

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

**DECLARATION OF THE THIRD BRICS INDUSTRY MINISTERS' MEETING** The Ministers of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa, met in Magaliesburg, 4th of July 2018. [Tralac, 5 July 2018.](#)

**FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION A STEP CLOSER** Industry Ministers from BRICS countries on Wednesday, 4 July, 2018 signed a Declaration on the implementation of the Digital Industrial Revolution (DIR). [Tralac, 5 July 2018.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA: GENDER EQUALITY ENDORSES THE #100MENMARCH** As a befitting tribute to Mama Sisulu and Tata Mandela who were committed or cared about the well-being of women and children, the Commission has resolve to

join the #100MenMarch in order to raise its voice and awareness on the alarming high number of gender-based violence and other related atrocities against women and children. [All Africa, 5 July 2018.](#)

**BUILDING A DIGITAL CONTINENT** According to the World Bank's most recent report on Global Economic Prospects, despite the broad global recovery currently underway, Africa still faces substantial downside risks, especially relating to challenges with subdued productivity and potential growth. [Michael Pittelkow, BizCommunity, 5 July 2018.](#)

**KZN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT GOES SOLAR TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS** KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Nomusa Dube-Ncube has unveiled an energy-saving solar panel rooftop at the department's Mayville offices - a pilot project that is already yielding positive results. [IOL, 5 July 2018.](#)

**SCIENTISTS HOPE TEST-TUBE EMBRYOS CAN SAVE NEAR-EXTINCT WHITE RHINO** Scientists have created hybrid embryos from the sperm of near-extinct northern white rhinoceroses in the laboratory, hoping they can ultimately help save the species. [Engineering News, 5 July 2018.](#)

**FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE MEANS FIGHTING INEQUALITY AND INTOLERANCE** Intersectionality is a big word with a simple meaning: social, economic and political issues are all connected. Climate change is emblematic of this truth. [Phil Newell, Responsible Business, 4 July 2018.](#)

**RISING SEAS' COST MAY BE \$27TN A YEAR BY 2100** The rising seas' cost may be US\$27tn a year for the world by 2100 if it fails to meet the UN's 2°C global warming limit by then, with sea level rise of, at its worst, almost six feet (nearly two metres), new research says. [Alex Kirby, Climate News Network, 4 July 2018.](#)

**HOW CAN CHANGING GENDER PERCEPTIONS AND BEHAVIOURS IN THE WORKPLACE PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH?** Despite decades of progress towards achieving equality in the workplace, women remain significantly under-represented in emerging tech. [HR Future, 4 July 2018.](#)

**ENERGY AND POWER SECTOR THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO GLOBAL M&AS SO FAR IN 2018** A historic peak in global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) in the first half of 2018 has seen the energy and power sector retain its lead as the biggest contributor, with the value of deals increasing by 62%, Thomson Reuters data showed. [Clara Denona, Business Day, 3 July 2018.](#)

**NELSON MANDELA BAY FACED WITH A HUGE WATER CRISIS AS DAM LEVELS DROP** The water shortages in Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape remains dire with dam levels continuing to drop. Dam levels are now at 20 percent capacity. This is despite the recent good rains which have fallen over the Western Cape. [Infrastructure News, 3 July 2018.](#)

**POOR COUNTRIES FACE NEW GREEN FINANCE HURDLES AFTER US CUTS** The US has cut its contribution to the Global Environment Facility, raising concerns about access to finance for environmental protection in the developing world. [Climate Home News, 29 June 2018.](#)

**NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS**

**THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA** Hosted by Barloworld, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and Adcorp held the second in a series of thought leadership dialogues recently on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the future of work in South Africa in the context of decent work and future opportunities for the country. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

**BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF PUBLIC TVET COLLEGES TO DELIVER GREEN SKILLS:** Roundtable discussions on the renewable energy technologies sector [NBI Quick Brief, 2 July 2018](#).

**TRUDI MAKHAYA ON DEVELOPING THE SA ECONOMY** Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) in collaboration with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted a business engagement this morning in Sandton. Trudi Makhaya, Economic Adviser for South Africa's presidency spoke to CNBC Africa after the close of proceedings. [NBI Website](#).

**JASON MORRISON AND TIEN SHIAO OF THE PACIFIC INSTITUTE TO ATTEND WATER SECURITY MEETINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA** Pacific Institute President Jason Morrison and Senior Researcher and Corporate Water Stewardship Co-Lead Tien Shiao will attend national multi-stakeholder dialogues on solutions to water insecurity in South Africa in June. The United Nations Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate and the National Business Initiative are hosting these events on June 25th in Johannesburg and June 27th in Cape Town, South Africa. [EnvironmentGuru, 26 June 2018](#).

