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INDUSTRY NEWS

AFRICA'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL BODY FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT LAUNCHED At the recent Sapics Conference which took place in Cape Town, the organisation launched Africa's first professional body for supply chain management. [BizCommunity, 21 June 2018.](#)

FOOD SECURITY: AGRISA SUPPORTS LOW FOOD INFLATION Stats SA's Consumer Price Index (CPI) data reflects that the *annual consumer inflation rate has slowed from 4.5% in April 2018 to 4.4% in May 2018, however, month-on-month, the index increased by 0,2% in May.* [BizCommunity, 21 June 2018.](#)

GOVT TO DEPLOY SUPPORT TEAMS TO ASSIST DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES – NEL Government is working to ensure that all distressed and dysfunctional municipalities have access to a district support team by December this

year, says Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Deputy Minister Andries Nel. [Simone Liedtke, Polity.org.za, 21 June 2018.](#)

HERE'S HOW PARIS IS BUILDING THE ECO-COMMUNITY OF THE FUTURE Every so often, an environmentally friendly building gives us a glimpse of the low-carbon future so many climate plans envision. With the development of Clichy-Batignolles, the city of Paris has created a ground-breaking eco-village filled with such buildings. [Susannah Shmurak, GreenBiz, 20 June 2018.](#)

DISPUTES LOOM AS COOLER WATERS TEMPT FISH Accelerating climate change means increasingly that cooler waters tempt fish to more tolerable regions. [Climate News Network, 20 June 2018.](#)

EDUCATION, NDP EXECUTION CRUCIAL IN REACHING DEVELOPMENT GOALS – MOHALE Out of the 400 South African companies listed on the JSE, only 212 have reported on their black economic empowerment (BEE) activities in the last two years, Business Leadership South Africa CEO Bonang Mohale said on Wednesday. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 20 June 2018.](#)

NDP OUT OF REACH FOR SA ON CURRENT PATH, SAYS PLANNING COMMISSION'S TSHEDISO MATONA We are far off from the target of the National Development Plan (NDP), according to the head of the National Planning Commission secretariat, Tshediso Matona. [Sunita Menon, BusinessLIVE, 20 June 2018.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT WORLD CONFERENCE IN CAPE TOWN The Adaptation Futures Conference currently underway in Cape Town is the world's premier conference on climate change adaptation. [Cape Talk, 20 June 2018.](#)

SA MOVES TO REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY South Africa has a number of initiatives that are aimed at fostering climate change adaptation and reducing the risk and vulnerability of South Africans. [BizCommunity, 20 June 2018.](#)

ELECTRIC CARS ARE GOING TO SUCK UP 9% OF WORLD'S POWER DEMAND With batteries getting cheaper and governments promoting their use, electric vehicles are going to be sucking up a whole lot more of the world's power in coming years. [Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg, 19 June 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF TVET COLLEGES TO DEVELOP GREEN SKILLS The Nedbank/NBI Solar Water Heaters Installation and Maintenance Project: Nedbank Foundation extends SWH project by a further 6 months. [NBI News Update, 21 June 2018.](#)

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Rosebank, Johannesburg. The National Business Initiative (NBI) will again partner with Global Initiatives for the 2nd annual Responsible Business Forum (RBF) on Sustainable Development, Africa. Under the theme '**Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology**', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. **Joanne**

Yawitch: NBI's CEO will be participating in the opening discussion panel on the 2nd day of the forum at 09:35 speaking on *Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology*. [**Further 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 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest press release entitled: "*CDP's Nico Fettes appointed to European Commission's Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance*", [**here.**](#)

UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE NBI partners with the CEO Water Mandate to encourage water stewardship in South Africa. Established by the UN Global Compact in 2007, and rooted in the belief that cross-sectoral collaboration on shared water goals is the most effective path to more sustainable water management, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative that mobilizes business leaders for water stewardship. *Read their latest blog article entitled: "Communication 101: Fostering Dialogue, Trust & Accountability With Key Stakeholders", [**here.**](#)*

