

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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### BI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**18 JULY 2018:** Today we remember, honour and thank the late Nelson Mandela. Your struggle for South Africa will never be forgotten! #MandelaDay <https://t.co/mJwYaFLSQH>.

**THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE'S (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. Via a series of national workshops, this visioning process has collectively explored and endeavored to "re-think" a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality, in society. The programme has also engaged with both the role of business in addressing our core socio-economic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment and has address key internal transformation issues in corporates, including inter alia issues of equity. A report is now in the process of being compiled with the key insights and outcomes of discussion and it will also

highlight the focus areas going forward. Please contact [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#) for further details on this NBI programme and process.

**HOST COMPANIES IN HOSPITALITY GIVE FEEDBACK ON CANDIDATES ON WORKPLACE-BASED LEARNING** The National Business Initiative (NBI) is currently implementing a Graduate Placement Programme funded by the National Skills Fund in Hospitality and Maintenance. The programme started in August 2017 and seventy graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges were placed at Radisson Blu Gautrain, Tsogo Sun and the Compass Group for periods ranging from twelve to twenty four months. Read [here](#).

**TALANOA DIALOGUE** Launched at COP23 in 2017 and previously known as the facilitative dialogue, it aims at collectively assessing the progress made on climate action and increase action to reach the Paris Agreement goals. Talanoa is a traditional word in Fijian to refer to telling a story, or having a conversation. It's an inclusive, participatory and transparent process. The idea behind the word is to share knowledge and experiences that could lead to a better understanding and thus to beneficial decisions for all. All countries and other stakeholders, including business, investors, cities, regions and civil society, are invited to make submissions into the Talanoa Dialogue around three central questions: Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there? The NBI will be hosting a roadshow in August to inform you about the Talanoa Dialogues and give you the opportunity to participate in the South African process. The Talanoa Dialogue represents an opening up of the UN Climate Negotiations because non-state actors are able to actively participate and submit their ideas for how national governments can improve their emission reduction targets. Please contact: [Verushka Singh](#) should you require additional details.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**FIRST AFRICAN COMPANY ANNOUNCES SCIENCE-BASED GREENHOUSE GAS TARGET** Emira Property Fund has become the first African and South African company to have a greenhouse gas emissions target approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). [Engineering News, 19 July 2018.](#)

**STRUGGLE FOR GENDER EQUALITY CONTINUES** President Cyril Ramaphosa says in remembering Madiba, people must recognise that the struggle for gender equality must never be abandoned. [SA Government News Agency, 19 July 2018.](#)

**WESTERN CAPE AGRICULTURE ADDS UP THE COST OF THE CONTINUING DROUGHT** Rain may have fallen, but farming in the Western Cape is still reeling from the impact of the drought. [Dave Chambers, BusinessLIVE, 19 July 2018.](#)

**ARCTIC PERMAFROST SET FOR FASTER CARBON LEAK** The Arctic permafrost – a frozen store of at least half the planet's organic carbon – could be about to release more carbon in the form of greenhouse gases than it absorbs in the growing season. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 18 July 2018.](#)

**FROM CAPE TOWN TO CHARLOTTE, THERE'S A PARTNER FOR EVERY PURPOSE** Public-private partnerships (PPPs) are evolving in creative and powerful ways. [Sue Lebeck, GreenBiz, 18 July 2018.](#)

**UK TO REQUIRE BIG COMPANIES TO REPORT CO2 EMISSIONS FROM APRIL 2019** Big companies will have to report their energy use, carbon dioxide emissions and energy efficiency measures in their annual reports from next April under a new framework set out by the British government on Wednesday. [Sharenet, 18 July 2018.](#)

**MADIBA'S LIGHT SHONE SO BRIGHTLY – OBAMA** Madiba's light shone so brightly, even from that narrow Robben Island cell, said the 44th US President Barack Obama during the sixteenth annual Nelson Mandela Lecture, on Tuesday, in Johannesburg. [Sane Dhlamini, Engineering News, 18 July 2018.](#)

**MANDELA MEDIA MOMENTS TAKING PLACE ACROSS SA, AND THE GLOBE** It would be hard to top Barack Obama's extraordinarily rousing Nelson Mandela Lecture delivered to a rapturous live audience, and millions more on TVs across the world. [The Media Online, 18 July 2018.](#)

**MLAMBO-NGCUKA: MADIBA CENTENARY CHANCE TO RENEW TO GENDER COMMITMENT** UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka says that Nelson Mandela's centenary is a chance to renew the commitment to gender equality. [SA Life, 18 July 2018.](#)

