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INDUSTRY NEWS

G7 LEADERS URGED TO MAKE GENDER INEQUALITY AND PATRIARCHY HISTORY As the richest economies in the world, G7 countries can bring about far-reaching systemic changes envisaged in the global agenda for sustainable development. *Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and Michael Kaufman, Daily Maverick, 14 June 2018.*

THE FIFTH-LARGEST OFFSHORE WIND FARM ON THE PLANET OFFICIALLY OPENS The Race Bank offshore wind farm in the U.K. is officially open, Danish renewable energy business Orsted announced. *Anmar Frangou, CNBC Africa, 14 June 2018.*

ANTARCTICA'S MELTING IS ACCELERATING FASTER Scientists have just completed the most detailed mass observation of the southern continent so far. The news is ominous: Antarctica's melting is speeding up. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 14 June 2018.](#)

EU RAISES RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS TO 32% BY 2030 The EU is raising its target for the amount of energy it consumes from renewable sources, in a deal lauded by the bloc's climate chief as a hard-won victory for the switch to clean energy. [Adam Vaughan, The Guardian, 14 June 2018.](#)

WWF CALLS ON AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO HELP STOP THE TRAFFICKING OF WILDLIFE The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has called on airlines and airports to work together to stop widespread wildlife trafficking. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 14 June 2018.](#)

JBAY WIND FARM ALIGNS TRAINING TO NDP The Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm extended its Early Childhood Development (ECD) Practitioner funding to include NQF level 5 training. This is in line with the South Africa's National Development Plan and recent calls from both President Ramaphosa and Deputy President Mabuza. [News24, 14 June 2018.](#)

WWF SOUTH AFRICA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AFTER 50 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION As WWF celebrates a half century of influence in South Africa, the organisation is gearing up for the next 50 years when the environmental challenges will far outstrip anything experienced to date. [WWF-SA, 14 June 2018.](#)

THIS IS THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S HEALTH, IN NUMBERS While the world is making strides towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, a report from the WHO warns that more action is urgently needed if ambitious health targets are to be met. [Eye Witness News, 13 June 2018.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE WILL MAKE RICE LESS NUTRITIOUS, PUTTING MILLIONS OF THE WORLD'S POOR AT RISK Rice is the primary food source for more than three billion people around the world. Many are unable to afford a diverse and nutritious diet that includes complete protein, grains, fruits and vegetables. [Kristie Ebi, BizCommunity, 13 June 2018.](#)

GOVERNMENT SAYS NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER OVER DROUGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED The government said on Wednesday that the national state of disaster it declared in March over a drought that has ravaged parts of the country, had lapsed after significant rainfall. [BusinessLIVE, 13 June 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF TVET COLLEGES TO DEVELOP GREEN SKILLS: THE NEDBANK/NBI SOLAR WATER HEATERS INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT: NEDBANK FOUNDATION EXTENDS SWH PROJECT BY A FURTHER 6 MONTHS The Nedbank Foundation agreed to a request to extend the solar water heater installation and maintenance project by a further 6 months, using left over funds that were still available at the end of the placement period. The 10 candidates who did not get absorbed into the work place have been taken by Burgess and Partners Plumbing Services for a further 6 months. This will give them additional work exposure and will add to their workplace-based learning experience, increasing their chances of gaining employment at the end of the extended period. A briefing with employers that are continuing on the extended placement was held this week at the NBI to agree on a defined programme for the duration of the extension. The briefing session was attended by Plumbcrew

(via Skype), Phuthanang ma Afrika, Johannesburg Plumbing and Burgess & Partners. The 7 candidates that have shown potential to be entrepreneurs were also invited to attend and it was agreed that they will be given more focused support over the next 6 months. Both the employers and the candidates expressed their satisfaction with the project so far and pledged even greater commitment to the model being developed and tested via the project. More details on the briefing will be provided in an NBI Quick Brief that will be published next week.

