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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

TO CREATE JOBS & STIMULATE GROWTH, INVEST IN WATER The 4th Annual Water Stewardship Conference which took place yesterday in Johannesburg, showcased examples demonstrating that investing in South Africa's water sector can create jobs, spur local economic development, and deliver a host of social benefits ranging from improved water quality to climate change mitigation and adaptation. [Press release.](#)

WATER AN ASSET FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH Over and above appreciating the intrinsic value of water as a vital human resource, the South African approach should be to recognise the business value of the commodity and, therefore, the country should pursue investments in the sector to generate sustained economic growth, employment and general wellbeing. [Engineering News, 3 October 2018.](#)

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEDBANK AND CARBON TRUST LAUNCHED THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY GUIDE on Monday, 1 October 2018. This is a practical guide for improved business competitiveness through energy efficiency and energy management. [View here.](#)

NBI'S TRIBUTE TO MINISTER EDNA MOLEWA: 23 March 1957 – 22 September 2018. [Read here.](#)

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 2 to 14 December 2018, in Katowice, Poland. Planned highlights for the 2018 South African Pavilion include: A wall sized augmented reality (AR) map of South Africa that highlights our vulnerability to different climate change scenarios and a series of short videos that align with the Talanoa Dialogue covering the three questions: 1. *Where are we now?* 2. *Where do we want to be?* 3. *How are we going to get there?* The NBI will drive activity to the pavilion using interactive infographics and 'give aways' that describe South African culture. Please contact: [Verushka Singh](#) should you require more information or would like to participate in the COP24 Pavilion. **Please note that Katowice COP24 will start a day earlier than scheduled - on 2 December 2018.**

INDUSTRY NEWS

THE FUTURE IS ZERO WASTE Imagine an efficient world with zero waste? [Responsible Business, 4 October 2018.](#)

JOBS SUMMIT KICKS OFF High-impact interventions to drive job creation, job retention and economic growth will be the focus of the much anticipated Jobs Summit, which kicks off today. [BizCommunity, 4 October 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN DAMS HIT 76%, BUT A LACK OF RAIN LIMITS MIDWEEK IMPROVEMENTS The Cape Town dams are now 76% full, improving by just 0.1% in the last few days. [The South African, 4 October 2018.](#)

CAN WE IMPLEMENT SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS FOR OCEANS AND CITIES Over the past few years, the idea of science-based targets — simply put, goals that commit companies to address their fair share of climate pollution and align with the goals of the Paris Agreement — gradually has taken off. [Joel Makower, GreenBiz, 3 October 2018.](#)

JOB SUMMIT: THE CONFERENCE PLANS ON PUTTING MEASURES TOGETHER TO CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES Strong-impact plans to start job creation, how to sustain jobs and economic growth will be the main topics of the much-anticipated summit, which will take place on 4 and 5 October 2018. [Black Excellence Network, 3 October 2018.](#)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE A CHIEF VEHICLE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH The extent of South Africa's Transport related assets collectively make it one of the country's largest national assets raising the question: Are we planning and implementing transport projects to get the most out of the opportunities that exist, for today and well into the future? [Infrastructure News, 3 October 2018.](#)

THE EASTERN CAPE FOLLOWS CAPE TOWN IN ITS WATER CRISIS The Department of Water and Sanitation is expected to implement a water restriction of 80% in the Eastern Cape. According to the Department, the towns currently afflicted with drought are Kouga (according to News24 the Kouga Dam's water level has dropped to a dismal 6.8%), Hankey, Patensie, Jeffreys Bay, Oyster Bay and Humansdorp. [The Green Family Guide, 3 October 2018.](#)

ARE COMPANIES AND STAKEHOLDERS FOCUSING ON THE SAME SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES? This year, we conducted our 10th annual survey on the State of Sustainable Business in collaboration with GlobeScan. This year's results show that the line between sustainability issues and mainstream business issues is increasingly blurred as businesses experience the consequences of social and political disruption in a rapidly changing world. BSR, 1 October 2018.

UNLOCKING CLIMATE ACTION: WHEN NATIONS, STATES AND CITIES REINFORCE EACH OTHER, EVERYBODY WINS
As the recent Global Climate Action Summit underscored, we're seeing a steady rise in the number of commitments by cities, states and provinces to address climate change, with over 17,500 actions registered on the NAZCA Climate Action Portal. Cynthia Elliott, Emma Stewart, Eliza Northrop, Andrew Wu and Caroline Gagné, WRI, 28 September 2018.

