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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NBI MEMBERSHIP NEWS: We are delighted to introduce the NBI “Lunch with...” series of roundtables which are designed to strengthen collective action through the intimacy of sharing a meal around a table. The themed roundtables create safe and confidential spaces for NBI members to take advantage of our long-standing capability as a bridging organisation between business and Government. Our first roundtable – themed “**Making Land, Rands and Sense of South Africa**” – takes place on Friday, the 21st of September 2018 in Umhlanga through Tsogo Sun’s sponsorship at the Beverly-Hills Hotel. Cas Coovadia, Joanne Yawitch and Xolani Magojo will host this particular roundtable, with hosts changing in line with the theme of each event. This series of events are strictly by invitation, with plans firmly in place to host them bi-annually per region in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape. Kindly contact Tumi Nkosi for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER: CARBON CALCULATED We are pleased to announce our newest member, **Carbon Calculated**. Since its launch in 2008, Carbon Calculated has professionally measured and tracked greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, water usage, electricity consumption and other resources impacting the sustainability of organisations from a wide variety of sectors. The decision for Carbon Calculated to join us is a timely one given our members' commitment to organisational performance and growth beyond compliance. The added expertise that Carbon Calculated brings to the NBI member base will amplify an increasingly diverse, scientific and practice-based conversation in the critically important areas of environmental sustainability and social progression. The NBI is a collective business movement comprising over 100 South African and multinational organisations who share the common belief that business has a strong and all-benefitting role to play in building a thriving South Africa. To enquire about NBI membership, contact: **Gillian Hutchings** (GillianH@nbi.org.za) or **Tumi Nkosi** (TumiN@nbi.org.za) on 011 544 6000.

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE'S (NBI'S) INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2016 TO 2018 published last week, can be downloaded [here](#).

INFORMATION SESSION ON AN INITIATIVE TO EXPAND LABOUR MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN TECHNICAL FIELDS Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT, CALIFORNIA Global climate leaders, convened by Governor Gerry Brown of California, are gathering in San Francisco, California this week to discuss how to raise ambition levels in the fight against climate change. Participating business, civil society, labour and government leaders are discussing practical ways to reduce emissions and improve adaptation. The formal event is on 13th and 14th September 2018 but there are many side events and parallel discussions during the whole week. As part of the **NBI partnership with We Mean Business, Steve Nicholls, the NBI Environment Lead**, is attending. Steve also sits on a World Bank Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition advisory group on carbon pricing and competitiveness and will be attending an advisory group meeting. For more see <https://www.globalclimateactionsummit.org/> and watch for tweets from @NBISA.

NBI@COP24: After the success of last year's South African Pavilion in partnership with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) at COP23 in Germany, the National Business initiative (NBI) will again be hosting the South African Pavilion at COP24 taking place from 2 to 14 December 2018, in Katowice, Poland. Please contact Verushka Singh at VerushkaS@nbi.org.za should you require more information or would like to participate in the COP24 Pavilion. Please note that Katowice COP24 will start a day earlier than scheduled - on 2 December 2018.

INDUSTRY NEWS

EASING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS WILL RESTORE INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN CAPE TOWN The easing of the stringent water restrictions will restore international confidence in Cape Town as a destination for tourism and investment, say business leaders. *Engineering News, 13 September 2018.*

HERE'S NEW RESEARCH ATTENDEES ARE DEBATING AT THE GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT The Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) in San Francisco — and more than 350 affiliate events connected to what's being described as an unprecedented gathering of businesses, cities, NGOs and other "non-state actors" supporting the

transition to a clean economy — has inspired the publication of dozens of new economic prognostications, deep-dive analyses and take-action handbooks. [Heather Clancy, GreenBiz, 12 September 2018.](#)

