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INDUSTRY NEWS

UK ENERGY GIANTS FORM COALITION TO BOOST GENDER DIVERSITY The heads of eight energy companies, including Shell, ScottishPower and Ørsted, have joined forces to drive up the number of women in leadership roles in the UK industry. *Priyanka Shrestha, Energy Live News, 24 May 2018.*

BUSINESSES ARE INCREASINGLY SWITCHING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AT SCALE BUT FASTER ACTION IS NEEDED SAYS IRENA A new report by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) shows businesses are increasingly switching to renewable energy at scale – but that greater and faster action is needed to help deliver on the Paris Agreement by 2050. *Hannah Prime, The Climate Group, 23 May 2018.*

WASTE TO WING PROJECT FIRST TO ENABLE SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL PRODUCTION IN SOUTH AFRICA Airlines are facing increasing pressure to become more sustainable, yet options to reduce carbon emissions in aviation are limited. Electric planes for example are not foreseen to have a significant share of passenger movements before 2040. [WWF-SA, 23 May 2018.](#)

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SALES WILL TOP 10 MILLION BY 2025 Sales of new electric vehicles (EVs) will reach 11 million within the next eight years, according to new analysis. [Climate Action, 22 May 2018.](#)

PRESSURE MOUNTS FOR GOVT, PRIVATE SECTOR TO PUT MORE WORK INTO FINANCIAL INCLUSION Financial inclusion is a term that is often used loosely but pressure is mounting for government and the private sector to respond with innovative solutions that can deliver. [Thulebona Mhlanga, Mail & Guardian, 22 May 2018.](#)

THE HIDDEN CARBON COST OF EVERYDAY PRODUCTS The targets set in the Paris Agreement on climate change are ambitious but necessary. Failure to meet them will lead to widespread drought, disease and desperation in some of the world's poorest regions. Under such conditions mass migration by stranded climate refugees is almost inevitable. [Kai Whiting and Luis Gabriel Carmona, BizCommunity, 22 May 2018.](#)

17 ORGANIZATIONS FEEDING THE WORLD THROUGH REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE Transitioning to more sustainable forms of agriculture remains critical, as many current agriculture practices have serious consequences including deforestation and soil degradation. But despite agriculture's enormous potential to hurt the environment, it also has enormous potential to heal it. Realizing this, many organizations are promoting regenerative agriculture as a way to not just grow food but to progressively improve ecosystems. [Danielle Nierenberg and Eva Perroni, GreenBiz, 21 May 2018.](#)

EMERGING ECONOMIES SAY RICH COUNTRIES MUST STILL LEAD ON CLIMATE ACTION Ministers from China, Brazil, South Africa and India want to see more action from the rich world, in a critical year for writing the rules of the Paris Agreement. [Climate Change News, 21 May 2018.](#)

SA'S TRANSITION, INTERRUPTED South Africa has come a long way since the advent of democracy but its transition remains incomplete. [Mail & Guardian, 18 May 2018.](#)

AFRICAN CITIES PLEDGE TO CUT CLIMATE EMISSIONS TO ZERO BY 2050 Africa is sometimes better known for its vulnerability to climate change than its action on the problem – but a set of African cities intend to change that. [Eromo Eqbejule, Moneyweb, 17 May 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

ON 21 MAY 2018, THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI), IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SALGA) AND THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DBSA), SUCCESSFULLY PILOTED A MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DIALOGUE. The workshop provided a safe platform in which two metropolitan municipalities were able to speak openly about their water infrastructure challenges and the role they think the private sector can play in overcoming key obstacles. The dialogue revealed two key issues that arguably need to be addressed as a matter of urgency: **1.** The very high 'window of vulnerability' in Gauteng from a water perspective until at least 2025, when the second phase of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project begins to come on line. A focus on water conservation and the development of alternative augmentation options is needed in the near

term, to support Gauteng's water security and avoid potentially serious water restrictions. **2.** The significant financial losses being experienced by local government in water provision, given that most municipalities are currently unable to recoup the real cost of providing water to their customers. Interventions to help municipalities price their water right and develop a financially sustainable business model are needed to turn around the dire financial status of most Water Service Authorities across the country. The NBI will work closely with SALGA to ensure that necessary support and interventions are provided where possible, through both existing and new programmes, specifically targeting the two issues highlighted above. For more information please contact [Maanda Rashaka](#).

