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Please note that the next edition of On A Clear Day will be published on Thursday, the 24th of January 2019. We would like to wish our readers a very happy and relaxing festive season and a prosperous 2019.

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

THE NBI IS GIVING ITS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFILE THEIR COMPANIES ON OUR WEBSITE Please contact: [Tumi Nkosi](#) for further information regarding this. Check out **Nedbank's** page by clicking [here](#).

VIEW NBI'S VIDEOS RELEASED THIS WEEK AT COP24, [here](#).

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS PAVILION AT COP24.

IRRIGATE THE FUTURE: TO CREATE JOBS AND STIMULATE GROWTH, INVEST IN WATER The 4th Annual Water Stewardship Conference 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. [Opportunity On-Line, 12 December 2018.](#)

THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE ROLE AND IMPACT ON YOUTH The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Adcorp recently hosted the fourth in a series of interactive thought leadership workshops, on the topic of the 4th industrial revolution and the future of work in South Africa. 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

EUROPE REGISTERS MASSIVE INCREASE OF SOLAR CAPACITY FOLLOWING 2016 DIP Europe's solar capacity market has recorded a growth in 2017, following a decrease in 2016, according to a new study issued by Frost & Sullivan [Smart Energy International, 14 December 2018.](#)

SANDTON CENTRAL INTRODUCES SENSORY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TRAFFIC SIGNAL Sandton Central Management District has introduced new initiatives at Sandton Central, that of traffic signals that improve streets for pedestrians, including those with impaired vision, and all other road users. [Tasneem Bulbulia Engineering News, 14 December 2018.](#)

OVER R1M RAISED AT SILICON VALLEY GATHERING TO SUPPORT RURAL EDUCATION IN SA Over R1m was raised for the Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development at a recent gathering in San Francisco at the Museum of the African Diaspora in honour of Nelson Mandela's legacy in education. [BizCommunity, 13 December 2018.](#)

SA INCREASING EFFORTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE South Africa is scaling-up its current ambitious efforts to address climate change, says Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom. [BizCommunity, 13 December 2018.](#)

WHAT WILL SHAPE ENERGY MANAGEMENT IN 2019? The smart energy industry is rapidly moving forward and the ecosystem in which we view energy usage will grow exponentially following the adoption of IoT, smart city, EV and renewable energy technologies at national levels and on a global scale. [Smart Energy International, 13 December 2018.](#)

HOW TO CREATE A SENSE OF URGENCY AROUND SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION On Oct. 8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its far-reaching report painting a somber picture of Earth's potentially rapid demise. Carbon emissions are up for the second consecutive year, no longer down as they were after the Paris climate accord. [Tom Bateman, GreenBiz, 12 December 2018.](#)

SA SHOWCASES CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMMES South Africa has showcased the country's Climate Change Near-Term Priority Flagship Programmes on the sidelines of the international climate change talks, currently taking place in Katowice, Poland. [BizCommunity, 12 December 2018.](#)

COP24 - FROM POLICY TO ACTION: INTEGRATING GENDER INTO NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTIONS IN AFRICA "Women's voice is critical, from local to the national, in planning and implementation. We must ensure women are given the skills tools and finance to address the climate change challenge," Mafalda Duarte, Head of the Climate Investment Funds, urged attendees Monday, at a side-event at the 24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24). [AllAfrica.com, 11 December 2018.](#)

KATOWICE COP24 NOTEBOOK: MINISTERS ASKED TO STAND UP AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE Talks billed as the most important U.N. conference since the Paris 2015 deal on climate change are in their crucial final week in Katowice, capital of Poland's Silesian coal mining district. [Reuters, 11 December 2018.](#)

UK ANNOUNCES \$126 MILLION OF FUNDING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AFRICA The U.K. government has announced £100 million (\$126.11 million) of extra funding for renewable energy projects in Africa. The money will be used to support the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP), which was set up in 2015 and supported by £48 million in initial funding from the U.K. [CNBC Africa, 11 December 2018.](#)