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world's most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read the latest news from the Coalition: "*New tool offers transport sector support in setting science-based carbon targets*", [**here.**](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest report published this week: "*New WBCSD report helps companies accelerate renewable energy procurement in India*", [**here.**](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF In this newsletter, we outline an inspiring new vision for capitalism, one that is fuelled by a positive sense of purpose and can create unprecedented opportunities. We also explain important aspects of our services. [Dolphin Bay, June 2018.](#)

CARBON TRUST: US Department of Energy announces selection of winning consortium led by NYSERDA, the Carbon Trust and the Renewables Consulting Group to administer \$18.5 million for offshore wind research. [The Carbon Trust, 19 June 2018.](#)

OFF GRID INVESTMENTS IDEAL FOR AFRICA'S ENERGY SECTOR Stephen Barnes, Standard Bank Global Head of Power and Infrastructure: With recent reports estimating that six hundred million people are without access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa, significant and sustained investment is required across Africa's entire energy generation and supply value chain. [BizNis Africa, 13 June 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT HEALTHCARE LAUNCHES WITH R2.4BN PORTFOLIO Growthpoint Properties has launched South Africa's first unlisted healthcare real estate investment trust (Reit), Growthpoint Healthcare Property Holdings, which already holds five assets valued at R2.4-billion. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018.](#)

MTN AIMS TO LAUNCH MOBILE SERVICE IN NAMIBIA AROUND AUGUST MTN Group, Africa's biggest mobile telecoms firm, is aiming to launch a mobile service in Namibia around the end of August, a company executive told Reuters. [Engineering News, 13 June 2018.](#)

R1.1-BILLION WINDFALL FOR VODACOM EMPLOYEES Vodacom will spend R1.1-billion on an employee share ownership scheme as part of its R17.5-billion broad-based black economic empowerment deal - the biggest BEE deal in the telecommunications sector. [Times LIVE, 12 June 2018.](#)

ANGLO AND KOMATSU TO BUILD SA TRAINING CENTRE Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) said yesterday it had signed a memorandum of understanding with Japanese construction, mining and industrial equipment manufacturer Komatsu to jointly design, build and fund an information and communications technology (ICT)

training, internet café and mechanical hub in Ga-Molekana village in Mogalakwena, Limpopo. [IOL Business, 12 June 2018.](#)

ALTRON SAYS TO ACQUIRE IS PARTNERS R225 MILLION DEAL Allied Electronics Corporation Limited said on Monday it had concluded a share sale agreement, through its wholly owned subsidiary Altron TMT, to acquire the entire issued share capital of iS Partners in a deal worth R225 million. [IOL Business, 11 June 2018.](#)

ABB'S NEW BUSCH-PRESENCE DETECTOR DELIVERS SMARTER BUILDING EFFICIENCY Building on the company's extensive knowledge in smart home and building technology, the new Busch-presence detector is designed to increase energy efficiency and put control firmly in the hand of the operator, through two different remote-control options. [African Petrochemicals, 7 June 2018.](#)

VODACOM AND MTN EYEING ETHIOPIAN MARKET South African mobile telecommunications giants Vodacom and MTN are eyeing the Ethiopian telecoms market. [IOL Business, 7 June 2018.](#)

POST OFFICE TO PAY ALL SOCIAL GRANTS, INCLUDING CASH The South African Post Office will soon be responsible for paying all social grant beneficiaries, including those paid in cash. This was revealed during a briefing by the South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) to Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Social Development on Wednesday. [Moneyweb, 7 June 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

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

CAPE TOWN DAMS: MIDWEEK UPDATE REVEALS WATER LEVELS ARE ABOVE 40% Winter has seen a generally optimistic outlook around the drought which has ravaged the Western Cape, as the water levels of Cape Town dams have been on a steady rise. [The South African, 21 June 2018.](#)

FARMERS GRATEFUL FOR HEAVY RAINS, BUT WESTERN CAPE GOVT WARNS THAT DROUGHT PERSISTS Cape Town's supply dams swelled to 39.1% on Tuesday as run-off from recent rains continued to feed into reservoirs – but the council has warned that the drought-stricken city is nowhere near out of the woods yet. [Agri Portal South Africa, 21 June 2018.](#)

DROUGHT AFFECTS TOURISM INDUSTRY Residents of the Mother City are dealing well with the effects of the drought, but for the first time in Cape Town's history, the drought is influencing tourists to opt for other locations, where water is not an issue. [Cape Town ETC, 21 June 2018.](#)