TUMI NKOSI, NBI'S NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER is speaking at the **Event Greening Conference** on: "Views from the balcony: Strategy & sustainability", taking place today, the 14th of June 2018 at the White Light in Lanseria. [Click here for more details on the Forum.](#)

STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI'S HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT is speaking at the **Adaptation Futures 2018 Conference** taking place in Cape Town next week, 18 to 21 June 2018, which is the world's premier conference on climate change adaptation. This is the first time the conference is being held on the African continent. [See speaker line-up here.](#)

IMPACT!AFRICA SUMMIT taking place **20 to 22 June 2018**. **Makano Morojele: NBI, Head of Social Sustainability** will be participating in a panel discussion on **Effective Collaboration for Greater Impact** on the last day of the Summit - the 22nd of June. The NBI will be also be running a business panel on Social Intrapreneurship together with Member companies, Absa, Anglo America and Discovery, on the 21st of June. [Impact Africa Summit Website.](#)

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Rosebank, Johannesburg. 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: "How can companies address their scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?", [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: "Operations 101: Driving Water Stewardship At Your Own Facilities", [here.](#)*

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world's most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read their CEO's latest blog article entitled: "Profiles of Paris: Steve Howard on helping business be a force for good", [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest article published this week entitled: “*Envisioning the future of food*”, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

OFF GRID INVESTMENTS IDEAL FOR AFRICA’S ENERGY SECTOR Stephen Barnes, Standard Bank Global Head of Power and Infrastructure: With recent reports estimating that six hundred million people are without access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa, significant and sustained investment is required across Africa’s entire energy generation and supply value chain. [BizNis Africa, 13 June 2018](#).

GROWTHPOINT HEALTHCARE LAUNCHES WITH R2.4BN PORTFOLIO Growthpoint Properties has launched South Africa’s first unlisted healthcare real estate investment trust (Reit), Growthpoint Healthcare Property Holdings, which already holds five assets valued at R2.4-billion. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018](#).

MTN AIMS TO LAUNCH MOBILE SERVICE IN NAMIBIA AROUND AUGUST MTN Group, Africa's biggest mobile telecoms firm, is aiming to launch a mobile service in Namibia around the end of August, a company executive told Reuters. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018](#).

R1.1-BILLION WINDFALL FOR VODACOM EMPLOYEES Vodacom will spend R1.1-billion on an employee share ownership scheme as part of its R17.5-billion broad-based black economic empowerment deal - the biggest BEE deal in the telecommunications sector. [Times LIVE, 12 June 2018](#).

ANGLO AND KOMATSU TO BUILD SA TRAINING CENTRE Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) said yesterday it had signed a memorandum of understanding with Japanese construction, mining and industrial equipment manufacturer Komatsu to jointly design, build and fund an information and communications technology (ICT) training, internet café and mechanical hub in Ga-Molekana village in Mogalakwena, Limpopo. [IOL Business, 12 June 2018](#).

ALTRON SAYS TO ACQUIRE IS PARTNERS R225 MILLION DEAL Allied Electronics Corporation Limited said on Monday it had concluded a share sale agreement, through its wholly owned subsidiary Altron TMT, to acquire the entire issued share capital of its Partners in a deal worth R225 million. [IOL Business, 11 June 2018](#).

ABB’S NEW BUSCH-PRESENCE DETECTOR DELIVERS SMARTER BUILDING EFFICIENCY Building on the company’s extensive knowledge in smart home and building technology, the new Busch-presence detector is designed to increase energy efficiency and put control firmly in the hand of the operator, through two different remote-control options. [African Petrochemicals, 7 June 2018](#).

VODACOM AND MTN EYEING ETHIOPIAN MARKET South African mobile telecommunications giants Vodacom and MTN are eyeing the Ethiopian telecoms market. [IOL Business, 7 June 2018](#).

POST OFFICE TO PAY ALL SOCIAL GRANTS, INCLUDING CASH The South African Post Office will soon be responsible for paying all social grant beneficiaries, including those paid in cash. This was revealed during a briefing by the South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) to Parliament’s Portfolio Committee on Social Development on Wednesday. [Moneyweb, 7 June 2018](#).

WOOLWORTHS ANNOUNCES PLAN TO PHASE OUT NONRECYCLABLE PLASTIC PACKAGING Woolworths has used World Environment Day to announce its vision of zero packaging waste to landfill, committing to phase out non-recyclable plastic packaging for its own-brand products by 2022. Key to realising this vision is the phasing out of unnecessary single-use plastics. [BizCommunity, 5 June 2018.](#)

DISTELL EYES GROWTH POTENTIAL Liquor brands firm Distell, the world's second biggest producer of ciders, which on Friday re-listed, is eyeing growth opportunities in the rest of Africa for its wine, spirits and cider brands, managing director Richard Rushton said on Friday. [IOL Business, 4 June 2018.](#)

