

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NATIONAL TALANOA DIALOGUE SUPPORT: AUGUST 2018 The National Business Initiative (NBI) has compiled some support for you to prepare for participation in a National Talanoa Dialogue hosted by Minister Molewa from 23rd to the 24th August 2018 in Midrand, Gauteng. [Further information.](#)

NBI ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY (ACES) Click [here](#) to view the infographic and see why your participation in ACES is valuable to your business.

INDUSTRY NEWS

GLOBAL TOURISM SECTOR TRAVELS TOWARDS CLIMATE NEUTRALITY The World Travel and Tourism Council has pledged to measure its greenhouse gas emissions, reduce what it can and offset the rest. [Priyanka Shrestha, Energy Live News, 16 August 2018.](#)

ICEBERG WATER COULD BE CHEAPER THAN DESALINATION Icebergs can supply Cape Town with extra water in drought years at a far cheaper rate than a big desalination plant. [Engineering News, 16 August 2018.](#)

GENDER PAY LEGISLATION AROUND THE WORLD The World Economic Forum's most recent Global Gender Gap Report concludes that the gender gap in pay, participation and leadership is widening for the first time since 2006 after a decade of slow but steady progress. [The Skills Portal, 16 August 2018.](#)

SCALING PLASTIC WASTE SOLUTIONS, EVEN IMPERFECT ONES Plastic pollution in waterways and coastlines is an overall system failure of how we design, use and dispose of materials. [Doug Woodring and Tom Domen, GreenBiz, 15 August 2018.](#)

FIERY SUMMER A GAUGE OF OUR PLANET'S HEALTH The summer of 2018 has seen near-record heatwaves and a series of fast-spreading wildfires which have caused numerous deaths, destruction of property and the burning millions of acres of forest. [Responsible Business, 15 August 2018.](#)

SCIENTISTS DEVELOP LAB-MADE MINERAL THAT WILL SUCK CO₂ FROM THE ATMOSPHERE A dream solution is that humans could develop a way to suck as much CO₂ from the atmosphere as we release, and combined with greenhouse gas emission reductions, we could slow or reverse the tide of climate change. [Trevor Nace, Forbes, 15 August 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN RECOGNISED FOR WATER SAVING EFFORTS The water-saving methods employed by the residents of the Mother City have payed off – Cape Town has been awarded a certificate by the International Water Association which acknowledges us as the first city in the world to reduce its water consumption by 50% in just three years. [Cape Business News, 15 August 2018.](#)

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS SLOW PROGRESS IN GENDER TRANSFORMATION AT EXECUTIVE LEVEL New research shows that there hasn't been much progress in gender transformation at executive level since 2012. [EWN, 14 August 2018.](#)

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN BUSINESS CRUCIAL FOR TRANSFORMATION Women's Month in South Africa celebrates women's rights, in tribute to the some 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 to protest against pass laws. [Daily Sun, 14 August 2018.](#)

BELOW-AVERAGE AUGUST RAINFALL FOR CAPE TOWN SO FAR Cape Town's rainfall for August has been way below average so far with some of the mountain areas that feed the city's storage dams getting less than a third of their normal rainfall. [News24, 13 August 2018.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

INFORMATION SESSION ON INITIATIVE TO EXPAND LABOUR MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN TECHNICAL FIELDS Wednesday, 29 August 2018 at the Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg. The National Business

Initiative (NBI) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, together with Government and implementing partners, have established an Initiative to facilitate entry pathways into technical occupations for large numbers of youths who show potential, but face numerous barriers. The Initiative will seek to unlock entry level opportunities in the areas of Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) across a range of sectors. The NBI and Harambee are therefore hosting an information session which will introduce the IRM Initiative and illustrate how employers can benefit and outline the strategy for expanding and sustaining these technical pathways over the next 3 years. Please click [here](#) should you wish to attend this session.

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

AB INBEV LAUNCHES ACCELERATOR TO HELP FUND SUSTAINABILITY START-UPS AB InBev has launched a new green innovation accelerator as it aims to tackle some of the most pressing sustainability issues. [Fast Moving, 16 August 2018.](#)

STANDARD BANK H1 PROFIT UP 5% Profit was boosted by its operations elsewhere on the continent, where a rebound in commodity prices has lifted demand for loans. [Moneyweb, 16 August 2018.](#)

MTN NIGERIA SIGNS 200BN NAIRA LOAN WITH LENDERS MTN Nigeria has signed a 200 billion naira (\$636 million) loan with a consortium of 12 lenders to fund capital expenditure and working capital, it said on Thursday. [Moneyweb, 16 August 2018.](#)

ESKOM EXPO FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS 2018 FINALS KICK OFF On August 16th, scholars from Grade 6 to 12 from schools all around Southern KZN will take part in the annual Eskom Expo for Young Scientists Regional Finals. [My Community, 16 August 2018.](#)

NEW BMW 3-SERIES WILL BE LIGHTER AND HAVE MORE POWERFUL INLINE-FOUR BMW has kicked-off its teaser campaign for the all-new 3-series by announcing that the internally designated G20 would not only be lighter than the outgoing F30, but also come powered by the most powerful four-cylinder petrol engine in the brand's history. [Auto Dealer, 16 August 2018.](#)

