

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2018



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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**SA: EDNA MOLEWA: ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, AT THE OPENING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL TALANOA DIALOGUE, MIDRAND CONFERENCE CENTER (23/08/2018). [Polity, 23 August 2018.](#)**

**NCV GRADUATES COMPLETE A ONE-YEAR NBI PLACEMENT PROGRAMME IN HOSPITALITY AND MAINTENANCE**  
Eighteen National Certificate Vocational graduates registered on the National Business Initiative (NBI) Graduate Placement Programme completed a 12-month Workplace-based Learning experience on 3rd August 2018. The programme is funded by the National Skills Fund (NSF). **[Read here.](#)**

**THE UMHLATHUZE WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIP:** please click [here](#) to view.

**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 Government and Business Pavilion at COP24 taking place from 3 to 14 December 2018, in Katowice, Poland. Please contact **Verushka Singh** at [VerushkaS@nbi.org.za](mailto:VerushkaS@nbi.org.za) should you require more information or would like to participate in the COP24 Pavilion.

**ALEX MCNAMARA: NBI'S PROGRAMME MANAGER, CLIMATE AND WATER** will be attending **World Water Week 2018** which is taking place in Stockholm, Sweden from this Sunday, the 26 to 31 August 2018. Follow hashtags **#WWWeek + #live** on social media for updates on World Water Week and see the full livestreaming schedule with links to content at [worldwaterweek.org/live](http://worldwaterweek.org/live).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**EUROPE TO BAN HALOGEN LIGHTBULBS** After nearly 60 years of lighting homes halogens will be replaced with more energy efficient LEDs. [Arthur Nelsen, The Guardian, 23 August 2018.](#)

**WHAT CHINA'S GROWTH MEANS FOR ENERGY MARKETS** As the world's top producer of energy-intensive goods, China's energy consumption is tied to both its rate of economic growth and the size of its energy-intensive manufacturing industries. [Vipin Arora, GreenBiz, 23 August 2018.](#)

**GLOBAL LEADERS GATHER TO HELP SOLVE GROWING WATER CRISIS** World leaders, water experts, development professionals and CEOs will be gathering in Stockholm, Sweden next week for the annual World Water Week where they will be looking to find new, nature-based solutions to meet the escalating global water challenges. [Claire Wanja, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, 23 August 2018.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA HOSTS FIRST NATIONAL TALANOA DIALOGUE TO DISCUSS CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION MEASURES** Climate change is a key challenge and poses the single biggest threat to development, with its widespread and unprecedented impacts that disproportionately burden the poorest and most vulnerable, Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa said on Thursday at the opening of the South African National Talanoa Dialogue. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 23 August 2018.](#)

**MOLEWA TO LEAD CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS** A panel led by Environmental Affairs Minister Edna Molewa will this week discuss climate change during a South African Talanoa Dialogue at the Midrand Conference Centre in Gauteng. [BizCommunity, 22 August 2018.](#)

**#EVERYDROPCOUNTS: DAMS FEEDING CAPE TOWN REACH 60%** Recent rains and ongoing savings efforts by the residents of the Western Cape have seen dam levels rise to 53.5%. [IOL, 20 August 2018.](#)

**PLANNING AND MANAGING LANDFILLS FOR SUSTAINABILITY** Although there is a growing trend in reducing the volume of waste produced – as well as the alternative use of waste as a measure to reduce the need for landfill space – municipal landfills will still be required for years to come. [Infrastructure News, 16 August 2018.](#)

**SCIENTISTS FIND 'NATURAL PULSES' IN RECENT MELTING OF WEST ANTARCTIC ICE SHEET** Natural ocean variability is heightening the rate of retreat of the West Antarctic ice sheet, a new study finds. [CarbonBrief, 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

**READ DOLPHIN BAY'S AUGUST 2018 BRIEF** [here.](#)

**TOYOTA SA INITIATIVE TO DRIVE LOCALISATION AND TRANSFORMATION** Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) is driving an initiative to deepen localisation in the auto industry while at the same time promoting transformation and the development of black suppliers. [IOL, 23 August 2018.](#)

**GRINDROD APPOINTS ANDREW WALLER AS CEO** Following the unbundling of its shipping business into a separate entity, Grindrod has appointed Grindrod Freight Services CEO Andrew Waller as group CEO. [Engineering News, 23 August 2018.](#)

**FREE GOLD ON CARDS AT HARMONY'S WAFI-GOLPU PROJECT** South Africa's Harmony Gold is now in the next significant special-mining-lease milestone on the journey towards the co-development of the rich Wafi-Golpu project in Papua New Guinea (PNG), 65 km south-west of the Port of Lae, PNG's industrial hub and second largest city. [Mining Weekly, 22 August 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**CABINET APPROVES GAZETTING OF UPDATED IRP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** Communications Minister Nomvula Mokonyane confirmed on Thursday that Cabinet has approved the publication of the updated Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) and that it will be gazetted for comment by no later than August 27. [Anine Killian, Engineering News, 23 August 2018.](#)

**PROFESSIONAL BODY FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINS UNEMPLOYED WOMEN IN HONOUR OF WOMEN'S MONTH** SAPICS partnered with long-time education partner, the Centre for Logistics Excellence (CLX), to run the one-day "Supply Chain 101" programme for the women, who were all required to have a matric certificate and been previously employed for at least one year. [Retail Brief Africa, 20 August 2018.](#)

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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](#).

**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 article entitled: *“SDG6: How corporate action is driving a water-secure future?”*, [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 latest video entitled: *“Six business benefits of setting science-based targets”*, [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: *“Driving a Circular Vision: Sims Metal Management Joins the World Business Council for Sustainable Development”*, [here.](#)

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

**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**.

**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](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.

**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

**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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