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THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA: SECTOR FOCUS The National Business Initiative (NBI) recently hosted an interactive thought leadership workshop on the topic of the fourth industrial revolution and the future of work in South Africa. The session focused on an in-depth exploration of the challenges and opportunities faced by three key economic sectors: the agricultural; the banking and the retail sectors. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).

#RECRUITMENTFOCUS: NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS BARRIERS TO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT The latest Breaking Barriers, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator's Quarterly Employment Report produced in partnership The NBI and others, was released earlier this month, highlighting the current financial barriers facing the youth today. [BizCommunity, 22 November 2018.](#)

THE NBI HAS DEVELOPED A METHODOLOGY TO HELP COMPANIES AND SECTORS PRIORITISE THE SDGS This prioritisation is necessary to drive the strategic changes we need to transform our economies. We have piloted this methodology with the banking sector through BASA and with Sasol. We also conducted a weeklong roadshow, with our partner DI, introducing our methodology and thinking as well as tools to help companies understand how the SDGs can drive company competitiveness. Look out for our News Update which will be published next week on NBI and the SDGs.

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 next week, 2 to 14 December 2018, in Katowice, Poland. Please contact: [Verushka Singh](#) should you require more information. To review the **schedule of NBI's events taking place at COP24**, kindly click [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

LONG ROAD AHEAD TO MEET SDG TARGETS Nearly three quarter of organisations (72%) globally mention the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their annual corporate or sustainability reports – an increase of 10% on last year, according to a new study by PwC. [IT-ONLINE, 29 November 2018.](#)

PAST FOUR YEARS HOTTEST ON RECORD, DATA SHOWS World running out of time to combat climate change, warns meteorological organisation. Global temperatures have continued to rise in the past 10 months, with 2018 expected to be the fourth warmest year on record. [Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, 29 November 2018.](#)

CAPE TOWN RELAXES WATER RESTRICTIONS AFTER DAM LEVELS RISE Cape Town, which is recovering from the effects of the worst drought on record, has relaxed restrictions on water use by residents. [John Viljoen, Bloomberg, 29 November 2018.](#)

A MASSIVE NEW SOLAR POWER STATION HAS COME TO LIFE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN DESERT The Kalahari Desert's Kathu Solar Park will start commercial operation next year. [Jay Caboz, Business Insider, 29 November 2018.](#)

TRUMP DENIES CLIMATE CHANGE EXISTENCE WHILE PARIS AGREEMENT IS NOT FULLY SUPPORTED BY G20 AHEAD OF COP24 The 24th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP24) is going to kick off next week in Katowice, Poland but the US stance together with the latest draft communique from G20 is not promising and may weaken the fate of the Paris Agreement. [Chris Anyfantis, The European Sting, 28 November 2018.](#)

THE CRUNCH 'COP 24' UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE: WHAT'S AT STAKE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW As global temperatures continue to rise, climate action is lagging and the window of opportunity is closing. On Sunday, the United Nations will kick off critical negotiations on how to address the problem collectively and urgently, during a two-week climate change conference in Katowice, Poland, known as "COP 24". [UN News, 28 November 2018.](#)

CITIES WILL LEAD THE ELECTRIC TRANSPORT REVOLUTION. HERE'S WHY Today, transport accounts for a fifth of global energy demand and a quarter of energy-related CO2 emissions. That means transport is a major contributor to air pollution. And the effects of pollution from transport are especially important in cities, where people and vehicles co-exist in very close proximity. [European Sting, 28 November 2018.](#)

EU'S CLIMATE CHIEF CALLS FOR BLOC TO GO FOR NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050 The European Union's (EU's) climate chief on Tuesday called on the bloc to aim for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, the most ambitious path in a long-term strategy due to be announced on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 28 November 2018.](#)

UN REPORT SAYS FRAGILE CLIMATE PUTS FOOD SECURITY AT RISK Feeding a hungry planet is growing increasingly difficult as climate change and depletion of land and other resources undermine food systems, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization said Wednesday as it renewed appeals for better policies and technologies to reach “zero hunger.” [African News Wire, 28 November 2018.](#)