#### 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. Download their latest report entitled: "*Reporting Climate Resilience: The Challenges Ahead*", [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: "Communication 101: Fostering Dialogue, Trust & Accountability With Key Stakeholders", [here](#).*

**WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB)** NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world's most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read their latest blog article entitled: "*1 year on from TCFD recommendations and transparency is growing*", [here](#).

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest article entitled: "*Tire industry backs new standards for better environmental labelling*", [here](#).

#### NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**AFRICA HOTEL SECTOR OFFERS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER GROWTH OVER NEXT 5 YEARS – PWC** Africa’s hotel sector has the potential for further growth over the next five years, with an increase in the number of foreign and domestic travellers, as well as an expansion in a number of hotel chains on the continent reinforcing the industry's untapped potential, a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed on Thursday. [Engineering News, 5 July 2018.](#)

**GOLDMAN SACHS BUYS SOLAR POWER PORTFOLIO FOR \$350M** Goldman Sachs has stepped up its interests in renewable energy with a significant asset purchase. [Climate Action, 4 July 2018.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS MANDELA DAY DRIVE TO MAKE A R1 MILLION RAND DIFFERENCE** This year’s Mandela Day, on 18 July, marks what would have been Madiba’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. This centenary adds something extra special to a heartfelt day that traditionally unites the country in service with the hope of a better South Africa for all. [Gauteng Lifestyle Mag, 4 July 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK PMI SIGNALS OVERALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR** The Standard Bank Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) indicates that business conditions in the private sector improved in June, signalling an improvement in the health of the sector, following stagnation in May. [Engineering News, 4 July 2018.](#)

**WOOLIES CELEBRATES #MANDELA100 WITH 3 CAUSE-RELATED PRODUCTS** Marking the centenary year of Nelson Mandela's birth, Woolworths has launched three cause-related products - a commemorative shopping bag, the Nelson Mandela Foundation's official Mandela centenary T-shirt, and the Relate Trust's Mandela Centenary Relate bracelet. [BizCommunity, 4 July 2018.](#)

**PICK N PAY PILOTS ECO-FRIENDLY BAGS ON INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY** Pick n Pay is experimenting with compostable bags as an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic bags. To mark International Plastic Bag Free Day and as part of its efforts to reduce plastic waste, the retailer performed a one-day trial at its V&A Waterfront store to gauge customer reaction. The trial is intended to inform further industry discussions on alternatives to plastic bags. [BizCommunity, 3 July 2018.](#)

**ABB COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF GE INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS** ABB announced it has completed its acquisition of GE Industrial Solutions (GEIS), GE’s global electrification solutions business on June 30, 2018. [ABB, 2 July 2018.](#)

**TELKOM APPOINTS SUCCESSOR TO CFO** JSE-listed Telkom has appointed Tsholofelo Molefe as CFO and executive director, effective July 1, 2018, succeeding Deon Fredericks, who has been appointed chief investment officer to enhance the group’s investment strategy. [Engineering News, 27 June 2018.](#)

**OLD MUTUAL RETURNS TO AFRICAN ROOTS WITH JOHANNESBURG LISTING** Old Mutual Plc returned to its South African roots on Tuesday when it listed its \$11 billion African financial services business in Johannesburg, a move which largely completes a major overhaul of the company. [IOL Business, 26 June 2018.](#)

**PAMPERS & PICK N PAY RAISE R1M FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NEWBORNS** This partnership dates back to 2017 and sees the baby brand and retailer joining forces to help raise funds for UNICEF’s First 1000 Days initiative. [Retail Brief Africa, 25 June 2018.](#)

**ABB TO POWER NEW VIRGIN VOYAGES CRUISE SHIP FLEET WITH HIGHEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY** ABB to supply the complete electric power and propulsion package for the Virgin Voyages’ new fleet. [ABB Website, 25 June 2018.](#)

**ARUP PRESS RELEASE: RETHINKING CITIES IN ARID ENVIRONMENTS** Cape Town's prolonged water shortage has thrown into sharp relief the need for the city and its residents to be proactive in the long-term management of its water demand and consumption, and to build a more water resilient future. [Arup, 21 June 2018.](#)

**OLD MUTUAL GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS LOOKS TO BRAZIL AND MEXICO** Old Mutual Global Emerging Markets is looking at investment opportunities in Brazil and Mexico rather than SA, which has become one of the least attractive emerging markets. [BusinessLIVE, 21 June 2018.](#)