SCIENCE Based Targets (SBTs) Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

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 NBI's Quick Brief - [15 May 2018](#)

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: "*Water is a major risk for cities and companies: here's how nature-based infrastructure can help*", [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 article entitled: "Opportunity Two Excel Foundation Submits Communication on Progress for 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 blog article entitled: *"3 ways businesses can show governments they're taking action on climate", [here](#).*

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their new report released today, which shows that sustainability reporting is moving in the right direction, but needs to move faster, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

NEDBANK ALLOCATES R100M TO INTERNAL VENTURE CAPITAL FUND As disruptive technology looks set to shake-up the banking industry, Nedbank has created a venture capital fund within the bank to leverage off such technology and better serve clients. [Moneyweb, 24 May 2018.](#)

TSGO SUN LIFTS FULL-YEAR CORE PROFIT Tsogo Sun CE said two acquisitions boosted earnings when demand was low during tough economic times. [Moneyweb, 23 May 2018.](#)

THE IMPORTANCE FOR BUSINESSES TO BECOME SOCIAL ENTERPRISES While concerns about technological innovations, the need for skills development and an aging workforce are prevalent, the most significant issue facing companies this year is the need for realignment among C-Suite executives to focus on the evolving role of business in society. In its 2018 Global Human Capital Trends report, "The Rise of the Social Enterprise", Deloitte conducts an in-depth examination of how certain factors are impacting on human capital. [Accounting Weekly, 23 May 2018.](#)

PICK N PAY INTENSIFIES FOCUS ON FRESH WITH NEW THREE-TIERED OFFERING The first phase of the relaunch, which took place yesterday, saw the introduction of a three-tiered product offering across fruit, vegetable and meat categories. Each range will now have its own colour and packaging, and will include a fresh promise of what customers should expect from the product or range. [Retail Brief Africa, 23 May 2018.](#)

FRASER-MOLEKETI, MPHATLANE TO JOIN EXXARO BOARD Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Mark Moffett and Isaac Mphatlane will join diversified miner Exxaro Resources' board, following the retirement of directors Len Konar, Con Fauconnier and Saleh Mayet at the miner's annual general meeting on Thursday. [Mining Weekly, 23 May 2018.](#)

BARLOWORLD REPORTS SOLID FIRST-HALF EARNINGS AS MINING PICKS UP South Africa's Barloworld, a dealer for Caterpillar and other industrial brands, reported a 14% rise in first-half earnings on Monday as a pick-up in mining activity spurred sales of heavy equipment. [Moneyweb, 21 May 2018.](#)

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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: ALL EYES ON THE CAPE'S WINTER RAINFALL The NBI Drought Task Force held a productive meeting on 22 May 2018 in Cape Town, including drought updates from both the Western Cape Government and Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG) at UCT. The key messages from the Task Force meeting are clear: based on previous trends and actual rainfall experienced up until the end of April, it is *not* likely that this winter will be a wet one in the Western Cape. There is a silver lining though - provided that the Cape has at least an average rainfall season in 2018, the likelihood of the situation getting worse in 2019 is low. With that said, should the rainfall be as low as in 2017, the Western Cape water system will once more be pushed to its limits. So all eyes are on what the winter rainfall season brings. For a detailed update on the City of Cape Town's water planning, including the status of the various City water augmentation projects, readers are advised to access the latest [Water Outlook 2018.](#) For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

