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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**NEW WIND ENERGY PROJECTS TO FIRE UP W CAPE** Two new wind energy projects are set to power the Western Cape province following the recent signing of multibillion-rand renewable energy deals. *Admire Moyo, IT Web, 31 May 2018.*

**GENDER INEQUALITY IN EARNINGS HAMPERS HUMAN CAPITAL WEALTH, ECONOMY – WORLD BANK GROUP** Globally, countries are losing \$160-trillion in wealth because of differences in lifetime earnings between women and men, says World Bank Group. *Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 30 May 2018.*

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES COULD INCREASE TO 220M IN 2030 – IEA** The International Energy Agency's (IEA's) 'Global Electric Vehicles Outlook' has found that the number of electric and plug-in hybrid cars on the world's roads exceeded three-million in 2017, which is a 54% increase compared with 2016. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 30 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. [The Green Times, 30 May 2018.](#)

**TOP 5 AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT SHIFT TO RENEWABLES** From Morocco to South Africa, millions of people are gaining access to electricity for the first time as countries in Africa turns to solar, wind and hydropower projects to boost generation capacity. [Responsible Business, 30 May 2018.](#)

**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, GREEN CLIMATE FUND AND AFRICA 50 SUPPORT DESERT TO POWER PROGRAMME** The African Development Bank, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Africa50 investment fund signed a letter of intent to collaborate on the Desert to Power programme on the sidelines of the Bank's Annual Meetings, Busan, Korea. [All Africa, 30 May 2018.](#)

**SA CHEFS TRAINING PROGRAMME A POSITIVE FOR YOUTH IN HOSPITALITY** With the current under 25-unemployment rate sitting at 67.4% - the highest it has even been - the South African Chef's Association (SA Chefs), a non-profit industry organisation, together with the National Department of Tourism has continued its efforts to address this persistent obstacle in the country by investing in skills development and job creation. [BizCommunity, 30 May 2018.](#)

**CALIFORNIA DREAMS AND THRIVES AS GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN REJECTS DONALD TRUMP'S NIGHTMARE** Just about every policy US President Donald Trump imposes to make his America great is opposed by the world's fifth-largest economy. [Matthew Winkler, BusinessLIVE, 29 May 2018.](#)

**MANUFACTURING SECTOR INVESTMENT TO REMAIN STABLE IN Q2 – MANUFACTURING CIRCLE** The Manufacturing Circle Investment Tracker (MCIT) for the first quarter of this year shows there has been investment into the manufacturing sector in the past 15 months, but that investment is declining. [Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 29 May 2018.](#)

**WHAT POPULATION GROWTH WILL DO TO HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** By 2030, the world population is expected to be 8.6 billion people, growing to 11.2 billion by 2100, which will have an impact on health and communities. [BizCommunity, 29 May 2018.](#)

**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HASN'T CHANGED SINCE THE '70'S, LACKS TRANSFORMATION** Although there is a steady increase in the number of black-owned contractors in the construction industry, it seems transformation in terms of previously disadvantaged individuals getting big contracts is still not happening. It does not represent an inclusive industry. [Cape Talk, 28 May 2018.](#)

**TOURISM TRANSFORMATION FUND TO HELP BLACK BUSINESSES** The Department of Tourism and the National Empowerment Fund (NEF) have collaborated to create the Tourism Transformation Fund. [Dhivana Rajgopaul, IOL, 23 May 2018.](#)

**GOVERNMENT IRONING OUT DETAILS FOR ROLLOUT OF R2BN SMME AND INNOVATION FUND** During his inaugural State of the Nation address earlier this year, President Cyril Ramaphosa pledged that government would set aside R2.1 billion for a SMME and Innovation Fund. [\*Brendyn Lotz, htxt.africa, 18 May 2018.\*](#)

## **NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS**

**A JUST AND EQUAL SOUTH AFRICA: Transformation and Social Cohesion Visioning – [NBI Quick Brief, 31 May 2018.](#)**

**STRENGTHENING A SKILLS PIPELINE FOR MANUFACTURING** The Manufacturing Circle released its Q1 2018 Investment Tracker results on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018, which assesses investment by manufacturers in a range of aspects. The launch provided a springboard for a more focused discussion on skills development, which is one of the key components of the sector's Map to a Million initiative. **Makano Morojele: NBI, Head of Social Sustainability**, gave an overview of emerging insights from a study conducted by the NBI on behalf of the DPME, aimed at finding ways in which to strengthen a steady supply of skills for the manufacturing sector. Speaking at the launch, she said: "...the study highlights the role of manufacturing companies in influencing the quality of delivery by Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges in order to provide a reliable pool for specialisations including installation, repair and maintenance needed for manufacturing".

**HARAMBEE BREAKING BARRIERS REPORT** With more and more young people not gainfully employed or engaged in productive activities, the risk of social unrest is so much greater. The spiralling youth unemployment rate in South Africa further undermines efforts aimed at achieving social and economic transformation. [Read more here.](#)

**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 Quick Brief [here.](#)

**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

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**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 CDP’s move to sector-based questions benefits companies”*, [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 May 2018 progress report entitled: *“Accelerating EV ambition is driving the transition”*, [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

**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.](#)

**RMB BACKS OMNIA IN SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION** RMB facilitated Omnia Holdings' US\$100 million acquisition of Oro Agri, aligned with its strategy of building a global AgriBio business that will supply environmentally-friendly products in the agricultural sector. RMB corporate finance executive Gareth Armstrong shares some insight into this second "green revolution" transaction. [Moneyweb, 28 May 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

## 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](#).

**DROUGHT-STRICKEN CPT TO HOST GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE** The 5th International Climate Change Adaptation Conference is coming to Cape Town in June, welcoming over 1 000 scientists, practitioners, business leaders and policymakers from around the world. [Cape Talk, 30 May 2018](#).

**CAPE TOWN'S DAM LEVELS HIGHER THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR** In the last couple of weeks the amount of water in the dams supplying Cape Town has overtaken 2017's levels. [BizCommunity, 29 May 2018](#).

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**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](#).

**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](#).

**WORLD INEQUALITY REPORT 2018** The World Inequality Report 2018 relies on a cutting-edge methodology to measure income and wealth inequality in a systematic and transparent manner. By developing this report, the World Inequality Lab seeks to fill a democratic gap and to equip various actors of society with the necessary facts to engage in informed public debates on inequality. [Download full report here](#).

**NEW WBCSD INSIGHT:** The business and human rights landscape has evolved rapidly since the launch of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in 2011. How is business responding to this evolution, and what are the best ways for companies to connect with the dynamic landscape of human rights? This [new WBCSD insight](#) provides answers to these questions and many more.

**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.](#)

**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 last 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.](#)

**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: 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](#).

**WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 27 June 2017 in Durban, venue TBC.** 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](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**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](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.

**EVENT GREENING FORUM 2018 CONFERENCE 14 June 2018 at White Light, Lanseria, Gauteng.** Whose responsibility is sustainability? How can we prepare for water-scarcity, climate change, and the pressures to de-carbonise our business activities? These questions, and more, will be addressed by a range of experts through talks, standing debates and an interactive tour (so bring your walking shoes!). While we are undoubtedly facing pressing environmental concerns, many of the topics are optimistic about how we can overcome these challenges. Expect to be inspired, as well as equipped with practical advice on what to do next. [Click here for more details.](#)

**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.** Only 3 weeks to go! 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).

**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.](#)

**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](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!](#)

**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](#).

**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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