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WATER WEEK 2018 FOCUSES ON THE LINK BETWEEN WATER, ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT World Water Week, a major international conference held annually in Stockholm since 1990 concludes later this week, having drawn over 3 500 participants. Key themes at this year’s conference include understanding the appropriate role of nature-based solutions in water management, company water stewardship and target setting, water sector financing, the achievement of the SDGs, water and gender and developing a sustainable sanitation economy. A number of this year’s sessions are being live streamed and can be watched [here](#). The NBI has attended the conference and will provide a full update on the major outcomes for NBI members. For further information please contact [Alex McNamara](#).

THE NBI INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2016 TO 2018 will be published on Monday the 3rd of September 2018 and will be available for download in next week's edition of OACD.

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 Pavilion at COP24 taking place from 3 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.

INDUSTRY NEWS

THE TIME IS NOW FOR SOUTH AFRICANS TO UPSKILL FOR THE DIGITAL ECONOMY The World Economic Forum (WEF) Roundtable, which was hosted by President Cyril Ramaphosa, saw topic comprising skills development and job creation discussed; in relation to South Africa showing potential to lead Africa in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0). However, private business, government and educational institutions will need to work together to upskill in gearing toward this digital economy. [BizCommunity, 30 August 2018.](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT KEY TO SUSTAINABLE CITIES Although cities set their own priorities, the 17 SDGs are interlinked and must all be considered in decision-making at local level. [Melody Emmett, BusinessLIVE, 30 August 2018.](#)

HOW SA CAN LEAD CONTINENT IN 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION Government, the private sector and educational institutions must work together to upskill the country for South Africa to fulfil its potential to lead Africa in the fourth industrial revolution (Industry 4.0). [Akani Chauke, CAJ News Africa, 30 August 2018.](#)

MPS WARNED ABOUT SLIDE TO DAY ZERO COUNTRYWIDE Problems occur at every step of the value chain, including poorly managed water sources. [Tamar Kahn, BusinessLIVE, 30 August 2018.](#)

DRAFT ENERGY IRP WELCOMED, BUT SOME DOUBTS REMAIN The new energy roadmap moves away from the politically-mired, hugely expensive nuclear expansion project but questions arise over coal and a move to renewable energy. [Melanie Gosling, Daily Maverick, 29 August 2018.](#)

FISH POPULATIONS COULD RISE IN WARMING CLIMATE WITH BETTER MANAGEMENT Better management of fisheries and fishing rights around the world could increase profits and leave more fish in the sea as long as measures to meet climate obligations are taken, new research has found. [Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, 29 August 2018.](#)

THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION MAY DEPEND ON THE FULL AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN It is estimated that at the current rate of change, it will take 217 years before gender-based income parity is achieved. [Dhesigen Naidoo, The Daily Maverick, 29 August 2018.](#)

BUSA CALLS FOR PRESERVATION OF 'YELLOW CARD' REGIME IN COMPETITION AMENDMENT BILL Business Unity South Africa (Busa) economic and trade policy director Olivier Serrao has called for the preservation of the "yellow card" regime in the Competition Amendment Bill. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 29 August 2018.](#)

KOUGA DAM DROP SPARKS WATER RESTRICTIONS The Eastern Cape is facing water restrictions of 80% to avoid a looming water crisis across several towns in Gamtoos Valley as the Kouga dam's water levels drop to 6.8%. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 29 August 2018.](#)

THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN 2018 South Africa: Statement by Minister Jeff Radebe on Integrated Resource Plan 2018. [Cover, 28 August 2018.](#)

WATER RESTRICTIONS TO BE LOWERED WHEN CAPE TOWN DAM LEVELS REACH 85% Inundated by an avalanche of complaints, the city's deputy mayor Ian Neilson now wants water restrictions gradually lowered, but knows very well that the national government will only do so when dam levels reach 85%. [IOL, 28 August 2018.](#)

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT AT CIDB BREAKFAST Celebrating Women's' Month, the Construction Industry Development Board (Cidb) recently held a Women's Breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel in Pretoria. Joined by Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi as a guest speaker, the primary agenda was developing women in the construction industry. [BizCommunity, 27 August 2018.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

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: [Durban - Wednesday, 26 September 2018](#), [Cape Town - Thursday, 27 September 2018](#) and [Johannesburg - Friday, 28 September 2018](#). Venues are still to be confirmed. Should you require further information, please contact: [Geeta Morar](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

TSOGO 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.](#)

ARUP EDUCATION TRUST SCORES WELL The Arup Education Trust (AET) is pleased to announce the excellent pass rates of its learners studying across the built environment disciplines during the last academic year. Six bursary beneficiaries successfully graduated and a 91% pass rate was achieved across all courses undertaken by AET students in 2017. [Media Release, 23 August 2018.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT IRP? Creamer Media's Chanel de Bruyn speaks to Engineering News Editor Terence Creamer about the contents of the draft Integrated Resources Plan, which was released this week; what comments are likely to be received; and what process will be followed once the public comment period ends. [Engineering News, 30 August 2018.](#)

FOSTERING GENDER HARMONY IN YOUR BUSINESS Over the month of August, South Africa has celebrated the women of the country, shining a spotlight on their achievements, while also bringing to light some of the challenges that they still face. [The Gremlin, 29 August 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)

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.](#)

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.

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

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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: *"Race to the top: Corporate sourcing of renewable power"*, [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 blog article written by Rasmus Valanko, Director of WBCSD, entitled: *"Is 1.5°C within reach? Now is the time to make sure we're on track"*, [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 Insider Perspective entitled: *"Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2018 Development"*, [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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**.

FORUM TO ADDRESS FUTURE-PROOFING WATER AND ENERGY IN YOUR BUSINESS 7 September 2018 at Mutualpark, Pinelands. The next Energy, Water and Waste Forum will start with an update on the drought, amended

Water Bylaw and Star rating certification for water management. The City of Cape Town will introduce its commitments aimed at promoting high performance buildings and greening of the electricity grid. Sustainable Energy Africa will report how South Africa's metros Cape Town, eThekweni, Johannesburg and Tshwane are collaborating towards zero carbon new buildings. Businesses Virgin Active, Woolworths and Growthpoint will share their strategies on transitioning towards carbon neutral operations. Other updates, tools and resources to improve your business's environmental performance and generate operational savings will be provided by the City and GreenCape, and the GBCSA will present their Net Zero/Net Positive certification. A site tour of the solar PV installation and water treatment facility at Mutualpark will follow after lunch. There is no charge for attendance, but seats are limited. For more information contact: **Pholela Mcata** at **021 400 1092** or via **E-mail**.

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>**.

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

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.](#)

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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