EVEN WITHOUT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, THE US IS UPHOLDING THE PARIS AGREEMENT Rampant wildfires in the west, record high temperatures in the Arctic Circle, severe hurricanes in the Atlantic and the Pacific: unless we reduce greenhouse gases now, these kinds of destructive “natural” disasters will only get worse. [Jerry Brown and Michael Bloomberg, Climate Change News, 12 September 2018.](#)

HUNGER IS ON THE RISE, ACCORDING TO FAO’S STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD For the third year in a row, there has been a rise in world hunger. The absolute number of undernourished people, i.e. those facing chronic food deprivation, has increased to nearly 821 million in 2017, from around 804 million in 2016. [Biosciences for Farming in Africa \(B4FA\), 11 September 2018.](#)

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO END PLASTIC POLLUTION? The past year has seen a significant uptick in concern by activists, companies and others about the impacts of plastic pollution on people and the environment. With that concern has come an impressive spate of commitments to reduce, if not eliminate, plastic waste. [Joel Makower, GreenBiz, 11 September 2018.](#)

MOROCCO TOPS AFRICA IN IMPLEMENTING SDGS The inaugural index on how African countries are implementing the Sustainable Development Goals was released on Monday in Kigali, indicating that Morocco is on top of countries that are making strides in implementing the global goals, writes Julius Bizimungu for The New Times. [AllAfrica.com, 10 September 2018.](#)

MELTING ICE DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE DISRUPTING SHIPPING ROUTES Climate change is freeing up new trade routes in some areas, while increasing the risk of ice in others. [Irma Venter, Engineering News, 10 September 2018.](#)

YOUTH, WOMEN, SMMS AT CENTRE OF FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION – RAMAPHOSA President Cyril Ramaphosa has said that unless women, the youth and small businesses were intrinsically involved in technological advancement, the Fourth Industrial Revolution would fail. [Engineering News, 10 September 2018.](#)

CITY OF CAPE TOWN RELAXES WATER RESTRICTIONS, TARIFFS TO LEVEL 5 The City of Cape Town has made the move to relax current water restrictions from Level 6B to Level 5 from October 1, Deputy Mayor Ian Neilson announced. [Engineering News, 10 September 2018.](#)

A TEENAGER’S PLAN TO TRAWL FOR PLASTIC IN THE NORTH PACIFIC GETS UNDER WAY Few things exercise green sensibilities more these days than marine plastic litter. The detritus looks unsightly when it washes up on beaches, and cruel when it chokes photogenic sea creatures. Scientists estimate that perhaps 8m tonnes of plastic waste enters the ocean each year, discharged by rivers or shed from ships. [The Economist, 9 September 2018.](#)

NEW PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO DRASTICALLY CUT FOOD LOSS AND WASTE IN INDONESIA The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimates that one-third of all food produced annually for human consumption in the world is lost or wasted. [WBCSD, 30 August 2018.](#)

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF TVET COLLEGES TO DELIVER GREEN SKILLS: ENABLING YOUTH TRANSITIONS INTO THE GREEN ECONOMY Tuesday, 18 September 2018 at The Hilton Hotel, Sandton. The South African Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges have the potential to deliver at scale, innovative programmes that respond to industry needs. However, to realise this potential fully, colleges and industry must find new and meaningful ways in which to work together to prepare youth for the ever-changing world of work. In the past few years, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and its partners: Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, Central Johannesburg College, the Nedbank Foundation's Eyethu Community Trust and the Institute of Plumbing South Africa, have invested resources and expertise to inform the development of a TVET college intervention for Green Skills underpinned by quality, responsiveness to industry demand and enhancing youth employability. The NBI together with its partners are hosting a Thought Leadership Session (TLS) which will include a panel, comprising representatives from: TVET colleges, companies, an industry body and candidates who took part in the project, who will share their reflections at this TLS. Please RSVP [here](#) should you wish to attend this session.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: SOUTH AFRICA'S DRAFT INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN 2018 Thursday, 20 September 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. The draft Integrated Resource Plan 2018 (IRP) was released for public comment on the 27th of August 2018. Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments within 60 days of release. The draft IRP maps out how Government intends to manage electricity demand up until 2030. Companies spend a significant portion on electricity each year, and this is an opportunity to engage on the energy mix of the South African electricity sector, instead of considering electricity as merely a cost to be managed. It is extremely positive that Government is willing to engage with the public for input on the IRP. The National Business Initiative (NBI) would like to enable a broader capacity amongst business to engage in political processes on the energy transition and to do this, we will be hosting an IRP event for NBI Member Companies. RSVP by clicking [here](#).