#EVERYDROP COUNTS: EXPECT RAIN, STRONG WINDS AND BITING COLD IN CAPE TOWN The City of Cape Town's Disaster Risk Management (DRM) is gearing up for heavy downpours over the next few days. [IOL, 23 May 2018.](#)

FROM DROUGHT TO DELUGE: CAPE TOWN BRACES FOR FLOODS With up to 29mm of rain expected in Cape Town on Thursday, the South African Weather Service has issued a flood alert. [BusinessLIVE, 23 May 2018.](#)

HOW TO CURB WATER WASTAGE AMID DROUGHT Mthokozisi Ncube, Water Specialist at the Development Bank of Southern Africa shares his expert opinion on the City of Cape Town's Day Zero predicament while also tabling resolutions to curb water wastage, not only for the city but South Africa at large. [ESI Africa, 23 May 2018.](#)

STRANDFONTEIN DESALINATION WATER GETS THUMBS UP ON RAINY CAPE TOWN DAY Cape Town's Strandfontein desalination plant is up and running. Deputy Mayor Ian Neilson was given a taste of the first 3 megalitres (ML) being produced there as rainwater dripped off his nose at the beachfront site on Monday. [News24, 21 May 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 JUNE 2018 A Platform for Action World Environment Day is the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. Each World Environment Day is organized around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018 is beating plastic pollution. For more details, visit the [World Environment Day website.](#)

TAKE PART IN THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO #BEATPLASTICPOLLUTION If you can't reuse it, refuse it! This World Environment Day, discover the many ways that you can help to combat plastic pollution. [Website.](#)

IN PURSUING RADICAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, YOUTH MUST HARNESS TECHNOLOGY "Young people should ensure that skills related to the digital technology and other components of the fourth industrial revolution are prioritised." [Huffington Post, 23 May 2018.](#)

B-BBEE CODES FOCUS ON OWNERSHIP AND SKILLS The Department of Trade and Industry's (dti) proposed amendments to its Codes of Good Practice on broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) focus on ownership and skills development. [BizCommunity, 22 May 2018.](#)

OP:ED: AFRICA HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT FROM 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION TECHNOLOGIES IN WAYS THAT AREN'T ENVISAGED, HERE'S HOW Talk of artificial intelligence (AI) and the advent of the fourth industrial revolution, has created fear in developed countries that many jobs will be lost to machines and robots, and that economic growth will be stifled by technological advances. [CNBC Africa, 22 May 2018.](#)

SA BRAND MANAGER WELCOMES WORLD BANK REPORT South Africa's official marketing agency said on Monday it welcomed a recent World Bank report which explored key development challenges and opportunities for the country and identified five binding constraints to tackling poverty and inequality. [IOL, 21 May 2018.](#)

TRANSFORMING THE FOOD VALUE CHAIN SHOULD BE PART OF LAND DEBATE The land question is now firmly the centre piece of the ANC's vision for transformation. The implementation Gordian Knot lies in navigating expropriation

without compensation within a constitutional framework and without disrupting the economy, especially food security. [Daily Maverick, Mzukisi Qobo, 21 May 2018.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.

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

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.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: INTERNAL CARBON PRICE Friday, 8 June 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. A growing group of forward-looking companies are using an internal carbon price to help manage climate risk and align themselves with the low-carbon transition. Internal carbon pricing can not only help companies effectively combat climate change and meet bold emissions reduction targets, but can also encourage innovation, drive down costs and help ensure sustained economic competitiveness. Leading businesses recognise this and are building a carbon price into their operations and investment decisions, as an effective way to future-proof profitability and help shape the evolving regulatory framework. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is partnering with the global collation We Mean Business (WMB) to help enhance ambition in the response to climate change. One of the key action items under the We Mean Business commitments, that we focus on, is carbon pricing. If you are an NBI Member company and would like to attend this TLS please RSVP [here](#).