A SOAKED CAPE TOWN DARES TO EXHALE ABOUT DAY-ZERO Fears that Cape Town, South Africa's second-biggest city and most popular tourist attraction, would run out of water have abated as good winter rains help top up dam levels and ease the worst drought on record. [Biz News, 20 June 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

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

POOR PEOPLE MOST VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE – ECONOMIST An estimated 20-million people will be pushed into poverty because of climate change in 2030, which may possibly rocket to more than 100-million people if speedy social developments are not conducted, an economist said on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 21 June 2018.](#)

CARON TRUST NEWSLETTER June 2018. [Read here.](#)

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE URBAN ENERGY CLOUD TO MEETING CITY CLIMATE GOALS The importance of cities to meeting global climate targets is undisputed. Cities are responsible for more than two-thirds of global energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Eric Woods is a research director with Navigant Consulting, Inc. In a new white paper, [Navigating the Urban Energy Transformation](#), he describes critical elements of the emerging city energy landscape and reviews the key recommendations for cities and their partners. [WBCSD, 14 June 2018.](#)

RETHINKING ELECTRICITY IS KEY TO THE QUEST FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION When speaking of transforming the nature and structure of the South African economy we need to ask: How do we invest in an energy sector that underpins an inclusive economy where a multitude of producers and players are able to take part? [Sikhulekile Duma, Daily Maverick, 14 June 2018.](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN Few initiatives showcase, encourage and reward the positive impact successful women have on their communities in the same wide-reaching, yet inclusive style of the Standard Bank Top Women Awards, that's according to Top Women, South Africa's leading gender empowerment brand. [After 12 Magazine, 13 June 2018.](#)

FIRST WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR AFRICA RELEASED Launched at the recent Sustainability Week in Pretoria, the United Nations Environment and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have released a report outlining the state of waste management in Africa. [BizCommunity, 12 June 2018.](#)

2018 ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE OPEN FOR ENTRIES The Zayed Sustainability Prize is now open for entries from across Africa. The annual awards recognises achievements that are driving impact, innovation, and inspiration in areas across health, food, energy and water sectors with expanding possibilities for a sustainable future. [BizCommunity, 6 June 2018.](#)

AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME - APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN UNTIL 30 JUNE 2018 Your company may be eligible to apply for the Agro-Processing Support Scheme ("APSS") if it is involved in implementing upgrade or expansion projects with a minimum investment value of R1 million in new machinery and equipment; commercial vehicles; buildings; and/ or competitiveness improvement costs. The APSS was launched by the South African government in 2017 to target support towards agro-processing activities that result in job creation and they have recently reopened a new call for proposals. [Read here.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

WORKSHOPS: SETTING MEANINGFUL WATER TARGETS - JOHANNESBURG AND CAPE TOWN in June 2018. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the CEO Water Mandate are excited to announce the hosting of a public workshop focused on the setting of meaningful, context specific water targets by South African companies. Please join us as we consider the importance of effective target setting and collaboration in supporting a water secure future in South Africa. RSVP as follows: [Johannesburg – Monday, 25 June 2018 at Sasol, Sandton](#) and [Cape Town – Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at The Hilton Cape Town City Centre.](#)

WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Wednesday, 27 June 2017 at The Umhlanga Garden Court Hotel, KwaZulu-Natal and Tuesday, 3 July 2018 at Durbanville Hills, Cape Town. The 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. The programme engages with both the role of business in addressing our core socio-economic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment and will also address key internal transformation issues in corporates, including inter alia issues of equity in relation to race, gender, age and leadership. Via a series of national workshops, we aim to collectively explore and rethink a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. If you are an NBI Member company we would value your input and experience in this important and timely recommitment to changing South African society. **RSVP** here for [Durban](#) and here for [Cape Town.](#)