ROADSHOW: ALIGNING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) TO BUSINESS STRATEGY – DURBAN, CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG taking place in September 2018. In response to social, economic and environmental pressures, a growing group of forward looking companies and sectors have begun to align their strategies and core business processes with the SDGs to manage risk and find new business opportunities. These companies also recognise that social, economic, and environmental stability and well-being are central to business sustainability. Those that can demonstrate their commitment and contribution towards the achievement of the SDGs increase their chances of remaining relevant and competitive in future. Join us at our interactive and informative SDG Roadshow designed to help you identify the strong business case for adopting and aligning your company's strategy and core business activities to the SDGs by clicking on the appropriate link: [Coastlands Hotel, Umhlanga - Wednesday, 26 September 2018](#), [Workshop 17, Cape Town - Thursday, 27 September 2018](#) and [Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel - Friday, 28 September 2018](#). Should you require further information, please contact: [Geeta Morar](#).

OUR ENERGY CONTEXT AND THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY GUIDE LAUNCH Monday, 1 October 2018 at Nedbank Head Office, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with Nedbank and Carbon Trust is hosting the launch of The Energy Efficiency Guide. This is a practical guide for improved business competitiveness through energy efficiency and energy management. We will explore the macroeconomic energy environment in South Africa with Nedbank's Chief Economist, Dennis Dykes, illustrate the NBI's plan for energy and energy efficiency over the next year, and introduce a practical guide to energy efficiency produced by Nedbank, NBI and Carbon Trust. Enquiries can be directed to: [Verushka Singh](#) or click [here](#) should you wish to attend this launch.

4th Annual Water Stewardship Conference

WATER AS AN ASSET FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH Wednesday, 3 October 2018 at The Venue, Green Park, Morningside, Sandton. The NBI, IWaSP, SWPN, GIZ and the Danish Embassy, Pretoria and are pleased to invite you to participate in the **4th Annual Water Stewardship Conference**. This invitation-only event brings together national representatives from Government, industry, finance, civil society and development partners to explore and discuss how investments in South Africa's water sector can be leveraged to generate sustained economic growth, employment, and well-being. Building on the momentum of last year's consultations which focused on closing the financing gap for the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan (NWSMP), this year we explore the related financial and economic benefits of investing in improved water resources and supply management as described in the NWSMP. **The Honourable Minister Gugile Nkwinti**, Department of Water and Sanitation will open the conference, followed by a short series of keynote presentations, after which the majority of the day will be dedicated to the examination of two municipal-level case studies showcasing the economic value of water and related economic opportunities that are unlocked through strategic investment in the water sector. Please click [here](#) if you would like to request an invitation to attend this event.

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

ABSA OPENS UK OFFICE, HOPES TO PROFIT FROM POST-BREXIT TRADE IN AFRICA Absa, which recently rebranded following its separation from Barclays, has announced the launch of its UK office. [FIN24, 13 September 2018.](#)

NEDBANK PARTNERS WITH MASTERCARD ON NEW PAYMENT PLATFORM Nedbank in partnership with Mastercard created a new mobile ordering and payment platform called Qkr (pronounced quicker). [IOL Business, 13 September 2018.](#)

SANTAM EXPERTS TALK ABOUT THE BIGGEST RISK AREAS IN CYBERCRIME A panel of experts from Santam discusses how cybercrime affects big and small business. [BusinessLIVE, 11 September 2018.](#)

