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NBI@COP24: 2 December to 14 December 2018 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) is hosting the South African Pavilion at COP24 taking place currently in Katowice, Poland. To review the **schedule of NBI's events taking place at COP24**, kindly click [here](#). Follow COP24 on [Twitter](#).

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT (GCAS) AND CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK With COP24 in Poland upon us it is useful to reflect on the global conversations that will inform these critical, annual climate discussions. In partnership with We Mean Business, Steve Nicholls travelled to the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) in San Francisco, California (12 to 14 September 2018) and Joanne Yawitch travelled to New York for Climate Week (24 to 30 September 2018). [Read NBI's account here](#).

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 Quick Brief, [here](#).

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 in January 2019 on NBI and the SDGs.

INDUSTRY NEWS

2018 AFRICAN SDG REPORT CALLS FOR CRITICAL INVESTMENTS IN URBANIZATION The 2018 Africa Sustainable Development Report calls on African governments to prioritize investments in water, sanitation and urbanization in order to leverage the health outcomes and productivity of the continent's citizens. [Tralac, 5 December 2018](#).

HERE'S POLAND'S RECENT HISTORY ON CLIMATE—AND HOW THEY CAN STEER THE FUTURE AT COP24 This December, Poland is hosting the UN climate conference for the third time, after Poznan (2008) and Warsaw (2013). It was also President at COP5, which was hosted in Germany in 1998. [Aleksandra Arcipowska and Cynthia Elliott, WRI, 5 December 2018](#).

COP24: A MILLION LIVES COULD BE SAVED BY 2050 THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION, UN HEALTH AGENCY REVEALS Taking bold climate action now, could help save a million lives and a lot of money by the middle of the century, said the World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday, launching a special report as part of the ongoing [COP24](#) climate conference in Katowice, Poland. [UN News, 5 December 2018](#).

GLOBAL CARBON EMISSIONS REACHED NEW HIGH IN 2018, SCIENTISTS SAY Global carbon emissions are expected to reach a record high this year, dashing hopes that such pollution could finally be coming to a standstill, according to an annual report released Wednesday. [Lydia O'Connor, Huffington Post, 5 December 2018.](#)

NEW YORK GOES SUNNY SIDE UP WITH COMMUNITY SOLAR SCHEME A new programme aims to provide no-cost community solar to 10,000 low-income people. [Jonny Bairstow, Energy Live News, 5 December 2018.](#)

BRITAIN, DENMARK SEEN AS WORLD LEADERS IN CLIMATE CHANGE FIGHT Britain's phase out of coal-fired power is helping make it one of the world's leaders in taking steps to reduce climate change, according to a report published Wednesday. [Rachel Morison, Moneyweb/Bloomberg, 5 December 2018.](#)

BRITISH AIRWAYS CLEARS THE RUNWAY FOR SUSTAINABLE FUEL TAKEOFF British Airways has challenged academics from across the UK to develop a sustainable jet fuel capable of powering a long-haul commercial flight. [Jonny Bairstow, Energy Live News, 5 December 2018.](#)

CARBON TAX WILL MEAN MORE TRADE, NOT LESS – TREASURY The National Treasury says the carbon tax will not have a negative effect on trade but will help protect South African companies against punitive trade actions for failing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [Melanie Gosling, FIN24, 5 December 2018.](#)

THREE SIMPLE TIPS TO REDUCE SOIL POLLUTION World Soil Day is held annually on 5th December. This year's theme – Be the Solution to Soil Pollution aims to shine the spotlight on unsustainable farming practices, industrial activities and mining, untreated urban waste and other non-environmental friendly practices. [Responsible Business, 5 December 2018.](#)

WHY THE NEXT TWO YEARS ARE CRITICAL FOR THE PARIS CLIMATE DEAL'S SURVIVAL A mounting sense of urgency will greet negotiators as they arrive at this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poland. In 2015, after 20 years of trying and failing to reach a global accord on climate-changing emissions, 195 nations hammered out a deal, the Paris Agreement, that all of them could accept. [Henry D. Jacoby and Jennifer Morris, BizCommunity, 5 December 2018.](#)

WHEN MORE WOMEN JOIN THE WORKFORCE, EVERYONE BENEFITS. HERE'S WHY Despite some progress, the gaps in labor force participation between men and women remain large. To take just one example, no advanced or middle-income economy has reduced the gender gap below 7 percentage points. [Christine Lagarde and Jonathan D. Ostry, WEF, 4 December 2018.](#)

TO RETAIN EMPLOYEES, FOCUS ON INCLUSION — NOT JUST DIVERSITY To retain talent, most organizations offer the typical things: free coffee and tea in the break room, competitive benefits, generous raises and bonuses, and employee recognition programs. But none of that works for an employee who doesn't feel comfortable in his or her work environment. [Karen Brown, HBR, 4 December 2018.](#)

WORLD BANK ANNOUNCES \$200 BILLION TO FUND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE The World Bank has announced its investment of \$200 billion to fund the fight against climate change. [Rachel Cooper, Climate Action, 4 December 2018.](#)

KATOWICE PARTNERSHIP FOR E-MOBILITY LAUNCHED AT COP24 Among the initiatives promoted by Poland during the United Nation Climate Summit - COP24 in Katowice, the Driving Change Together - Katowice Partnership for Electromobility has a fundamental place. [COP24, 4 December 2018.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2019