NBI EVENTS 2018

GREEN SKILLS COLLOQUIUM Tuesday, 9 October 2018 at 54 On Bath Hotel, Rosebank, Johannesburg. JET Education Services, in collaboration with the National Business Initiative (NBI) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, is convening a Green Skills Colloquium to support the development of the skills pipeline and strengthen the pathways for youth in the Green Economy. The Colloquium is being convened under the auspices of the New Skills for Youth (NS4Y) programme of the JP Morgan Chase Foundation, and forms part of the shared objective of the convening organisations to find scalable solutions to the challenge of youth unemployment. This colloquium operates within an emerging social compact around job creation through the work of JET, Harambee and the NBI in strengthening youth pathways to employment. The Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative, being led by Harambee in partnership with the NBI, is a broad partnership which seeks to achieve employment and self-employment opportunities for 7,500 youth over the next three years, including in the Green Economy. **RSVP TO GREEN SKILLS COLLOQUIUM.**

3 DAY NBI COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS AND PLANNING Tuesday, 9 to Thursday, 11 October 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. It is extremely positive that Government is willing to engage with the public for input on the IRP. The NBI would like to enable a broader capacity amongst business to engage in political processes on the energy transition. To do this, we will be hosting a **3-day training course** with the objective of the course being to assist business in understanding the importance of the Integrated Resource Plan for electricity in South Africa. **Please see IRP Course 2018 for more details.** Kindly contact: **Verushka Singh** should you wish to attend or if you need more information. For NBI Member Companies only.

CONSULTATION ON THE SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT Tuesday, 16 October 2018 – venue still to be confirmed. The National Government Performance Management Framework requires the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) are jointly conducting an assessment of climate change research and development in South Africa every two years, for reporting to Cabinet. The second assessment is currently underway. Join us in understanding and influencing the national research and development agenda on climate change. The purpose of the assessment is to help ensure that South Africa has the necessary knowledge, skills, technologies and capacities to thrive in the 21st century, with all its changes and uncertainties. You are encouraged to participate in this assessment by attending

the consultation on the 16th of October 2018. For more information please contact: [Nadia Algera](#) or [Verushka Singh](#) and click [here](#) to RSVP.

AGILE RESPONSE TO DISRUPTIVE FORCES Tuesday, 16 October 2018 - venue still to be confirmed. The South African Energy Association (SANEA) and the National Business Initiative (NBI) are hosting a joint workshop to do a deep dive on the pivot risk on agile responses to disruptive forces. This risk has been defined as “Agile response to rapidly changing technological, market, social and environmental drivers and trends leading to modified business models and markets”. The workshop will be attended by Energy Experts Group set up by SANEA to provide input into the 2019 report. If you are an NBI member company, we invite you to be a part of this process by preparing some thoughts to this risk and attending the workshop. Enquiries can be directed to: [Verushka Singh](#) or please click [here](#) to RSVP.

SHARING THE TRANSFORMATION VISION OF A JUST AND EQUAL SOUTH AFRICA Friday, 26 October 2018 at the Winston Hotel, Rosebank, Johannesburg.

Over the past six months, the NBI has worked collectively with our member companies to critically reflect on transformation in South Africa. The programme aims to meaningfully contribute to the corporate sector’s transformation journey - in a way that goes beyond compliance. Instead, it is about contributing in a deep and meaningful way to eradicate discrimination, inequity and inequality and in so doing building social cohesion, common purpose and harmonious relationships in the workplace as well as between business and the broader society. The process and outcomes of this engagement have been consolidated in a concise report, which also highlights the themes that will guide the work going forward. This event will share these outcomes and detail the way forward. Please contact: [Khule Duma](#) should you wish to attend this session or for further details on NBI’s Transformation Programme.

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

PARIS AGREEMENT ‘SLIPPING FURTHER OUT OF REACH’ The Paris Agreement is slipping further out of reach. That’s the warning from business services firm PwC, which says “not one country” is currently achieving the rate of decarbonisation required to limit warming to 2°C, adding that at the current annual average emissions reduction rate of 2.6%, the 2°C carbon budget will be depleted within 20 years. [Energy Live News, 4 October 2018.](#)

WHY SANLAM IS AMONG THE TOP EMPLOYERS Sanlam's approach to its employees is the same as its approach to its clients, to enable them to live their best possible life. [CNBC Africa, 4 October 2018.](#)

GOLDMAN FORECASTS SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMIC REBOUND IN 2019 Goldman Sachs expects South Africa's economy to grow almost 3% next year, helped by President Cyril Ramaphosa's reforms and strong global growth, the bank's sub-Saharan Africa head told Reuters. [Engineering News, 3 October 2018.](#)