TRANSNET TO SPEND R7BN ON DURBAN PORT FOR LARGER SHIPS South Africa's Transnet said on Tuesday it will spend 7 billion rand (\$464 million) to deepen berths at Africa's biggest container terminal in the port city of Durban to accommodate larger vessels. [IOL Business, 11 September 2018.](#)

SASOL, INDIAN COMPANIES JOIN EP100 GLOBAL ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVE Petrochemicals giant Sasol and Indian companies UltraTech Cement, Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers, Mahindra Heavy [Engines](#) and Godrej Industries and Associate Companies (Gilac) on Monday pledged to put energy efficiency at the heart of their business growth strategies by joining EP100. [Engineering News, 10 September 2018.](#)

TONGAAT HULETT APPOINTS INTERIM CEO Sydney Mtsambiwa has been appointed as the interim CEO of JSE-listed agriculture and agroprocessing group Tongaat Hulett, with effect from November 1, following the retirement of long-serving CEO Peter Staude. [Engineering News, 7 September 2018.](#)

FIRSTRAND FY PROFIT UP 12%, BEATS FORECASTS South Africa's largest lender FirstRand beat estimates with a 12% rise in annual profit on Thursday, helped by income and deposit fees. [Moneyweb, 6 September 2018.](#)

COCA-COLA PARTNERS WITH PLASTICS SA FOR A WASTE-FREE SOUTH AFRICA Earlier this year, the Coca-Cola Company announced an ambitious goal to help collect and recycle the equivalent of every bottle and can it sells globally by 2030 through its World Without Waste strategy. [Retail Brief Africa, 6 September 2018.](#)

TOYOTA FORTUNER 4X4 CHALLENGE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN WINS AT SPORTS INDUSTRY AWARDS The social media element of the 2017 campaign developed by FCB Joburg and Hellocomputer for the Toyota Fortuner 4x4 Challenge took top position in the 'Best Use of Social Media' category at the Sport Industry Awards held last week in Johannesburg. [BizCommunity, 6 September 2018.](#)

SANRAL, BARLOWORLD EQUIPMENT SIGN MOU TO PROVIDE EMERGING CONTRACTORS WITH ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT The South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) and Barloworld Equipment have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will provide emerging contractors with greater access to Caterpillar equipment. [Engineering News, 5 September 2018.](#)

DISCOVERY TO BULK UP AS OTHERS FRET OVER RECESSION Discovery has big plans, as the CEO says the firm may invest R10bn into the economy. [Moneyweb, 5 September 2018.](#)

TSGO SUN AND PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN CELEBRATE WOMEN WHO LEAD [Business Events Africa, 30 August 2018.](#)

PWC FOCUS ON WOMEN ECONOMISTS [Media Release, Engineering News, 29 August 2018.](#)

CELEBRATING #WOMENSMONTH AT CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP In light of Women's Month, we are celebrating women in the Environmental Sector. While climate change affects everyone, women are more likely than men to feel the negative consequences of global warming. [Click here.](#)

YOUNG SCIENTISTS REWARDED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE Learners find solutions to global warming, pollution and other pressing environmental and societal issues at Eskom Expo. [Germiston City News, 29 August 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WORLD CLEANUP DAY: LET'S CLEAN THE WORLD IN ONE DAY on 15 September 2018. Millions of volunteers in 150 countries uniting to clean up the world in a single day. Be part of the biggest civic action in human history, and help launch a cleaner future. [Website.](#)

HOW DOES YOUR COMPANY MEASURE UP ON THE LGBTI+ WORKPLACE EQUALITY INDEX? The South African LGBT+ Management Forum has released its inaugural South African Workplace Equality Index (SAWEI), providing local companies with the means to measure how well they are performing when it comes to LGBTI+ inclusion in the workplace, and to identify potential gaps and areas of improvement. [BizCommunity, 12 September 2018.](#)