SAB FOUNDATION, BERTHA CENTRE LAUNCH \$119K UCT STUDENT FUND The SAB Foundation has pledged R1.5 million (\$119,000) to the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Cape Town (UCT) Graduate School of Business (GSB), which will be invested in student-run social innovations. [BizCommunity, 31 May 2018](#)

ABB DRIVES COMMITMENT TO SHOW MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOLAR PORTFOLIO AT INTERSOLAR Several leading-edge ABB solar solutions will take center stage at this year's Intersolar Europe, taking place in Munich, from 20th to 22nd of June, 2018. [African Petrochemicals, 31 May 2018.](#)

COCA-COLA CO'S AFRICA DISTRIBUTOR TO INVEST \$100M IN KENYA OVER NEXT 5 YEARS Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA), the continent's largest soft drinks bottler, said on Wednesday it would invest \$100-million in Kenya over the next five years to improve infrastructure and launch new products. [Engineering News, 30 May 2018.](#)

SPAR GROUP INTERIMS SHOW TURNAROUND IN SWITZERLAND If double-digit group profits persist for the full year, 'we'll be doing very well,' says CEO Graham O'Connor. [Moneyweb, 30 May 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 11 July 2018 at Investec's offices in Cape Town. For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

WHAT ARE THE NEW AMENDMENTS TO CAPE TOWN'S WATER BY-LAW? The City of Cape Town has approved a number of amendments to the Water By-law, aimed mainly at improving clarity, as well as preparing the City for a more water-scarce future. [BizCommunity, 14 June 2018.](#)

US COMPANY LAUNCHES NEW SOLAR-POWERED WATER PRODUCTION DEVICE IN CAPE TOWN The private sector can play a pivotal role in relieving the impact of the drought, and US expertise can help, US consul general in Cape Town Virginia Blaser said on Tuesday. [Cape Business News, 13 June 2018.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: RAIN BRINGS RELIEF IN DROUGHT-HIT WEST CAPE South Africa's Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) says last week's rain in the Western Cape has brought some relief as major dams have steadily improved. [Africa Wire News, 13 June 2018.](#)

FLOOD WARNING FOR CAPE TOWN AS COLD FRONT HEADS TO SA A strong cold front will bring heavy rain, gale-force winds and cold conditions to the Western Cape on Thursday. [Times LIVE, 12 June 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON A WATER SAVING DRIVE Public schools in Cape Town are getting a water saving boost. The NGO Save our Schools and the private sector are installing tanks to harvest rain water for ablution facilities. The first consignment has been delivered in Woodstock. [Infrastructure News, 12 June 2018.](#)

WATER LEVELS IN WESTERN CAPE DAMS CONTINUE TO RISE STEADILY Water levels in Western Cape dams continue to rise but authorities warn that the drought is far from over. [Business Day, 11 June 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

RETHINKING ELECTRICITY IS KEY TO THE QUEST FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION When speaking of transforming the nature and structure of the South African economy we need to ask: How do we invest in an energy sector that underpins an inclusive economy where a multitude of producers and players are able to take part? [Sikhulekile Duma, Daily Maverick, 14 June 2018.](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN Few initiatives showcase, encourage and reward the positive impact successful women have on their communities in the same wide-reaching, yet inclusive style of the Standard Bank Top Women Awards, that's according to Top Women, South Africa's leading gender empowerment brand. [After 12 Magazine, 13 June 2018.](#)

FIRST WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR AFRICA RELEASED Launched at the recent Sustainability Week in Pretoria, the United Nations Environment and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have released a report outlining the state of waste management in Africa. [BizCommunity, 12 June 2018.](#)

FCB JOBURG DESIGNER SELECTED TO STUDY FOR MASTERS IN SWEDEN An FCB Joburg designer, Nontokoza Tshabalala, has beaten out 20,000 applicants to join nine other young South Africans to be awarded a Sweden Institute Study Scholarship (SSIS) to study for her Masters degree in that country. [BizCommunity, 7 June 2018.](#)

2018 ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE OPEN FOR ENTRIES The Zayed Sustainability Prize is now open for entries from across Africa. The annual awards recognises achievements that are driving impact, innovation, and inspiration in areas across health, food, energy and water sectors with expanding possibilities for a sustainable future. [BizCommunity, 6 June 2018.](#)