NEW BMW 3-SERIES DEBUTS In the world of BMW and in the local context, a new BMW 3-Series is big news. The sporting sedan is still one of the top sellers from the German marque. Just this week the new BMW 3-Series broke cover at the Paris Auto Show. [Double Apex, 2 October 2018.](#)

OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON STRONGER SOCIAL COHESION South Africa’s economic future is inextricably linked to the broader efforts to create a cohesive and progressive society. [Mzila Mthenjane, Executive Head, Exxaro Resources, BBrief, 1 October 2018.](#)

UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP September 2018.

CONSUMERS PROCESS R105BN ON FNB DIGITAL CHANNELS In the 12 months to June 2018, South African consumers have processed about R105 billion worth of payments through FNB's digital channels including its app, online and cell phone banking. [IOL Business, 27 September 2018.](#)

ABB DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO HELP ENHANCE EGYPT'S POWER GRID Multinational automation company ABB has been selected by the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC) to help upgrade and digitalise the electrical grid in the Port Said region, located along Egypt's Mediterranean coast. [Engineering News, 26 September 2018.](#)

OLD MUTUAL SHAREHOLDERS TO GET R50BN FROM NEDBANK SPIN-OFF Old Mutual said on Wednesday its shareholders would get R50 billion from the spin-off of a majority stake in Nedbank and dividends. [Moneyweb, 26 September 2018.](#)

COCA-COLA MOVING AHEAD WITH TAKEOVER OF NIGERIA'S CHI JUICE Coca-Cola is moving ahead with plans to take over Nigeria's leading juice company Chi and aims to complete the deal early next year, a senior executive told Reuters. [Engineering News, 20 September 2018.](#)

VODACOM'S R16.4BN BEE DEAL – LARGEST IN ICT SECTOR – DRIVES TRANSFORMATION Last week, on September 14, Vodacom Group and YeboYethu completed a R16.4bn black economic empowerment (BEE) transaction – the biggest such deal in the information and communications technology sector to date. [BusinessLIVE, 18 September 2018.](#)

FNB RECEIVES \$50M FROM DEG FOR SME DEVELOPMENT South African bank First National Bank (FNB) has received \$50 million from the DEG to be used for the development of the small to medium (SME) businesses in South Africa. [IOL Business, 18 September 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

RESEARCH: WHEN BOARDS BROADEN THEIR DEFINITION OF DIVERSITY, WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR LOSE OUT Over the last several years, competing notions of “diversity” have emerged. In many corners, the traditional definition, focused on demographic diversity, has been eclipsed by a new concept centered on experiential or cognitive differences. Deloitte, a provider of advisory services to firms around the globe, including 85% of the Fortune 500, encapsulates the trend, noting, “Up to now, diversity initiatives have focused primarily on fairness for legally protected populations. [Harvard Business Review, 3 October 2018.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT EXPECTED TO OUTLINE URGENT NEED FOR ACTION Governments meet in Korea this week to approve a landmark report that will outline what it will take to keep global warming to 1.5 Deg C above pre-industrial levels. The “Special Report on Global Warming 1.5 Deg C” is expected to underscore the critical. [WWF-SA, 3 October 2018.](#)

NMU LAUNCHES TVET PROGRAMME The Nelson Mandela University has called on the private sector to play an active role by providing work experience to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) graduates. [Algoa FM, 3 October 2018.](#)

SDGS CENTER FOR AFRICA ESTABLISHES SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION OFFICE The Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa has added a sub-regional centre of excellence to support countries in the Southern African region in achieving the SDGs and the African Union's (AU) Agenda 2063. [Africa Business Communities, 3 October 2018.](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2-YEAR INTERNSHIPS THROUGH THE GROEN SEBENZA II INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME. Groen Sebenza is aimed at developing priority skills in the biodiversity sector to create sustainable job opportunities for unemployed graduates for a period of two years. Groen (in Afrikaans meaning green) Sebenza (meaning work in isiZulu) brings young South Africans from previously disadvantaged backgrounds together with experienced biodiversity professionals to learn, grow and eventually gain the competence and confidence to embark on rewarding and meaningful biodiversity careers. Further information can be found on the SANBI website by clicking this [link](#). Please note that the closing date for applications is: **9 October 2018.**

WWF-SA will be issuing a four-part series of [WWF Plastic Files](#). The first is titled "Living in a Plastic Age". They will also be taking a closer look at single-use plastics, microplastics, and the idea of a "circular economy" to counteract plastic pollution.