DURBAN THEATRE PERSONALITY NOMINATED FOR STANDARD BANK WOMEN AWARDS Shaaista Khan Osman has been elected as a finalist in the upcoming 2018 Standard Bank Top Women Awards. [Find All News, 14 August 2018.](#)

PWC SUGGESTS REVIEWING CORPORATE CULTURE TO COMBAT ECONOMIC CRIME Digital innovation and technology have given rise to new attack surfaces for economic criminals and fraudsters, resulting in the rate of instances growing at exponential levels, PwC's 2018 'Global Economic Crime' survey shows. [Engineering News, 2 August 2018.](#)

MTN REWARDS CUSTOMERS WITH 1GB FOR GETTING THE NEW APP MTN is launching a promotion from the 8th of August to incentivise their customers to download the MyMTN App to access the network's social bundles. [IOL Business, 2 August 2018.](#)

LIBERTY SEES H1 PROFIT RISE AS TURNAROUND GAINS TRACTION Insurer Liberty Holdings reported a 6% rise in half-year profit on Thursday, a sign that a turnaround strategy launched a year ago is gaining momentum. [Moneyweb, 2 August 2018.](#)

ARCELORMITTALSA SHARES AT SIX-MONTH HIGH ON H1 PROFIT ArcelorMittal's South Africa unit shares surge nearly 17% to R3.74, it's highest since January 31. The company said on Wednesday it swung back to a modest profit in the first half of the financial year, boosted by higher steel prices and upbeat sale volumes.

[Moneyweb, 1 August 2018.](#)

ABSA PMI RISES TO 51.5 IN JULY The seasonally adjusted Absa Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 51.5 index points in July, up from 47.9 in June. [Engineering News, 1 August 2018.](#)

TOYOTA TO ROLL-OUT DRIVERLESS EVS AT TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS The firm's Concept-i vehicles will form part of a larger fleet of more than 3,000 low carbon passenger vehicles. [Energy Live News, 30 July 2018.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Request for support in the building of a fully-fledged, functional and interactive AR (Augmented Reality) Infographic for the South African Pavilion at COP24 taking place in Katowice, Poland in December 2018. [Details here.](#)

NBI JOB VACANCY: PROJECT MANAGER - ENERGY To support the delivery of the NBI's existing energy programme, as well as fostering new initiatives to further our impact in energy management and energy efficiency. [View here.](#)

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS Cost-drivers for many businesses are likely to be the ones that produce the most greenhouse gases, such as fossil-fuel generated electricity, business travel, and waste disposal. [Dom Chennells, BusinessLIVE, 16 August 2018.](#)

NEW GUIDANCE FOR COMPANIES TO REPORT THEIR IMPACT ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS A "Practical Guide" to enable companies to better measure and report on their impact on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was released recently by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the United Nations Global Compact. The new publication, [Integrating the SDGs into Corporate Reporting: A Practical Guide](#), helps companies of all sizes to prioritize SDG targets to act and report on, set related business objectives, and measure and report on progress.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES 8TH GREENEST MUNICIPALITY COMPETITION WINNERS Deputy Minister Thomson announces winners of R18 million rand prizes for Greenest Municipality Competition. [South African Government, 14 August 2018.](#)

NBI JOB VACANCY: PROJECT MANAGER – WATER To support the delivery of the NBI's existing water programme, as well as fostering new initiatives to further our impact in water resilience. [View here.](#)

THE WBCSD is pleased to share with you their [latest SDG Briefing](#). This briefing aims to source and package latest insight, key developments and emerging trends regarding the dynamic SDG landscape. For more detail on any of these developments and resources, news and insight pieces visit our [SDG Business Hub](#).

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](#).

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. Read their latest news article entitled: "[How will the next industrial revolution start? Capital goods and low carbon investment?](#)", [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 post: [Stockholm World Water Week 2018: CEO Water Mandate Events](#), [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 news article entitled: "[Diageo on turning its brewing by-products into renewable energy](#)", [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 release entitled: "[Global Cement and Concrete Association announces strategic partnership with World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#)", [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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](#).

MANUFACTURING INDABA KWAZULU-NATAL 22 August 2018 at the ICC in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. The annual Manufacturing Indaba Kwazulu-Natal brings together provincial manufacturers and businesses to explore growth opportunities, find out about the latest manufacturing incentives and trends, and provide a platform for networking and collaboration. [Website and further details](#).

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 or call: **011 214 0660**.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION WITH WWF In celebration of 50 years of conservation in South Africa, WWF South Africa is hosting a fundraising gala dinner at **the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 1 September 2018**. [WWF-SA Website](#).

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE FOR AFRICA 3 to 28 September 2018 at SANBI, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town. The IOI-SA will be running the annual course in Ocean Governance for Africa in collaboration with the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), and other partners in September 2018. E-mail your [application](#) to: Shampton@ioisa.org or Hampton.Shannon@gmail.com. Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators), 4 to 6 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING <IR> for Managers: 11 September and <IR> for Practitioners: 25 to 26 September 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

CARBON-RELATED TRAINING over the period 17 to 21 September 2018. GHG EMISSIONS REPORTING - 17 September 2018; Carbon Tax 101 - 18 September 2018; GHG Emissions Inventory course (ISO 14064-1 and 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.

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.**

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

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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