IS TECHNOLOGY A GAME-CHANGER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CORPORATE VALUE CHAINS? Since the launch of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPR) in 2011, companies' attention has been directed towards a series of developments supporting business action to address human rights issues. [Davide Fiedler, WBCSD, 27 November 2018.](#)

FINANCE FOR CLIMATE ACTION RISING, BUT STILL 'FAR TO GO' – ANALYSTS Investment to tackle climate change is increasing around the world but remains far too low to limit global warming and avoid its most harmful consequences, as governments have committed to do, analysts said on Tuesday. [Meagan Rowling, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 27 November 2018.](#)

3 WAYS BUSINESS LEADERS CAN BUILD DIGITAL TRUST The year 2018 has seen a steady shift in cybersecurity and privacy matters: from the back office to the front office, from the tech section to the front page, and from the IT department to the boardroom. [Bob Moritz, WEF, 26 November 2018.](#)

KZN WOMEN IN TOURISM LAUNCH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME, ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES Women involved within the tourism sector in KwaZulu-Natal have formed a regional chapter, Women in Tourism (WiT) with the aim of driving transformation. [BizCommunity, 26 November 2018.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2019

NBI's 2019 events will be available on the website in January: www.nbi.org.za.

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

SA BREWERIES ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOST PROGRAMME HELPS CREATE 178 JOBS IN 2018 The 21 entrepreneurs selected as finalists in South African Breweries' (SAB) youth entrepreneurship development programme have created a total of 178 jobs in their respective communities this year, the company said on Thursday. [IOL Business, 29 November 2018.](#)

FNB PARTNERS WITH SELPAL TO BOOST SPAZA SHOP FINANCIAL INCLUSION FNB said on Monday that it had partnered with Selpal, a South African fintech company that operates specifically in townships, to boost the financial inclusion of the informal economy. [IOL Business, 27 November 2018.](#)

MTN SOUTH AFRICA REACHES 90% LTE COVERAGE Telecommunications giant MTN South Africa's long-term evolution (LTE)/fourth-generation (4G) technology now covers 90% of South Africa after the company deployed its 11 000th LTE site in Qatywa, in rural Eastern Cape. [Engineering News, 27 November 2018.](#)

HOW PICK N PAY AND WWF-SA ARE COLLABORATING TO TRANSFORM SEAFOOD PROCUREMENT A report titled '*A decade of impact*', released yesterday by World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa (WWF-SA) and Pick n Pay, demonstrates how partnerships in the seafood supply chain can help secure responsible fisheries and healthy marine ecosystems. [BizCommunity, 22 November 2018.](#)

STANDARD BANK ENTERS AIRTIME AND DATA MARKET WITH NEW SERVICE Standard Bank yesterday announced its foray into the lucrative airtime and data market with the launch of its mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) service, Standard Bank Mobile (SB Mobile). [IOL Business, 22 November 2018.](#)

SASOL EXPECTS INTERIM EARNINGS TO RISE Energy and chemical company Sasol said on Wednesday it expected its underlying cash flow performance and earnings for the half year to December to be stronger than last year, with headline earnings per share likely to be 12 - 29 percent higher. [IOL Business, 21 November 2018.](#)

TSOGO SUN BOOSTED BY GAMING ALTERNATIVES Income from limited payout machines and electronic bingo terminals actually rivals some of the bigger casino. [Business Day, 21 November 2018.](#)

ABSA, XERO PARTNERSHIP SET TO EASE ACCESS TO FUNDING South African small businesses can now find it easier to access funding following the announcement of Xero's partnership with Absa bank. [IOL Business, 20 November 2018.](#)

BARLOWORLD SAYS EARNINGS UP 18% AND ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT DEAL Industrial brand management company Barloworld said on Monday its headline earnings per share from continuing operations rose 18 percent to 1,151 cents in the year to September. [IOL Business, 19 November 2018.](#)

INVESTEC REPORTS H1 OPERATING PROFIT UP 14.2% South African financial services group Investec reported a 14.2% rise in half-year profit on Thursday buoyed by its banking unit. [Moneyweb, 15 November 2018.](#)