INFORMATION SESSION ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR COMPANIES Friday, 6 July 2018 at The Hilton Hotel in Sandton. President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) on 27th March 2018 as a joint effort between business, government and labour aimed at placing unemployed black youth aged 18 to 29 in companies for twelve months to gain access to work-readiness training and work experience. By creating job opportunities and delivering training for youth, YES seeks to contribute towards achieving social and economic transformation. The NBI cordially invites you to attend an information session which will include inputs on: 1. The requirements, processes and protocols for companies wanting to participate in the YES initiative and the implications thereof. 2. The proposed amendments to the B-BBEE codes with respect to the introduction of YES and the implications for companies wanting to host the YES candidates. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: MASTERING WATER AND ENERGY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Thursday, 12 July 2018 at Clicks Head Office, Woodstock. Resource efficiency, whether related to energy, carbon, waste or water, has become the new normal and the required standard in a water scarce and carbon constrained world. For companies, ensuring the innovative and efficient use of energy and water in buildings and equipment is often the key step in this journey. This process of strengthened facilities management supports improved technical understanding, enhances credibility when engaging with external stakeholders, reduces operating costs and supports business continuity. If you an NBI Member company, please join us for a TLS seminar focused on the art and science of facilities management by clicking [here.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

FIRST GAUTENG UBUNTU BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST 28 June 2018 at Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel. **Speaker: Abdullah Verachia, Topic: Crafting competitive business strategies in a complex, digital and fast evolving South African and International environment.** Abdullah has been recognised as a visionary young leader and serves as the CEO of The Strategists where he plays an active role in assisting companies & organisations craft

competitive future strategies. He has significant expertise in strategy, competitiveness & sector trends & facilitates a number of high level strategy sessions & breakaways for companies & governments & speaks globally. He led the team that crafted the Gauteng Economic Development Strategy and the 2017 Mauritius Competitiveness foresight strategy. Having presented & consulted in over 60 cities globally Abdullah has been recognised as a leading speaker, disruptor, strategist & thought leader on competitiveness & the interplay between strategy & disruptive innovation. To book [click here](#) and register or e-mail: Ilchen at ilchen@saubuntu.co.za.

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](#).

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE 20 to 25 August 2018 The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape. This course will investigate business responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by sustainability and the manifestations of social (sustainable) enterprise, with special emphasis on developing country contexts, particularly South Africa. An overarching question is what role, if any, can enterprise play in the transition toward a 'new economy'? Is social enterprise a legitimate 'new economy' trend that imbues a genuine shift in attitudes and behaviour, or is it a veil for business as usual? For more information or to apply please click [here](#).

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

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!**

ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (ESDEIC) 25 to 27 June 2018, Edinburgh, UK. This conference offers a platform to share and discuss proposals and research, and to draw insights and encourage collaboration from many topics, disciplines, and backgrounds, promoting research and education to build a fair global community and more sustainable societies. ESDEIC aims to become an international forum where researchers, environmentalists, scientists, scholars and students, share their ideas, experiences, advancements, and research results about all aspects related to economy, sustainable development and energy. We also want to discuss the practical challenges encountered, and their possible solutions. **Website.**

2ND ANNUAL RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa. Under the theme 'Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. After an overwhelmingly positive response last year, RBF Africa 2018 will again bring more than 400 delegates together to address and share their vision for an equitable and prosperous future in Africa. The Forum will align with the African Union's Agenda 2063, a vision for an integrated and peaceful continent, a vision encompassed by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Please note that NBI Members get a 20% discount by using the following promotional code: NBIRBFAF18D. Register here.**

WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINARS WITH FOCUS ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES 26 June 2018. Hear from colleagues of our Circular Economy and Sustainable Lifestyles programs and get first-hand insight from our members, Ikea and Enel, about the concrete actions they are taking to drive more sustainable consumption and production patterns. Please **register here** and select the time slot that is most convenient for you.

CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: MAKING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SETTING A SCIENCE-BASED TARGET 4 July 2018 10am until 11am (BST). Over 400 corporates from around the world have already signed up to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), committing to set targets on greenhouse gas emissions that are in line with what the science says is necessary to limit global warming to no more than 2°C above pre-industrial levels. [Carbon Trust Website.](#)

UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 17 July 2018 NY, USA. The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the central multi-stakeholder mechanism established by the United Nations for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. The theme for 2018 for the HLPF will be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies." Additionally, a set of seven goals will be reviewed in depth. [More information.](#)

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. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2JJPjz>.

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.](#)

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