OPED: HOW A FOCUS ON YOUTH AND WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAN BENEFIT AGRIBUSINESS, LIVELIHOODS AND CREATE JOBS As the impacts of climate change and conflicts threaten progress towards addressing global hunger, we need to apply new thinking in agriculture. Agricultural innovation can strengthen the resilience of agri-food systems and offer adaptation strategies to mitigate the impacts of climate change. [CNBC Africa, 26 September 2018.](#)

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN The Portfolio Committee on Energy invites interested individuals and stakeholders to submit written comments on the [Draft Integrated Resource Plan \(IRP\) 2018.](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR WBCSD'S 2019 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has recently opened nominations for its 2019 Leadership Programme. Next year's theme will be "[Leading change: Embedding sustainable development in business decision-making.](#)" [WBCSD Website.](#) **Nominations are due on Monday, 12 November 2018.**

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Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. They have built the most comprehensive collection of self-reported environmental information in the world. Over the past 17 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest news article published today, entitled: "*Sowing success: acting on water in corporate supply chains*", [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 news bulletin dated 25 September 2018, [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 article written by Nigel Topping, CEO of WBCSD, entitled: *"Zero-carbon fleets are set to drive the #FutureFaster"*, [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 *article entitled; 'The Good Life Goals - Personal actions that everyone can take to support the SDGs'*, [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018/19

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>.

GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN 12 October 2018 at the University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park. Details [here](#).

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](#).

UPGRADE YOUR BUSINESS WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP 24 October 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Ensure your written communication is effective and professional at all times. **GIBS Website.**

COMPANY-COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS 28 October to 2 November 2018 at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business in Cape Town, South Africa. This advanced training is designed for professionals who need to understand, prevent and resolve company-community conflict – including leaders and board members of companies in complex environments, community relations officers, community representatives, human rights advocates, investors, risk managers, and government officials. The course will also be of interest to practising mediators. Have a look at the course here: <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/mediation>.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE 5 November 2018 at the Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) 6 to 8 November 2018 at the Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg.** For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582.**

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](#).

INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE COURSE 9 November 2018 at the Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582.**

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 10 to 13 March 2019 at the Diemersfontein Wine Estate. 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 organization. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership [online application form](#) - all applicants are subject to selection panel approval. **For more information:** <https://www.cisl.cam.ac.uk/executive-education/sustainability-practitioner-programme>.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

CARBON TRUST WEBINAR: THE FUTURE OF ENERGY: A GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECT LOOKING AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS 9 October 2018. In this webinar series, experts from the UK, Germany and the Nordic area, Asia and Australasia, The Americas and China will be invited to explore how low carbon energy systems are being developed in their own markets and how businesses, investors and consumers are responding to this. [Carbon Trust Website](#).

2018 WBCSD COUNCIL MEETING 22 to 25 October 2018 in Singapore for members only. Soon WBCSD's Council Meeting in Singapore will bring together leading CEOs and senior executives from around the world for an enriching deep-dive into sustainability. The meeting will be a key moment to connect with your peers and prepare your company for the future as business steps up for systems transformation towards a more sustainable world. Registration details have been communicated to WBCSD members and partners. Any question please contact: events@wbcسد.org.

2018 WORLD GREEN ECONOMY SUMMIT 24 to 25 October 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The World Green Economy Summit (WGES) brings together experts from around the world to directly focus on advancing the global

green economy and sustainability agenda. The Summit is held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President Prime Minister of UAE and The Ruler of Dubai, and is organised by the Dubai Electricity & Water Authority and World Green Economy Organisation, in cooperation with Dubai Supreme Council of Energy and WETEX. [Website](#).

2018 ANNUAL BSR CONFERENCE 6 to 8 November 2018 New York, US. The annual BSR Conference is one of the longest-running and most prestigious sustainable business events, providing a space for innovative thought, powerful connections, and the momentum needed to advance the dialogue on the future of business.

Registration for conference.

COP24 2 to 14 December 2018 in Katowice, Poland. The 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change UNFCCC COP24 will be held at the International Congress Centre in Katowice. The facility is located in the heart of the new, revitalized space in the city centre. Poznań International Fair (MTP) will be responsible for the part of the logistical aspects for the event, including: registration and space arrangement, marking the conference area, the construction and the operation of the ICT infrastructure and energy system for the purposes of the event. [Website and details](#).

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Engaging our member companies in economic and social transformation

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