WOOLWORTHS SAYS 20-WEEK SALES UP 2.7% YEAR-ON-YEAR Retailer Woolworths said on Thursday sales for the 20 weeks ended November 11 increased by 2.7 percent compared with the same period last year. [IOL Business, 15 November 2018.](#)

DISCOVERY BANK TO GIVE BLACK CLIENTS 10% EQUITY Discovery will give black depositors 10 percent equity of its tech-led bank, the financial service's group chief executive Adrian Gore said yesterday. [IOL Business, 15 November 2018.](#)

MTN TO LAUNCH R300 SMARTPHONE The move is being touted as game-changing for the African continent where cell phone penetration is growing, but still lags significantly behind the rest of the world. [Destiny Connect, 15 November 2018.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

NEW WBCSD ISSUE BRIEF ON PROGRESS & PRIORITIES IN CORPORATE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS 2018 marks seven years since the adoption of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). In this new issue brief, WBCSD sets out to highlight some of the key developments in the business and human rights landscape, exploring progress made by business and identifying the enduring challenges. [WBCSD, 28 November 2018.](#)

ENERGY COMMITTEE ADOPTS DRAFT INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN 2018 The Department of Energy briefed the committee on the draft IRP in September. The Portfolio Committee on Energy resolved during the meeting to make the following recommendations, following its public hearings which were conducted in October. The committee received 41 written submissions, including 38 requests to make oral submissions from various stakeholders in the energy sector. [Read here.](#)

WBCSD PROVIDES A FIRST LOOK AT LOCAL POLICY CONTEXTS FOR INCREASING THE USE OF LOW-CARBON FUELS on Tuesday, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) launched a [new web-based tool](#), offering insights into how local policies can increase the use of low-carbon fuels. [WBCSD, 27 November 2018.](#)

PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL TCFD PROJECT? BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND As the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board's (FSB's) [Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures](#) (TCFD) continue to gain support, managers of leading global corporations are starting to plan for enhanced climate disclosure. [GreenBiz, 26 November 2018.](#)

REGISTER YOUR SOLAR PANEL OR FACE A R6,400 FINE, CAPE TOWN WARNS RESIDENTS Cape Town says it will fine residents R6,425.90 and disconnect their solar panels if the panels are not registered. [Business Insider SA, 26 November 2018.](#)

SME SOUTH AFRICA TO LAUNCH ITS FIRST SME LANDSCAPE REPORT [SME South Africa](#) launched its inaugural SME Landscape Report 2018/2019 on Wednesday, 21 November 2018, in Johannesburg. [BizCommunity, 21 November 2018.](#)

CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP: THE LONG-AWAITED UPDATED CARBON OFFSET REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED The Minister of Finance recently announced the implementation of the carbon tax effective from 1 June 2019. The Draft Carbon Tax Bill makes provision for a carbon offset allowance which provides flexibility to firms to reduce their carbon tax liability by either 5 or 10 per cent of their total greenhouse gas emissions by investing in projects that reduce emissions elsewhere in South Africa. Following the publication of the Carbon Offsets Paper in 2014 and the Final Carbon Tax Bill in December 2017, the National Treasury today published the new updated (second) Draft Regulation on the Carbon Offset. The Draft Regulation on the Carbon Offset sets out the eligibility criteria for offset projects, and details on the administration and procedure for claiming the allowance. Click [here](#) for the Draft Bill and the Explanatory Note to the Draft Regulation on the Carbon Offset. **Public comments can be made until the 14th of December 2018.**

Johnson & Johnson has launched the **Champions of Science Africa Innovation Challenge 2.0**. This competition is a great opportunity for innovators and start-ups in your network to be eligible to receive up to US\$50,000 in funding and mentorship that can help to bring their concepts to market. This second Africa Innovation Challenge is designed to address the critical unmet needs of the continent and local communities in Africa while providing support to Africa-based entrepreneurs in creating innovative health care products and services. Specifically, the Challenge focuses on six categories: Mental Health, Packaging Innovations, Botanical Solutions, Health Worker Support, Digital Health Tools and Essential Surgical Care. Application information can be found at the Africa [Innovation Challenge Website](#). **The deadline for submitting entries is 16 January 2019.**

