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INDUSTRY NEWS

HOW WE CAN EFFECTIVELY SHIFT TO A GLOBAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY If you need to skip the straw at lunch today, consider this: Scientists found that even Arctic sea ice — far removed from most major metropolitan areas — is no longer plastic-free. *Mathy Stanislaus, GreenBiz, 7 June 2018.*

BUSA ATTENDING G7 SUMMIT WITH RAMAPHOSA Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) is part of the South African delegation, led by President Cyril Ramaphosa and the Department of Trade and Industry, attending the Group of Seven (G7) Summit, in Canada. *Anine Kilian, Engineering News, 7 June 2018.*

BRANDS NEED TO LEAD GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA Late last year the World Economic Forum's (WEF's) Global Gender Gap Report showed that the global gender gap had widened for the first time in the 11 years of the study. [Temitope Iluyemi, BizCommunity, 7 June 2018.](#)

HOW SOLAR MINIGRIDS COULD BRIGHTEN ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR UNSERVED MILLIONS IN AFRICA For a glimpse of a huge opportunity for both business and improving lives in the developing world, spend some time with Finian Oyem in the rural Nigerian village of Onyen-Okpon. [James Sherwood, GreenBiz, 7 June 2018.](#)

YOUTH CAN BRING DIVERSITY TO LIMPOPO'S BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY To help transform the bioprospecting industry in Limpopo, the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (Ledet) is set to facilitate programmes to encourage the youth to be part of this sector. [Capricorn Voice, 7 June 2018.](#)

ANTARCTICA: PLASTIC CONTAMINATION REACHES EARTH'S LAST WILDERNESS Traces of microplastics and hazardous chemicals found in majority of snow and ice samples taken earlier this year. [Matthew Taylor, The Guardian, 6 June 2018.](#)

WORLD'S GREAT CITIES HOLD KEY TO FOSSIL FUEL CUTS Governments anxious to reduce the national use of fossil fuels and limit climate change now know where to start: in the great cities. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 6 June 2018.](#)

WATER CRISIS CRITICAL IN NELSON MANDELA BAY While average water levels in dams around the Eastern Cape have decreased slightly the Department of Water and Sanitation says the situation in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is critical. [My Port Elizabeth, 6 June 2018.](#)

WORLD'S MOST POLLUTED CITIES Nine out of 10 people worldwide breathe polluted air, but it is the poor who are disproportionately affected, according to a new study. [94.7 News, 6 June 2018.](#)

GREEN ECONOMY NOW WORTH AS MUCH AS FOSSIL FUEL SECTOR FTSE Russell reports 6% of global equity market, roughly \$4 trillion, comes from clean energy and environmental service sector. [Climate Home News, 5 June 2018.](#)

SMALL-SCALE CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN AFRICA: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED Small-scale cross-border trade can play a fundamental role in contributing to poverty reduction and food security across Africa. How can it be supported to ensure that it delivers its full development potential? [Tralac, 5 June 2018.](#)

YOUR COFFEE CUP LID IS LIKELY TO OUTLIVE YOU AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN Globally, 8-million tonnes of plastics are dumped into the sea every year, according to WWF South Africa. That's the equivalent of a full truck-load of rubbish being dumped into the ocean every minute! [BizCommunity, 5 June 2018.](#)

UN, CSIR LAUNCH AFRICA WASTE MANAGEMENT OUTLOOK The United Nations (UN) Environment Programme and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) on Tuesday released Africa's first consolidated waste management outlook, which seeks to outline and address the impact of mismanaged waste on the continent. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 5 June 2018.](#)

BY 2050 THERE MAY BE MORE PLASTIC IN OCEANS THAN FISH – UN Plastic pollution in the oceans has reached a stage where microplastics – pieces smaller than 5mm – now outnumber stars in our galaxy, according to UN secretary general António Guterres. [*Engineering News, 5 June 2018.*](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

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 youth and employability on day 2. The NBI will be also be running a business panel on Social Intrapreneurship together with Member companies, Absa, Anglo America and Discovery, also on the 21st of June. [Impact Africa Summit Website.](#)

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 29th 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.](#)

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 the latest insights from CDP, the global environmental disclosure system, [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: Nigel Topping on the path from Paris to Regenerative Economics*”, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news article just published: “*Why investors can no longer ignore the exposure to the real threats of being linear*”, [here](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

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.](#)

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.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

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

NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WESTERN CAPE DROUGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY The South African government finally declared Cape Town's drought as a national disaster earlier on this year. This is after the

country has been grappling with the seemingly endless water crisis for over a year now. [Farmers Review Africa, 6 June 2018](#).

TABLE GRAPES FARE WELL DESPITE DROUGHT Severe drought conditions failed to significantly dent South Africa's table grape crop which recorded a harvest of over 62 million 4.5 kilogram cartons during the 2017 season. [FTW Online, 6 June 2018](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

THE GLOBAL ECONOMY ISN'T WORKING FOR WOMEN. HERE'S WHAT WORLD LEADERS MUST DO Winnie Byanyima questions how business leaders expect an equal world for women when the purse strings are so clearly held by men. [Eye Witness News, 7 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](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE'S WOMEN'S NETWORK HOSTS GROUND BREAKING SAPS WOMEN INDABA The South African Police Service's (SAPS) Women's Network is hosting a three-day work-session aimed at addressing challenges faced by women in the policing environment. [Media Statement](#).

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](#).

THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THE PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS THAN CARRIER BAGS Plastics are part of our everyday lifestyles, and their release into the natural environment has become yet another serious global crisis affecting ecosystems and their related services. [Mail & Guardian, 5 June 2018](#).

LATEST ICMM 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 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.](#)

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.](#)

WORKSHOPS: SETTING MEANINGFUL WATER TARGETS - JOHANNESBURG AND CAPE TOWN in June 2018. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and 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.](#)

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.

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.

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 decarbonise 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. 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 IPCC 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!](#)

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.](#)**

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