit in the UK, increased trade protectionism in the USA, threats of global trade wars, and challenges to global free trade. With this in mind Brand South Africa would like to gather insight from EU business stakeholders on how the country's Nation Brand image, investor attractiveness, and potential as trade partner can be enhanced and reinforced in European jurisdictions. **RSVP Anele Ngwenya: [anelen@brandsouthafrica.com](mailto:anelen@brandsouthafrica.com) or 011 712 5000.** For further information contact: **Dr Petrus de Kock, General Manager, Research: [petrusd@brandsouthafrica.com](mailto:petrusd@brandsouthafrica.com).**

**IN CONVERSATION WITH BONGANI NQWABABA, JOINT PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SASOL LIMITED Wednesday 6 June 2018 at GIBS, Illovo.**

By combining the talent of their people and technological advantage, Sasol has been a pioneer in innovation for over six decades. Join GIBS for a conversation with CEO, Bongani Nqwababa about the company and accelerating the transformation of corporate culture through leadership at Sasol. [GIBS website](#).

**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORTING COURSE 11 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

**CARBON TAX 101 COURSE 12 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

**GHG EMISSIONS INVENTORY COURSE (ISO 14064-1 AND IPPC METHODOLOGIES) 13 to 15 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**. Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

**2018 EDUWEEK AFRICA 15 to 16 June 2018, TicketPro Dome, Johannesburg.** In just four weeks, EduWeek 2018 will once again open its doors to the entire education community. From new exhibitors, product launches, trends influencing the industry and exciting changes to our theatres, you can now really experience the 'wow factor' with the amazing speakers we've got lined up! [View full programme](#).

**2018 MANUFACTURING INDABA 19 to 20 June 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg.** The 5th annual Manufacturing Indaba will comprise a two-day conference and exhibition and is hosted in partnership with the Department of Trade & Industry (**the dti**), the Department of Science & Technology, the Manufacturing Circle and the NCPC-SA. The event is 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 Indaba 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](http://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](mailto:Shampton@ioisa.org) or [Hampton.shannon@gmail.com](mailto:Hampton.shannon@gmail.com). Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

**WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE'S TRACKING AND STRENGTHENING CLIMATE ACTION (TASCA) INITIATIVE**, together with the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement ([PATPA](#)), are pleased to launch a **Climate Tracking and Transparency webinar series** with 12 sessions held throughout 2018. We invite you to join us as we explore critical topics that support domestic transparency systems for NDCs. Webinars will feature presentations and interactive discussion among experts, practitioners and national government representatives. **The series kicks off on June 12th at 9 am EDT with an in depth look at how to measure corporate and facility-level emissions.** This webinar will include the perspective of national policymakers. We welcome your participation and [hope you can join us!](#)

**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.](#)

## PROGRESSING TOWARDS WATER STEWARDSHIP IN CDP'S WATER PROGRAMME

**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](#).**

**UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 17 July 2018 NY, USA.** The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the central multi-stakeholder mechanism established by the United Nations for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. The theme for 2018 for the HLPF will be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies." Additionally, a set of seven goals will be reviewed in depth. [More information](#).

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