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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 blog article entitled: *“Why online retailers are in danger of losing the ‘Retail Wars’*, [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 published this week, [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 newsletter [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 recently launched *Talanoa blog series*, [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2018 | 2019

ENRICHING CONVERSATIONS 2018 | YOUTH FINANCIAL WELLNESS FORUM | 1 December 2018 | Joburg City Auto | Enriching Conversations provides a platform for out of school youth in Gauteng to actively engage with financial services and build knowledge for their future financial lives. The conference attendees will be participants in multi-sectoral learnerships, youth education and training programs from around the province. We invite participants from the general public, youth focused community organisations, government and the financial services sector. [Book here](#).

2019 AFRICA ENERGY INDABA | AN AFRICAN ENERGY EVENT FOR AFRICANS AND BY AFRICANS | 19 to 20 February 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | Africa’s power and energy sector is a critical driver of growth and development across the continent. With vast natural energy resources ranging from coal, oil, gas, hydro, solar, wind and geothermal, there is ample choice for the discerning energy investor. Lack of access to electricity means that there is an opportunity for regional governments, energy businesses, organisations and financiers to unlock electricity access to millions of

people who have don't have power. The Africa Energy Indaba is the continent's premier energy conference and exhibition: bringing together leading African and global energy players to unlock energy and business opportunities across the African continent. The event is the World Energy Council (WEC) regional event for Africa and has strategic partnerships with the South African National Energy Association (SANEA) and the NEPAD Planning & Coordinating Agency (NPCA). [2019 Africa Energy Indaba Website.](#)

THE 2019 BIG TRENDS BREAKFAST | 25 February 2018 | GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg | Making sense of the noise: The #s that will shift our 2019 and the 'so what' and 'now what?' This breakfast event provides a powerful look at the political, socio-economic, technological, digital and business trends that will impact our 2019 and beyond. [GIBS Website.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 10 to 13 March 2019 | 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 panel approval. For more information: [click here.](#)

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018 | 2019

COP24 | 2 to 14 December 2018 | 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.](#)

To view WRI's events at the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24), [click here.](#)

WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINAR | Monday, 3 December 2018 at 10am CET and 5pm CET | We will zoom-in on [The Good Life Goals](#) – personal actions that everyone can take to help support the SDGs. People around the world are becoming increasingly familiar with the SDGs, but how many of us really know what we can do to reach them? The Good Life Goals represent an effort to answer this question and help a global audience to recognize the vital role of individual action in achieving the SDGs. The Good Life Goals lay out 85 ways anyone can contribute towards the huge, planet-changing objectives that sit at the heart of the SDG agenda. [Register](#) here.

FEEDBACK ON THE TCFD RECOMMENDATIONS: HOW TO MAKE PROGRESS ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE | 4 December 2018 | Paris, France | Published more than a year ago, the Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), led by the G20 and Michael Bloomberg, urge companies to investigate and communicate the potential impact of climate change on their activities through 11 reporting elements relating to governance, strategy, risk management, and performance indicators and targets. While French companies have quickly mobilized to align their reporting with the recommendations of the TCFD, strategic and operational implementation still poses

many challenges, particularly in the preparation of climate projections and their impacts, also known as "climate scenarios." Please click [here](#) for more information.

BUILDING A ZERO-CARBON, CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE | 15 to 16 January 2019 | Hainan, China | The Responsible Business Forum on Climate Innovation will take place in and will bring together more than 450 leaders from companies, start-ups, investors and international agencies, to share and discuss zero-carbon and circular economy solutions for a sustainable and climate-resilient future. More information [here](#).

GREENBIZ 19 | 26 to 28 February 2019 | PHOENIX, USA | Join more than 1,200 of the world's brightest thinkers and most influential sustainability leaders for an unparalleled look into the pressing challenges, emerging trends and biggest opportunities in sustainable business today. [GreenBiz Website](#).

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