**REVOLUTIONARY SOLAR-POWER DESALINATION PLANT COULD PROVIDE CHEAPER OPTION, BUT IT NEEDS SPACE** The new solar-powered desalination plant under construction at Witsand on the southern Cape coast will produce water at a cost of only R7 to R8 a kilolitre. [Engineering News, 18 July 2018.](#)

**SA'S TWO BIG CHALLENGES** And the single biggest factor needed to solve them. [Patrick Cairns, Moneyweb, 18 July 2018.](#)

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILDREN AND GENDER INEQUALITY IN DENMARK** The last century has brought considerable convergence in the labour market outcomes of men and women. [Henrik Kleven, Camille Landais, Jakob Egholt Sjøgaard, WEF, 16 July 2018.](#)

**BAMBOO CAN POWER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Bamboo covers more than 30 million hectares of land and is a common sight for rural communities across tropical and subtropical Africa, Asia and Latin America. [SciDev.Net, 13 July 2018.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2018

**BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT COP24 PARTNERSHIP: SHOWCASING SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND GOOD PRACTICE – Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban** in August 2018. The National Business Initiative (NBI) invites you to pursue the opportunity of having your company's climate stewardship promoted at COP24 in Katowice, Poland. We invite you to participate in the 2018 South African Exhibition building on the excellent outcome of last year's efforts. We would also like to inform you about the **Talanoa Dialogues** and give you the opportunity to participate in the South African process. The Talanoa Dialogue represents an opening up of the UN Climate Negotiations because non-state actors are able to actively participate and submit their ideas for how national governments can improve their emission reduction targets. If you an NBI Member company and would like to attend a roadshow please click on one of the following links to RSVP: [Cape Town - Wednesday, 1 August 2018](#), [Johannesburg - Thursday, 2 August 2018](#) and [Durban - Friday, 3 August 2018](#). Venues are still to be advised.

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**DISTELL RELEASES LIMITED-EDITION GIFT PACKS TO COMMEMORATE MADIBA'S CENTENARY** The Distell Group; Africa's leading producer and marketer of a selection of top-quality spirits, wines, ciders and other ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages, sold across the world; is commemorating the 100-year legacy of former South African President, Nelson Mandela, by releasing a once-off, limited-edition gift pack comprising a 750ml bottle of Van Ryn's 27-year-old potstill brandy, and a 750ml bottle of Bain's 15-year-old single grain whisky. [IOL Business, 19 July 2018.](#)

**SAPPI TO BUILD XYLITOL, FURFURAL PRODUCTION DEMO PLANT** Pulp and paper producer Sappi has decided to build a demonstration plant to further scale up its novel Xylex technology for the production of xylitol and furfural. [Engineering News, 18 July 2018.](#)

**RMB INVESTS IN ZAMBIAN COPPER MINES** Zambia is expected to produce more than one-million tonnes of copper this year, which bodes well for the economy, considering the mineral comprises around 60% of the country's total exports. [BizCommunity, 18 July 2018.](#)

**GWM AND BMW JOIN FORCES TO UPGRADE ENERGY-SAVING VEHICLES** "Energy-saving and new energy vehicles" aim to promote the travel modes centered on low-carbon energy conservation and environmental protection. [Lowvelder, 18 July 2018.](#)

**SAPPI TO FUND RESEARCH ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND BRINGING CARBON EMISSIONS TO NET ZERO IN THE PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING PARTNERS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME** [Media Release, 16 July 2018.](#)

**ABSA EMBRACES AFRICA WITH NEW BRAND** Reclaiming its African roots, the Absa Group, formerly Barclays Africa, has started trading on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange with a new share code (ABG) and a new corporate identity. [BizCommunity, 11 July 2018.](#)

**ARUP RECOGNISED AT SAICE 2018** The South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Johannesburg division honoured Arup with multiple project and individual awards at its 2018 regional award ceremony. [Media release.](#)

**NEDBANK FUNDS THREE NEW RESEARCH CHAIRS** Three new Research Chairs have been added at Sefako Makgatho University, Cape Peninsula University of Technology and The University of the Witwatersrand, thanks to funding generated through a public-private partnership between Nedbank, the National Research Foundation and the Department of Science and Technology. [BizCommunity, 11 July 2018.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT TO BECOME THE FIRST PROPERTY COMPANY TO LIST ON A2X** Real estate investment trust Growthpoint Properties will be the first property company to take up a secondary listing on A2X – a licensed stock exchange that provides a secondary listing venue for companies. [Engineering News, 11 July 2018.](#)

**TSOGO BEEFS UP HOSPITALITY WITH R23BN DEAL** Tsogo Sun's long-stated mission to spin off all of its hotel and casino properties into Hospitality Property Fund, a JSE-listed real estate investment trust (Reit), just gained momentum with a multi-billion rand deal. [Moneyweb, 11 July 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**'ON MADIBA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY, WE NOW STAND AT A CROSSROADS'** - read Obama's full speech [here.](#)