LATEST ICMW WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT In recent years there has been an increasing recognition of the importance that water plays in the broader social economy. The Global Risks reports, produced by the World Economic Forum, have repeatedly emphasised water and the risks associated with climate change as being the most significant risks for global economic growth. Read report [here.](#)

SERVICES SETA INVITES BURSARY APPLICATIONS FOR 2018 Are you pursuing a qualification in the services industry? The Services Sector Education and Training Authority (Services SETA) invites bursary applications for the 2018 academic year. [The Skills Portal, 30 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

WORKSHOPS: SETTING MEANINGFUL WATER TARGETS - JOHANNESBURG AND CAPE TOWN in June 2018. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the CEO Water Mandate are excited to announce the hosting of a public workshop focused on the setting of meaningful, context specific water targets by South African companies. Please join us as we consider the importance of effective target setting and collaboration in supporting a water secure future in South Africa. RSVP as follows: [Johannesburg – Monday, 25 June 2018 at Sasol, Sandton](#) and [Cape Town – Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at The Hilton Cape Town City Centre.](#)

WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 27 June 2017 at The Umhlanga Garden Court Hotel, KwaZulu-Natal. 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 a series of national workshops, we aim to collectively explore and rethink a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. If you are an NBI Member company we would value your input and experience in this important and timely recommitment to changing South African society. [RSVP here.](#)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: MASTERING WATER AND ENERGY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Thursday, 12 July 2018 at Clicks Head Office, Woodstock. Resource efficiency, whether related to energy, carbon, waste or water, has become the new normal and the required standard in a water scarce and carbon constrained world. For companies, ensuring the innovative and efficient use of energy and water in buildings and equipment is often the key step in this journey. This process of strengthened facilities management supports improved technical understanding, enhances credibility when engaging with external stakeholders, reduces operating costs and supports business continuity. If you an NBI Member company, please join us for a TLS seminar focused on the art and science of facilities management by clicking [here.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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.

IN CONVERSATION WITH GRAHAM O'CONNOR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SPAR 20 June 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Graham O'Connor is a strong believer and driver of the behaviours associated with SPAR's values of passion, entrepreneurship and family. Join him for a conversation with the Dean of GIBS about the company, its people and retail. [GIBS website](#).

Impact!Africa Summit 20 to 22 June 2018 at the Riversands Incubation Hub, Johannesburg. The event is a mobilising summit that aims to accelerate innovative solutions to Africa's most pressing challenges by inspiring, supporting and connecting leading social entrepreneurs and key ecosystem players across countries, organisations and sectors – such as policy, social investment, business and education. [More information](#).

FIRST GAUTENG UBUNTU BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST 28 June 2018 at Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel. **Speaker: Abdullah Verachia, Topic: Crafting competitive business strategies in a complex, digital and fast evolving South African and International environment.** Abdullah has been recognised as a visionary young leader and serves as the CEO of The Strategists where he plays an active role in assisting companies & organisations craft competitive future strategies. He has significant expertise in strategy, competitiveness & sector trends & facilitates a number of high level strategy sessions & breakaways for companies & governments & speaks globally. He led the team that crafted the Gauteng Economic Development Strategy and the 2017 Mauritius Competitiveness foresight strategy. Having presented & consulted in over 60 cities globally Abdullah has been recognised as a leading speaker, disruptor, strategist & thought leader on competitiveness & the interplay between strategy & disruptive innovation. To book [click here](#) and register or e-mail: Ilchen at ilchen@saubuntu.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.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators), 4 to 6 September 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.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING <IR> for Managers: 11 September and <IR> for Practitioners: 25 to 26 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

CARBON-RELATED TRAINING over the period 17 to 21 September 2018. GHG EMISSIONS REPORTING 17 September 2018; Carbon Tax 101 - 18 September 2018; GHG Emissions Inventory course (ISO 14064-1 and IPPC methodologies) - 19 to 21 September 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.

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!](#)

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.](#)

BLOOMBERG'S SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS SUMMIT 20 to 21 June 2018 Amsterdam, Netherlands. This Summit bring together C-suite executives, influential investors, and innovative thought leaders to discuss how companies are using sustainability as a driver of business value. The summits leverage Bloomberg's unrivalled business and markets expertise to convene conversations on the risks and opportunities around sustainability for corporate executives and innovative investors. [Request invitation.](#)

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 Rosebank, 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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