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

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

GROWTHPOINT INVESTS ALMOST R1BN MORE DOWN UNDER Africa's largest primary listed real estate investment trust (Reit) – is pumping more money Down Under, with the group announcing a R908 million investment into Growthpoint Properties Australia (ASX code GOZ) on Wednesday. [Moneyweb, 6 December 2018.](#)

DION SHANGO APPOINTED PWC AFRICA CEO Professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has appointed South Africa CEO DionShango the new Africa CEO, effective July 2019. [Engineering News, 6 December 2018.](#)

FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR TAKES TOP HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH BUSINESS AWARDS A 33-year-old female entrepreneur who runs her own mobile coffee and health food business was named the overall winner of the Small Business Academy (SBA) awards ceremony hosted by the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) on Tuesday evening. [IOL Business, 5 December 2018.](#)

TOYOTA INCREASES SUPPORT FOR ANTI-RHINO POACHING Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) has continued its support in the fight against rhino poaching by refurbishing six vehicles belonging to South African National Parks (SANParks) and extending their service plans. [BizCommunity, 5 December 2018.](#)

IMPERIAL LOGISTICS TARGETS GROWTH OUTSIDE SA, ADDING GLOBAL FREIGHT MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES Imperial Logistics aims to earn close to 80% of its revenue from outside South Africa, compared with the current 68%, says CEO designate Mohammed Akoojee. [Engineering News, 4 December 2018.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE PRIORITISED TO THRIVE IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION Provision of skills development must be prioritised in order to succeed in the world of Fourth Industrial Revolution. This was said by the Chief Director of Future Production Technologies at the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti), Ms Ilse Karg during keynote address at the inaugural BRICS Partnership on the New Industrial Revolution held in Johannesburg, Gauteng. [Adefolahan's, 5 December 2018.](#)

WBCSD NEW REPORT EXPLAINS HOW BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT CAN ACCELERATE THE CIRCULAR BUILT ENVIRONMENT Yesterday at COP24 in Poland, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Circle Economy, in collaboration with Arcadis, released [a report](#) describing the changes required for the circular economy to become mainstream in the built environment.

CARBON TAX EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT MID-2019 In November 2018, the Minister of Finance introduced the revised Carbon Tax Bill to Parliament. Garyn Rapson, Partner at Webber Wentzel breaks down exactly where we are in terms of South Africa's carbon tax future. [HVACROnline, 5 December 2018.](#)

PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL TCFD PROJECT: CLIMATE DISCLOSURE Firms must decide what to disclose — and what not to disclose. The TCFD Final Report and Implementation Guidance provide detailed disclosure recommendations for all sectors, plus supplemental disclosures for financial institutions (banks, insurers, asset owners and asset managers) and certain nonfinancial sectors (energy, transportation, materials and building, and agriculture, food and forest products). [Greg Rogers, GreenBiz, 3 December 2018.](#)

ON MONDAY BSR PUBLISHED THE FINAL INSTALLMENT IN THE CLIMATE NEXUS REPORT SERIES. Climate and the Just Transition examines the concept of just transition and explores the business case for action-extremely relevant for today's declaration release and themes at COP24. Read the full report here: <http://bit.ly/2RAUzHw>

WWF-SA'S REACTION TO UN REPORT HIGHLIGHTS URGENT NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO RAMP UP CLIMATE ACTION The UN Environment Emissions Gap Report 2018 has been released just a few days before the next round of climate talks in Katowice, Poland, begins on the 3rd of Dec, 2018. It assesses the emissions gap – the difference between “where we are likely to be and where we need to be” – to address climate change. The report's core message is that the emission cuts pledged by governments are woefully inadequate to bridge the emissions gap in 2030 and the measures being implemented currently are nowhere close to meet the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. [WWF-SA, 30 November 2018.](#)

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.](#)

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 about *CDP at COP24*, [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 last 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 blog article entitled: "*COP24 Just Transition Declaration is welcome, but governments must now invest in a just transition at home*", [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: *“The United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights”*, [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS 2019

CLIMATE CHANGE LAW WORKSHOP | 29 January 2019 | IMBEWU’s Offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg
|IMBEWU’s Climate Change Law Workshop will provide you with a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of South Africa’s climate change legal regime. **Book today by emailing the [booking form](#) to lulu@imbewu.co.za or call us on 011 214 0660 for more information.**

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 is currently taking place at the International Congress Centre in Katowice. [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](#).

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](#).

WBCSD SDG INTEGRATION AND REPORTING WORKSHOP | 16 January 2019 | London, UK | This interactive workshop is convened by WBCSD and will explore the implications of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for business, highlight emerging trends and developments across the business and SDG landscape, and underline best practice around strategic alignment with the SDG agenda. It will also focus on stakeholder expectations and emerging best practice in the field of SDG reporting while explaining how SDG disclosure will be further incorporated in WBCSD's Reporting matters analysis in 2019. To confirm your participation, please [register 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](#).

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM EUROPE | 12 March 2019 | Paris, France | The highly successful Sustainable Investment Forum Europe, hosted by Climate Action in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative will bring together 300+ investment professionals looking to drive the move towards a sustainable and low carbon economy. [Website](#).

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