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### NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

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

The crisis of youth unemployment affects every South African. The need for social partners to work together to accelerate and scale-up youth employment initiatives has never been greater. Read NBI's Latest Quick Brief [here](#).

**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](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**#BRICSSUMMIT: HEADS OF STATES COME TOGETHER FOR INVESTMENT** The second day of the Brics Summit 2018 got off to a smooth start with President Cyril Ramaphosa delivering an address to the delegates present at the summit. [Ashley Lechman, IOL Business, 26 July 2018.](#)

**HOW SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CAN END WORLD HUNGER** Significantly more investment is needed to lift hundreds of millions rural poor out of poverty and make agriculture environmentally sustainable, according to Rob Vos, director of the markets, trade and institutions division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). [iAfrica, 26 July 2018.](#)

**#BRICSSUMMIT: 'EMBRACE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION'** Brics business leaders have called for the much-touted Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) to be embraced in order to grow the crucial sectors of member states' economies. [Luyolo Mkentane, IOL Business, 26 July 2018.](#)

**CAPE TOWN PUSHES AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY** The City of Cape Town is working hard to meet its target for renewable energy to make up 20% of total energy used in the city by 2020. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 26 July 2018.](#)

**EDUCATION, SKILLS CRITICAL FOR SOCIETY TO PROGRESS** Public Service and Administration Minister Ayanda Dlodlo says education, training and skills development are critical as they afford society an opportunity to learn and progress. [SA Government News Agency, 26 July 2018.](#)

**ARCTIC CIRCLE REACHES 30°C AS FREAKISH TEMPERATURES SET TO STAY PUT FOR WEEKS** Extreme weather that is gripping northern Europe and parts of Asia may persist into early August, prolonging a deadly heatwave that has parched crops and sparked devastating forest fires. [Jason Gale, BusinessLIVE, 25 July 2018.](#)

**THIS AFRICAN CITY IS TURNING A MOUNTAIN OF TRASH INTO ENERGY** Africa is the world's fastest-urbanizing continent. But while city life has helped lift millions out of poverty, the rapid transformation has created a new problem: mountains of urban waste. Now an Ethiopian entrepreneur is tackling the crisis with Africa's first waste-to-energy plant, which reduces noxious and dangerous landfill while powering urban homes. [The Green Times, 25 July 2018.](#)

**MSIMANG CHOSEN FOR WWF LIVING PLANET AWARD 2018** Former SANParks head Mavuso Msimang has received the prestigious WWF Living Planet Award for his significant contribution to the environmental sector in post-apartheid South Africa. [WWF-SA, 25 July 2018.](#)

**MINDING THE GENDER PAY GAP** Do your male colleagues work harder than you, bringing in more revenue? No? Then how does it feel to know that they might be earning up to 67% more than you do? [DestinyConnect, 25 July 2018.](#)

**SA 'COMPLETELY OUT OF STEP' WITH GLOBAL SME GROWTH TRENDS** SA is a "complete outlier" internationally when it comes to employment creation by small and medium-sized enterprises, raising questions about possible policy and regulatory failure. [Jana Marais, BusinessLIVE, 25 July 2018.](#)

**CAPE TOWN DAMS: MIDWEEK UPDATE BRINGS GOOD NEWS, WATER LEVELS RISE SLIGHTLY** After two dry weeks, the dams are showing their resilience and continuing to fill up. [Tom Head, The South African, 25 July 2018.](#)

**DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED WITH MICRO PLASTIC POLLUTION IN GAUTENG** Drinking water in Johannesburg and Tshwane is polluted with micro-plastics, a new study has found. [Daily Maverick, 25 July 2018.](#)

**CHINA COMMITS TO MORE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA** Addressing the media during the briefing of Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit held today in Pretoria, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced China had committed to \$14.7-billion in investments. [Thulebona Mhlanqa, Mail & Guardian, 24 July 2018.](#)

**WHAT ARE THE SECRETS OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DIGITAL SUPPLY CHAINS?** Today's digital customers are looking for unique experiences at a hyper speed, making a super-flexible supply chain as critical as a super-efficient one. [Kamendran Govender, HR Future, 24 July 2018.](#)

**HOW RETAILERS CAN COMPETE USING CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES** Consumers are asking far more of retailers than ever before, fuelled by the demands of modern lifestyles and changing needs. [David Rakowski, GreenBiz, 18 July 2018.](#)

## NBI EVENTS 2018

**BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT COP24 PARTNERSHIP: SHOWCASING SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND GOOD PRACTICE – Cape Town, Johannesburg 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: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront](#), [Johannesburg - Thursday, 2 August 2018: FutureSpace, Sandton](#) and [Durban - Friday, 3 August 2018: Grindrod.](#)

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND INTERNAL CARBON PRICE – CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN** The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a Thought Leadership Series ‘working session’ on the NBI’s latest thinking on committing an internal price on carbon and the TCFD reporting recommendations, for its Members. The session is taking place in Cape town on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 and in Durban on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Please join us to interactively unpack both the Internal Carbon Price and the TCFD in terms of their implications for business within the South African context. Kindly click [here](#) for should you require further information on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the Internal Carbon Price or as follows to RSVP: [Cape Town - Wednesday, 15 August 2018](#) or [Durban - Thursday, 16 August 2018](#).