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 13 June 2018 at Barloworld, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Adcorp, hosted by Barloworld are holding a second thought leadership series that has begun to 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). This follows the first dialogue session at which subject matter experts shared their views of the trends which are foreshadowed to impact the new world of work. The focus of this 2nd dialogue will reflect on the nature of work and the debate around what constitutes decent work both in South Africa and worldwide and opportunities for South Africa within the 4th Industrial Revolution, drawing on work done by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the International Organisation of Employers (IOL), which is the employer representative body at the ILO. Please RSVP by clicking [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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.

HARAMBEE "DO MORE" BRIEFING SESSION to be held in all major SA cities in the first half of June 2018. Click [here](#) to view dates and to RSVP.

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 or 011 712 5000.** For further information contact: **Dr Petrus de Kock, General Manager, Research: 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**, e-mail: **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**, e-mail: **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**, e-mail: **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.**

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: APPLIED ECONOMICS 30 July to 4 August 2018 at The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape. The aim of this course is to provide course participants with an understanding of South Africa's political economy. This will entail an understanding of four dimensions of this endeavour: (a) the way South African economic history has been understood from a political economy perspective; (b) the dynamics of post-1994

economic policy making and why the challenge of radical economic restructuring has not been adequately addressed; (c) the challenge of state capture from the perspective of the literature on neo-patrimonialism; and (d) potential alternatives, including industrial policy, radical green economy developments, 'radical economic transformation' and Fanonist perspectives on resistance and change. For more information please click [here](#).

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](#).

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE 20 to 25 August 2018 The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape. This course will investigate business responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by sustainability and the manifestations of social (sustainable) enterprise, with special emphasis on developing country contexts, particularly South Africa. An overarching question is what role, if any, can enterprise play in the transition toward a 'new economy'? Is social enterprise a legitimate 'new economy' trend that imbues a genuine shift in attitudes and behaviour, or is it a veil for business as usual? For more information or to apply please click [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

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!](#)

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.](#)

THE ENERGY TRANSITION IS HAPPENING 30 May 2018 Brussels, Belgium. Many highly industrialized regions have recognized the benefits presented by the shift to a low carbon economy and are pressing ahead to accelerate the energy transition. Through the Energy Transition Platform, 11 leading sub-national governments have shared the opportunities and challenges they face in their jurisdictions, working together to develop and implement tangible solutions. This event will close this two-year project, presenting its results and discussing what needs to happen, locally and at the European level, to scale up action. [The Climate Group](#).

THE ECONOMIST EVENTS SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 5 June 2018 Chicago, US. At the Summit, corporate leaders will gather to discuss how we can step up action on sustainability to create a long-term strategy for a short-term world – further accelerating the growth of the clean economy. RE100 members, Mars and AB InBev will be speaking alongside other business leaders on their sustainability strategy and the vital role of sustainable supply chains. RE100 is a collaborative initiative, led by The Climate Group in partnership with CDP, uniting the world’s most influential businesses committed to 100% renewable electricity. [The Climate Group](#)

DEVEX WORLD 2018 12 June 2018 Washington DC, US. Devex World 2018 brings together a truly diverse set of actors from the worlds of government, business, technology, finance, NGOs, and more. Devex World shines a spotlight on the future of global development, how the industry is changing, and how the world’s most innovative practitioners and enterprises are changing the way global development work gets done. [Website](#).

ADAPTATION FUTURES 2018 CONFERENCE 18 to 21 June 2018 Cape Town, South Africa. Adaptation Futures is the world’s premier conference on climate change adaptation. We invite you to join over 1000 scientists, practitioners, business leaders and policymakers from around the world to connect, learn and inspire. Adaptation Futures 2018 aims to facilitate dialogues for solutions between key actors from diverse perspectives and regions. This is the first time the conference is held on the African continent. We aim to use this setting to foreground developing country adaptation issues and increase developing world and African participation. [Conference website](#).

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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