ZERO-CARBON GRIDS ARE SET TO POWER THE #FUTUREFASTER *"There is no technical or economic barrier to transitioning the entire world to 100 percent clean, renewable energy with a stable electric grid at low cost".* [Nigel Topping, CEO: We Mean Business, 8 September 2018.](#)

DIAGNOSTIC TOOL HELP ORGANISATIONS FOCUS ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP Yellowwood, a marketing and brand strategy consultancy, has created a simple diagnostic tool to help organisations that want to take advantage of the opportunities presented by women. [BizCommunity, 5 September 2018.](#)

THE JOE SLOVO FOUNDATION are working with the Global Sourcing Association UK (GSA) and The South African High Commission (DIRCO) in London to develop 1000's of sustainable jobs in Africa. This October the GSA will hold

its Summit and Awards Ceremony in **Cape Town, South Africa** inviting companies from the UK, USA and the rest of the world taste first-hand the talent that South Africa has in the world of sustainable sourcing. Please will you kindly play your part in this important initiative by referring your International Co-Workers, Partners, Suppliers, Clients, Customers and even Comrades especially those in the UK and USA to this event and suggesting they attend South Africa today is a world class leader for Sustainable Sourcing. Together the GSA and DIRCO are targeting to create a further 1000 in the formal sector. The Joe Slovo Foundation has reached agreements with several sourcing companies whereby up to 10% of the income derived will be further invested in jobs in more rural and peri-rural areas with a particular emphasis on projects that deliver on the UN Sustainable Development Goals particularly improvement of women's rights. The Joe Slovo Foundation through its UK office will further liaise with the originating companies continuously reporting on progress of the SDG projects so they can in turn demonstrate this in their corporate social responsibility reporting in their home countries. To learn more about this initiative, go to <http://joeslovofoundation.org/global-sourcing-summit/>. To view the schedule and book a place, go to: <https://www.globalsourcingsummit.com/>.

PROMOTING EFFICIENCIES FOR 'GREEN TOURISM' The hospitality industry now has the opportunity to benefit from the third window application period of Green Tourism Incentive Programme (GTIP). The opening of the window application period from 1 September to 30 November 2018 is for the addition of support for water efficiency measures in the industry, the Department of Tourism said. [Infrastructure News, 5 September 2018.](#)

UNDERVALUING 'HIDDEN' BENEFITS OF RIVERS UNDERMINES ECONOMIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WARNS NEW REPORT As floods and droughts ravage communities and countries worldwide, a WWF report published today highlights the capacity of healthy rivers to help mitigate these natural disasters but warns that all these 'hidden' benefits of rivers could be lost if they continue to be undervalued and overlooked. [WWF, 26 August 2018.](#)

SENIOR EXPERTEN SERVICES (SES) IS A FOUNDATION OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SES was founded in 1983 and is a non-profit organisation that provides funded experts on global assignment. We have approximately 13,000 retired experts and professionals across 50 sectors. The program is aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises, public authorities, professional bodies and associations, social and medical institutions as well as training institutions. For more information visit: <https://www.ses.africa/> or email: [mailto: yvonne@ses.africa.](mailto:yvonne@ses.africa)

NOMINATIONS FOR WBCSD'S 2019 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has recently opened nominations for its 2019 Leadership Programme. Next year's theme will be "[Leading change: Embedding sustainable development in business decision-making.](#)" [WBCSD Website.](#) Nominations are due on Monday, 12 November 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 17 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. **View their new InFocus Reports: Top 5 cities leading on climate disclosure - [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 news bulletin, [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 written by Nigel Topping, CEO of WBCSD, entitled: "Ambitious climate action is building a zero-carbon #FutureFaster", [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: "Over 20 global companies join together, aiming to tackle emissions from heavy transport", [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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 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 IPPC 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.