**GENDER TRANSFORMATION IN THE JUDICIARY UNDER DISCUSSION** A discussion document on gender transformation in the judiciary and legal sector has been drawn up. The trade and industry department published the document in Government Gazette 41766 for comment. [Sabinet Law, 17 July 2018.](#)

**CUT RED TAPE SO THAT SMALL BUSINESS IS ENABLED AND ENCOURAGED** It's no secret that South Africa, along with many emerging economies globally, is struggling to tackle the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment. [Theo Boshoff, M&G, 13 July 2018.](#)

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING** Training courses for certification as a Renewable Energy Professional are available at the Nelson Mandela University (NMU). [Mining Online, 10 July 2018.](#)

**WOMEN IN WORK INDEX – WHAT IS DRIVING THE OECD GENDER PAY GAP?** The sixth annual update of the PwC Women in Work Index shows that gains in female economic empowerment have been made across the OECD countries, but the pace of change remains gradual. [PWC, 9 July 2018.](#)

**SA COMPETITION AMENDMENT BILL TO PARLIAMENT** According to [Government Notice 693](#), the Minister of Economic Development Ebrahim Patel intends introducing the Competition Amendment Bill, 2018 into Parliament in July 2018. The submission of the Bill to Parliament follows engagement by the Minister with various stakeholders. [Bowmans, 9 July 2018.](#)

**OPENING NOMINATIONS FOR WBCSD'S 2019 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME** On Monday, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) opened nominations for its 2019 Leadership Programme. 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.](#)

**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.](#)

## 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 17 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest blog article entitled: "*How can companies address their scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?*", [here.](#)

**UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE** NBI partners with the CEO Water Mandate to encourage water stewardship in South Africa. Established by the UN Global Compact in 2007, and rooted in the belief that cross-sectoral collaboration on shared water goals is the most effective path to more sustainable water management, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative that mobilizes business leaders for water stewardship. *Read their 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: "*US businesses are seizing the opportunity of climate action*", [here.](#)

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** WBCSD is a global, CEO-led organization of over 200 leading businesses working together to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world. The NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest news article entitled: "*Leading chemical companies and industry associations chart a course towards collaboratively maximizing potential to contribute to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*", [here.](#)

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**BUSINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH NATURE'S BANKER, PAVAN SUKHDEV, PRESIDENT OF WWF 24 July 2018 at GIBS, Illovo.** For decades we have valued our businesses in terms of growth, and our governments and institutions not by the health of the planet, but by the 'health' of the economy. With economics becoming the currency of policy, business has an integral role to demonstrate leadership, to work as a collective, and collaboratively. The purpose and agenda of business has never been more important to the goals of an equitable and sustainable planet than it is today. [GIBS Website.](#)

**WWF-SA 2018 6TH ANNUAL LIVING PLANET CONFERENCE 25 July 2018 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton.** This year's theme is "Water, what next?". Join us and some of the country's most exceptional water-minded experts to explore and share solutions to this new normal. In addition, we will be making a Living Planet Award to a prominent South African and have veteran actor John Kani as a guest speaker along with several WWF speakers. [Register here.](#)

**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](#).

**THE AWS INTERNATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP STANDARD 21 to 23 August 2018 in Pretoria, Gauteng.** Who should attend? Professionals with corporate sustainability responsibilities, especially those related to water' Consultants wishing to prepare companies for AWS Standard certification and Conformity Assessment Body personnel. Register your interest by contacting: [Dr Mark Dent](#). Further information on the AWS Standard and the Certification systems can be found on their [website](#).

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW WORKSHOP 28 to 29 August 2018 at IMBEWU's Offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg.** The workshop is aimed at giving attendees a basic knowledge of environmental law and is practical and interactive. It will provide you with the basic knowledge of environmental law to comply with SoE tender requirements. To request a booking form or for additional information, kindly e-mail: [lulu@imbewu.co.za](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za) or call: **011 214 0660**.

**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 IPCC 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.



**2018 INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM 9 to 10 October 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre, South Africa.** The 7th annual Infrastructure Africa Business Forum will bring together prominent African infrastructure experts, government officials and business leaders to accelerate the business of infrastructure development across the continent. The 2-day conference and showcase exhibition provides an opportunity for companies to focus on the continent's growth hotspots, discuss infrastructure trends, meet project developers and relevant government authorities, whilst exploring infrastructure business opportunities. The event partner is the NEPAD Planning & Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency). For more info on this event, or to register for the Indaba, visit: <http://www.infrastructure-africa.com>.

## 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!](#)

**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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