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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

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

INFORMATION SESSION ON AN INITIATIVE TO EXPAND LABOUR MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN TECHNICAL FIELDS One million young people enter the labour market annually and the current skills mismatch between supply and demand requires urgent intervention. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator (Harambee) jointly hosted an interactive information session on expanding entry-level opportunities in the post-school system for youth in technical fields. The session gave insights for a project aimed at creating scalable and sustainable entry pathways to technical occupations in large companies, SMMEs

and micro-enterprises. The initiative will unlock entry level, cross-sectoral opportunities in Installation, Repair and Maintenance across a range of sectors as well as in Green Skills. It will integrate engineering theory, practical skills and work-readiness behaviours to provide young people with a springboard to enter the workplace ready to engage in on-the-job training and development. Full details on the information session will be published in a **Quick Brief** next **Monday, 10 September 2018**.

MAKANO MOROJELE: NBI'S HEAD OF SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY will be participating in a panel discussion on Tuesday, 11 November 2018 at the **113th Master Builders Annual Congress** taking place in Port Elizabeth next week. The Master Builders South Africa Annual Congress is a major highlight on the construction industry calendar that is attended by leaders and owners of established and emerging businesses in the industry, senior government officials from sector departments, representatives from local government, financial institutions, suppliers in the construction industry and many more. Approximately 350 delegates are expected to attend this year's event, and a keynote address is expected from the Office of the President of the Republic of South Africa. In the past, the Congress has been addressed by high profile public officials including the Ministers of various construction-related Ministries. Download the full draft programme [here](#).

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT (GCAS) - STEVE NICHOLLS: NBI'S HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY will be attending the GCAS taking place 12 September to 14 September 2018 in San Francisco, California. View details of the Summit [here](#).

WATER WEEK 2018 FOCUSED ON THE LINK BETWEEN WATER, ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT [World Water Week](#), a major international conference held annually in Stockholm since 1990 concluded last week, having drawn over 3 500 participants. Key themes at this year's conference included 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 were 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](#).

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

WORLD'S LARGEST OFFSHORE WINDFARM OPENS OFF CUMBRIAN COAST The world's biggest offshore windfarm has officially opened in the Irish Sea, amid warnings that Brexit could increase costs for future projects. [Adam Vaughn, The Guardian, 6 September 2018](#).

TOOLING UP FOR TRANSFORMATION Industry 4.0 is widely seen as the gateway to a world of opportunity in a digitally connected world. Known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the term “Industry 4.0” collectively describes the innovative technologies that integrate digital technologies and artificial intelligence in industries globally. [Leadership, 6 September 2018.](#)

TRANSITIONING TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN WATER SECTOR The concept of a circular economy has received significant attention on various platforms. In contrast to the current conventional linear economic model, the circular economy concept is a development strategy enabling economic growth aiming to optimise the chain of consumption of materials. [Voices360, 6 September 2018.](#)

HOW SOLAR KITS AND BATTERY LAMPS ARE REPLACING KEROSENE ACROSS AFRICA For decades, people in rural Africa have been using sooty kerosene lamps to dimly light their homes. But in recent years households, even in poor areas, have started to replace their kerosene lamps with non-rechargeable dry-cell battery driven lamps and solar kits. [Jorg Peters, BizCommunity, 6 September 2018.](#)

LOW-CARBON GROWTH IS A \$26 TRILLION OPPORTUNITY. HERE ARE 4 WAYS TO SEIZE IT We are on the cusp of a new growth era, one where growth is driven by the interaction between rapid technological innovation, sustainable infrastructure investment and increased resource productivity. Ambitious climate action across key economic systems—energy, cities, food and land use, water and industry—can lead to higher productivity, more resilient economies and greater social inclusion. [Andrew Steer, Helen Mountford and Molly McGregor, WRI, 5 September 2018.](#)

RICH COUNTRIES CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO BUY THEIR WAY OUT OF CLIMATE CHANGE This week’s UN climate negotiations in Bangkok begin four months of climate summits that could make 2018 the year that world governments chart a path toward tackling climate change. [Asad Rehman, Meena Raman, Tom Goldtooth and Nnimmo Bassey, Climate Change News, 5 September 2018.](#)

RIVERS IN THE SKY: HOW DEFORESTATION IS AFFECTING GLOBAL WATER CYCLES Destruction of tropical forests is disrupting the movement of water in the atmosphere, causing major shifts in rainfall. [Fred Pearce, Responsible Business, 5 September 2018.](#)

SA PARTICIPATES IN G20 LABOUR MEETING Labour Minister Mildred Oliphant is leading the South African delegation to the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (LEMM) in Mendoza, Argentina. [SA Government News Agency, 5 September 2018.](#)

AFFORDABILITY OF ENERGY MUST BE PRIORITISED – RADEBE South Africa's Energy Minister Jeff Radebe has urged the prioritisation of energy affordability in order to attract investment. [Engineering News, 5 September 2018.](#)

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT: A BUSINESS PREVIEW Next week, the climate world will descend on San Francisco for the Global Climate Action Summit — GCAS for short. The three-day event is widely seen as the valedictory for California Gov. Jerry Brown, one of its chairs, whose fourth and final term as the chief executive of the world’s fifth-largest economy — and one of the world’s most influential climate leaders — ends in January. [Joe/ Makower, GreenBiz, 4 September 2018.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

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

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

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

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 last 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.](#)

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>.

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 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 blog article entitled: "WaterAid makes the business case for investing in water, sanitation and hygiene", [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 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 news article entitled: "*New Partnership Aims to Drastically Cut Food Loss and Waste in Indonesia*", [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018

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

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.

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

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>**.

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

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

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 12 September to 14 September 2018 San Francisco, California. The 2018 Summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change, showcase climate action taking place around the world, and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments — in support of the Paris Agreement. [Summit Website.](#)

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

THE 7TH WORLD SUSTAINABILITY FORUM 19 to 22 September 2018 Beijing, China. The World Sustainability Forum (WSF) is an annual sustainability conference organized by MDPI. It is an excellent opportunity for researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to engage with this topic, to expose the urgency of the issues, and to recognize individual, collective, and national opportunities associated therewith. The WSF2018 in China is also an excellent opportunity to sensitize researchers toward national and cultural differences, and how considerable progress can be made in sustainability, despite the multitude of challenges and differences around the world. [MDPI Website.](#)

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

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2018 24 to 30 September 2018 New York City, US. Climate Week NYC is one of the key summits in the international calendar and has been driving climate action forward since it was first launched by The Climate Group in 2009. In 2018, Climate Week NYC comes at a critical point in the global response to climate change. The summit will take place alongside the UN General Assembly and will bring together international leaders from business, government and civil society to showcase the unstoppable momentum of global climate action. Climate Week NYC is the collaborative space for climate-related events in support of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. [Climate Week NYC Website.](#)

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

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Engaging our member companies in economic and social transformation

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