GETTING IT RIGHT; A NEW ECONOMY FOR SOUTH AFRICA 18 September 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Not only is South Africa in an economic rut, but high levels of corruption, patronage and state capture also means it suffers from severe institutional rot. This rot distracts attention from policy debates, while the accompanying political and administrative mismanagement creates policy uncertainty. Policy uncertainty and economic underperformance, in turn, lead to low investment. The result is low economic growth and high unemployment. [GIBS Website](#).

IN CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF JUSTICE MOGOENG MOGOENG 20 September 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. How do we speak truth to power? How do we fight corruption? How do we secure social justice? What does active citizenship

mean and what responsibility does it demand of all South Africans? Join the Ethics and Governance Think Tank for a conversation with the Chief Justice of South Africa Mogoeng Mogoeng. [GIBS Website](#).

BUSINESS OF AFRICA CONFERENCE 26 September 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Over the past 15 years, Africa has ranked as the second-fastest growing region in the world after Southeast Asia, with per capita incomes having grown twice as fast as the global average from 2002 to 2017. However, when it comes to doing business on the continent, context matters. Understanding the drivers, dividers, diversions, distractions and complexity that make up this continent, is key to building stronger businesses, implementing more effective policies and developing paths to prosperity for our companies and countries. This conference sets out to explore, understand and interpret these complexities. [GIBS Website](#).

FIRST ANNUAL GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE 26 to 28 September 2018 will be hosted by SADC-GMI at the Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa. The theme of the event is 'Adapting to climate change in the SADC region through water security - a focus on groundwater'. The conference aims to give much needed impetus to raising awareness of the critical role of groundwater in meeting development challenges in the face of climate change across the SADC region. [BizCommunity Website](#).

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>.

EXECUTIVES BACK TO SCHOOL 24 October 2018 Join us as business executives across Gauteng break through their day-to-day reality to spend a day viewing life through the lens of a school principal. This is a remarkable opportunity to gain insight into the lives of our principals, who lead in circumstances vastly different from our own, and to visualise the future of education as it could be. Details [here](#).

COMPANY-COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS 28 October to 2 November 2018 at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business in Cape Town, South Africa. This advanced training is designed for professionals who need to understand, prevent and resolve company-community conflict – including leaders and board members of companies in complex environments, community relations officers, community representatives, human rights advocates, investors, risk managers, and government officials. The course will also be of interest to practising mediators. Have a look at the course here: <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/mediation>.

CARBON FOOTPRINTING - FROM STRATEGY TO PRACTICAL TOOL presented by the Graduate School of Technology Management, University of Pretoria 7 to 9 November 2018. Many of the JSE Top 100 companies are legislatively required to comply with greenhouse gas (GHG, carbon footprinting) requirements and the subsequent disclosures. The Carbon Footprinting – From Strategy to Practical Tool short course is designed to address the growing market need for formal carbon footprinting training, which is growing due to the legislative carbon footprint disclosure requirements and substandard training courses that are currently in the market. For further information please click [here](#) and to enrol, kindly click [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

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.](#)

WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINAR – EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, AWARENESS AND ACTION 17 September 2018 at 3 to 4pm CET. Join this webinar to learn more about how business can effectively activate and engage employees to contribute to the SDGs. Impact2030 and member company Iberdrola will share their insights and perspectives. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

CEO ROUNDTABLE — CLOSING THE INEQUALITY GAP: HUMAN RIGHTS AS A DRIVER FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS 24 September 2018 in New York, US. In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the CEO Roundtable will bring together global business leaders, experts and a select audience of observers for a candid discussion addressing business progress on equality and human rights. The dialogue will build on the outcomes of local CEO Roundtables hosted by Global Compact Local Networks throughout 2018 and feature the launch of the UN Global Compact Progress Report. [View programme.](#)

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.](#)

WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 2018 22 to 25 October 2018 in Singapore for members only. Registration details have been communicated to WBCSD members and partners. Any question please contact: events@wbcSD.org.

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The NBI's strategic objective:

Engaging our member companies in economic and social transformation

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