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**NEDBANK FIRST-HALF EARNINGS JUMP AS ECOBANK RETURNS TO PROFIT** Nedbank Group said first-half earnings rose between 23% and 28% from a year ago after Ecobank Transnational, the African lender in which it holds a 20% stake, returned to profit. [Moneyweb, 26 July 2018.](#)

**ANGLO AMERICAN READY TO GO AHEAD WITH \$5.3BN QUELLAVECO COPPER MINE** Anglo American will build a new copper mine in Peru for up to \$5.3bn, after reporting a drop in net debt for the interim period despite a small dip in attributable profit. [BusinessLIVE, 26 July 2018.](#)

**TRANSNET SIGNS MANGANESE CAPACITY ALLOCATION CONTRACT WITH ASSMANG** State-owned Transnet has signed a seven-and-a-half-year Manganese Export Capacity Allocation (MECA2) contract with Assmang as part of its strategy to secure 95% of manganese volumes on rail. [Engineering News, 25 July 2018.](#)

**STANDARD BANK EARMARKS R10BN TO FUND ENERGY PROJECTS** Standard Bank has allocated R10 billion (\$751 million) to fund energy projects in South Africa as the continent’s largest lender by assets grows more confident in its home market and invests in riskier ventures. [Moneyweb, 25 July 2018.](#)

**FNB BUSINESS WOMEN'S BREAKFAST IN ASSOCIATION WITH SMILE 90.4FM: BE UNSTOPPABLE** In celebration of Women's Month, Smile 90.4FM have invited four accomplished and dynamic businesswomen to share their insights and experiences at the FNB Business Women's Breakfast in association with Smile 90.4FM. [BizCommunity, 25 July 2018.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT HEAD AND NECK ABOVE REST WITH R450M GREENFIELD PROJECT** Listed Growthpoint Properties has begun development of a R450million specialised head and neck hospital in Pretoria, the first of its kind in Africa. [IOL Business, 24 July 2018.](#)

**SAPPI'S LATEST R7 BILLION UPGRADE TO HELP BOOST KWAZULU-NATAL ECONOMY** Sappi has announced major planned upgrades at its Saiccor Mill in Umkomaas, Durban which will be worth R7 billion. [IOL Business, 23 July 2018.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT CELEBRATES ITS FIRST 'WATER NET-POSITIVE' BUILDING** Growthpoint Properties has successfully taken The District in Cape Town completely off the municipal water grid. It is Growthpoint's first 'water net-positive' building, and the first of several commercial properties in Cape Town that it intends to take off-grid. [BizCommunity, 23 July 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**NBI: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Request for Support in Infographics, Design and Layout for CDP Climate Change and CDP Water. Due date: 10 August 2018. [View details here.](#)

**NBI: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Request for Support in the Analysis of CDP Climate Change Data and CDP Water Data. Due date: 10 August 2018. [View details here.](#)

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

**WBCSD REPORT: CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY OIL AND GAS COMPANIES.** The TCFD Oil and Gas Preparer Forum was established in October 2017 by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) with input from the TCFD Secretariat. The Forum's objectives are to review the current state of climate-related financial disclosures, to identify examples of effective disclosure practices and make proposals on how disclosures may evolve over time. [View Publication.](#)

**ALL SOLAR PANELS IN CAPE TOWN TO BE REGISTERED BY 2019** Cape Town solar users: if you don't register by February 2019 you can expect to be disconnected from the power grid, and forced to pay a hefty service fee. [The South African, 26 July 2018.](#)

**SA'S NEW CLIMATE LEGISLATION CONTAINS SOME SHOCKERS** Climate change is undeniable. Climate action is unstoppable. And climate solutions provide opportunities that are unmatched." So said UN secretary-general António Guterres in 2017. [Harald Winkler and Andrew Marquard, BusinessLIVE, 26 July 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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 press release entitled: "*Capital goods makers forging a low carbon industrial revolution?*", [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 article entitled: Join the hundreds of companies voicing support for TCFD recommendations”, [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 guide entitled: “New Guide shows how the forest products sector can value nature into their business decision-making”, [here](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**TONIGHT: MEET THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS AT THIS MONTH’S ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO THE POINT (PROPERTY POINT) 26 July 2018 at MESH Club in Rosebank, Johannesburg.** We have an exciting panel of speakers at tonight’s session. From Forbes Africa to 30 under 30 for 2018, to World Economic Forum Global Shapers. From inventors, to Women in Property Network Top Achievers. You don't want to miss the insights we will gain from this session. Book your seat [here](#).

**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 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.

**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!**

**CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: MASTERING RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES 22 August 2018 11:00 to 12:00 BST.** This webinar is for businesses interested in learning more about renewable energy sources and how to assess whether using renewable technologies are a viable option for their business. **More information and registration.**

**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, California.** 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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*Engaging our member companies in economic and social transformation*

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