**TOYOTA INTRODUCES 'NO TIME LIMIT' SERVICE PLANS** Toyota has been including a service plan in the price of its cars for many years, starting with the Corolla in 2002, and has always followed the industry standard of limiting both time and distance. [IOL Business, 21 June 2018.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS TEAMS UP WITH FOODFORWARD SA TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE** Woolworths has partnered with national non-profit organisation (NPO), FoodForward SA to increase access to food across the country. [BizCommunity, 20 June 2018.](#)

**GOLDMAN SACHS HIRES VETERAN DEALMAKER FOR CHINA INVESTMENT BANK** Goldman Sachs Group Inc. hired veteran dealmaker Wei Cai as co-head of its China investment banking business, making him a partner in a rare move as the firm seeks to capitalize on the nation's financial-market opening. [Bloomberg, 20 June 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK AND MERCHANT CAPITAL PROVIDE SME LENDING SOLUTION** Standard Bank has joined forces with Merchant Capital to provide an innovative working capital solution for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by enabling them to access upfront cash advances which are repaid via their incoming point-of-sale receipts. [Money-Marketing, 20 June 2018.](#)

**GRINDROD SHIPPING ON THE JSE FROM TODAY** Grindrod Shipping will today make its secondary JSE listing after successfully making its primary listing on the Nasdaq yesterday. [IOL Business, 19 June 2018.](#)

**SOUTH32 AGREES TO BUY REMAINING ARIZONA SHARES** Diversified and metals company South32 yesterday announced that it had agreed to acquire the remaining 83percent of outstanding shares of Arizona Mining through a plan of arrangement for a fully funded all-cash offer of \$1.3billion (R17.43bn). [IOL Business, 19 June 2018.](#)

## WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

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

**NATIONAL GOVERNMENT GIVES UPDATE ON REDUCING CAPE WATER RESTRICTIONS** According to the department, the decision to consider relaxing water restrictions will only be taken when the rainy season is over, or once the dam levels reach a minimum of 85%. [The South African, 4 July 2018.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**OPENING NOMINATIONS FOR WBCSD'S 2019 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** On Monday, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) opened nominations for its 2019 Leadership Program. Next year's theme will be "[Leading change: Embedding sustainable development in business decision-making.](#)" [WBCSD Website.](#)

**NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE BILL OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT** Environmental advocacy groups have called for the president to implement the National Climate Change Bill released by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), due to the urgency of addressing the issue. [MSN News 4 July 2018.](#)

**INVESTING IN YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP** Bringing mentorship, funding, information-sharing and networking to young entrepreneurs is the goal of the Youth for Africa and SDGs (YAS!) portal, created to support the development and growth of youth entrepreneurship on the continent by providing four pillars of support: Learning, Ecosystem Mapping, Challenges and Opportunities. [BizCommunity, 4 July 2018.](#)

**AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME - APPLICATION WINDOW EXTENDED UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 2018** The application window for Agro-Processing Support Scheme ("APSS") applications have been extended. The window for receipt of applications will now close on 30 September 2018 compared to the previous deadline of 30 June 2018. It is however critical to still submit applications as soon as possible as approvals are subject to the availability of funds. [More information.](#)

**UCT PROF REDUCES ENERGY POVERTY** Reducing energy poverty, while at the same time making a just transition to a low-carbon energy economy, is a key challenge of the 21st century. [IT-ONLINE, 5 July 2018.](#)

**COMMISSION FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY ANNUAL REPORT 2017 TO 2018** Access [here.](#)

**WE MEAN BUSINESS JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER:** Economic opportunity through bold climate action. Read [here.](#)

**VISION 2030 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WINNERS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED** The annual Vision 2030 Awards honour the achievements and share the success stories of organisations, enterprises and individuals that actively demonstrate alignment to the South African government's Nine-Point Plan to boost economic growth and achieve the milestones set by the National Development Plan (NDP). [BizNis Africa, 26 June 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK'S REPORT TO SOCIETY 2017** Standard Bank's Report to Society 2017 aims to communicate with a broader group of stakeholders about how the business impacts on the societies, economies and environments in which they operate. Download the full report [here.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2018

### INFORMATION SESSION ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR COMPANIES

**Friday, 6 July 2018 at The Hilton Hotel in Sandton.** President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as a joint effort between business, government and labour aimed at placing unemployed black youth aged 18 to 29 in companies for twelve months to gain access to work-readiness training and

work experience. By creating job opportunities and delivering training for youth, YES seeks to contribute towards achieving social and economic transformation. The NBI cordially invites you to attend an information session which will include inputs on: 1. The requirements, processes and protocols for companies wanting to participate in the YES initiative and the implications thereof. 2. The proposed amendments to the B-BBEE codes with respect to the introduction of YES and the implications for companies wanting to host the YES candidates. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**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](#).

**CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA | WORKSHOP II – JOHANNESBURG Friday, 13 July 2018 at Sanlam, Sandton.** If you are an NBI member company we invite you to join us in collectively crafting a vision of a South Africa where business has transformed by meaningfully and actively addressing inequality and inequity through its value chain to create a thriving society. Over the past few months the National Business Initiative (NBI) and its members have collaboratively worked towards creating a vision for an equal and just South Africa via a number of national workshops. Through in-depth discussion and critical reflection, the workshops have highlighted key barriers to achieving transformation and social cohesion and have identified areas of focus to reduce these barriers and drive inclusion. For further information please contact [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#) or click [here](#) to RSVP.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**IN CONVERSATION WITH CEO OF CLICKS GROUP LIMITED, DAVID KNEALE 25 July 2018 at GIBS, Illovo.** The Clicks Group is a retail-led healthcare group which has been listed on the JSE Limited since 1996. We chat to CEO, David Kneale about the group, its strategy in SA and southern Africa, the key drivers and trends in retail, how technology is changing the consumer experience and customer engagement as well as the 'profitability challenge'. [GIBS Website.](#)

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION WITH WWF** In celebration of 50 years of conservation in South Africa, WWF South Africa is hosting two fundraising gala dinners. These dinners will take place at **the Hilton Hotel in Sandton on 28 July 2018** and at **the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 1 September 2018.** [WWF-SA 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](#).

**LEADING WOMEN IN BUSINESS POWER BREAKFAST 6 August 2018, GIBS, Illovo.** The 'Leading Women in Business Power Breakfast' in commemoration of Women's Month. The breakfast session is opportunity to find inspiration in the stories of successful women in business. The conversation will focus on business, industry and the economy at large, as well as touch on issues such as gender bias and the empowerment of women. [GIBS Website](#).

**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.

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

**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!](#)**

**WRI WEBINAR: INTRODUCING CLIMATE WATCH: A TOOL FOR RESEARCHERS AND DECISION MAKERS 10 July 2018 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EDT.** Learn how to explore economic and emissions scenarios to identify opportunities for delivering on countries' sustainable development and climate goals. **[WRI Website.](#)**

**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.](#)**

**2018 WORLD WATER WEEK 26 August to 31 August 2018 Stockholm, Sweden.** Since 1991, World Water Week has been a meeting place for scientists, policy makers, and private sector and civil society actors to network, exchange ideas and foster new thinking around the most pressing water-related challenges of today. It inspires collaborative action and bridges science, policy and practice. It provides a unique forum for the exchange of views, experiences and practices between the scientific, business, policy and civic communities. It focuses on new thinking and positive action toward water-related challenges and their impact on the world's environment, health, climate, economic and poverty reduction agendas. **[Website and further information.](#)**

**GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 12 September to 14 September 2018 San Francisco, CA.** The 2018 Summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change, showcase climate action taking place around the world, and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments — in support of the Paris Agreement. **[Summit Website.](#)**

**BRAZIL IMMERSIVE LEARNING JOURNEY:** Join the Sustainability Institute's experiential immersion in the Amazon Jungle from **16 to 24 September 2018** to live with, and learn from, this inexplicable rainforest and its people. This encounter, in partnership with South Collective, will take you deep into the Amazon jungle and delve into local knowledge where explorers will learn about biodiversity, how people live *with* a forest and not *from* it, and how regenerative thinking can build greater communities. Topics that will be discussed include socio-biodiversity, forest management, water and agroforestry. **[Sustainability Institute's Website.](#)**

**THE 7TH WORLD SUSTAINABILITY FORUM 19 to 22 September 2018 Beijing, China.** The World Sustainability Forum (WSF) is an annual sustainability conference organized by MDPI. It is an excellent opportunity for researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to engage with this topic, to expose the urgency of the issues, and to recognize individual, collective, and national opportunities associated therewith. The WSF2018 in China is also an excellent opportunity to sensitize researchers toward national and cultural differences, and how considerable progress can be made in sustainability, despite the multitude of challenges and differences around the world. **[MDPI Website.](#)**

**CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2018 24 to 30 September 2018 New York City, US.** Climate Week NYC is one of the key summits in the international calendar and has been driving climate action forward since it was first launched by The Climate Group in 2009. In 2018, Climate Week NYC comes at a critical point in the global response to climate change. The summit will take place alongside the UN General Assembly and will bring together international leaders from business, government and civil society to showcase the unstoppable momentum of global climate action. Climate Week NYC is the collaborative space for climate-related events in support of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. [Climate Week NYC Website.](#)

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