RAMAPHOSA CALLS ON MUNICIPALITIES TO CUT DOWN ON RED TAPE President Cyril Ramaphosa has described municipalities as the dynamic implementers of the National Development Plan (NDP), adding that investors should also equally be shared with rural areas. [Safrica 24, 11 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

DOLPHIN BAY'S FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2018 [View here.](#)

ENGEN DONATES R2.5M TO IMBUMBA FOUNDATION'S CARING4GIRLS INITIATIVE Engen is supporting the Imbumba Foundation's Caring4Girls initiative in its mission to support one million South African girls in 2019 and two million by 2020 in the form of a R2.5m donation. Caring4Girls provides female learners with sanitary towels to help keep them in school during their monthly cycles. [BizCommunity, 13 December 2018.](#)

STANDARD BANK DIGITAL CHANNELS TRANSACTIONS REACH R85M PER MONTH Standard Bank customers have embraced the banks digital journey and focus on offering enhanced digital capability and platforms. [IOL Business, 13 December 2018.](#)

CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP Why 2019 is the Year for Your Business to Step Up Climate Action [Read here.](#)

SANLAM SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE R2BN LOAN FOR UBUNTU-BOTHO IN BEE SHARE INCREASE DEAL Sanlam said its shareholders had approved a package of strategic empowerment transactions that included issuing five percent of its enlarged issued ordinary shares to a new broad-based group of empowerment shareholders and Ubuntu-Botho. [IOL Business, 13 December 2018.](#)

LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS REWARDED FOR SUCCESS Five finalists of SAB's youth entrepreneurship development programme, SAB KickStart Boost, were recognised for their success at a ceremony on November 28 and two of the finalists hail from Port Elizabeth. [PE Express – News 24, 12 December 2018.](#)

SASOL ENERGY INVESTS IN MATHEMATICS LABORATORIES FOR MANYANO HIGH SCHOOL In support of South Africa's 2030 education goals as set out in the National Development Plan, Sasol Energy has partnered with the SA Medical & Education (SAME) Foundation to renovate and equip mathematics laboratories at the Manyano High School in Khayelitsha, Western Cape. [Sice4Life, 12 December 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT PREPARES FOR CAPE TOWN'S PLANNED BAN ON WET WASTE AT LANDFILLS JSE-listed real estate investment trust (Reit) Growthpoint Properties has partnered with Waste Transformers – an organisation based in Netherlands – to leverage end-of-pipeline food waste from the Reit's shopping malls and to adopt a decentralised approach to organic waste. [Engineering News, 11 December 2018.](#)

FIRSTRAND TAKES A LEAF FROM AMAZON'S BOOK TO CAPTURE CONSUMERS FirstRand is emulating Amazon.com with a digital offering that will span everything from insurance, car license renewals to locating plumbing services as the South African bank chases new revenue sources. [FIN24, 10 December 2018.](#)

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.](#)

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 last week 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.](#)

BSR RECENTLY 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>

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 latest press release entitled: *"Investors call on world leaders to address climate change 'ambition gap'",* [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 [this 1-pager](#) alongside [this short video](#) to find key takeaways, videos, presentations, and releases at the WBCSD's Council meeting in Singapore, a yearly milestone event for WBCSD. For those interested in the Global Network session materials, please [see this link](#).

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.**

INVESTING IN AFRICAN MINING INDABA | 4 to 7 February 2019 | Cape Town International Conference Centre | The 25th Anniversary Mining Indaba will be big, bold and better than ever. The highly anticipated event will see the largest amount of investors, mining executives and junior miners from across the globe come together for this leading deal making forum. The unrivalled networking is matched by an agenda that features Heads of States, Mining Ministers and the most influential people in African mining. No other mining event provides this level of expertise and access to the entire value chain. [Website and details](#).

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 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](#).

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2019 | 21 February 2018 | GIBS, Illovo | Economic stagnation requires action, but will it be delivered in an election year or will the system continue to crack? Beyond the obvious headlines and current rhetoric, this conference examines the fundamentals, opportunities, inherent weaknesses and prospects for the South African economy in 2019. [GIBS 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

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](#).

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING | 22 to 25 January 2018 | Davos-Klosters, Switzerland | The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting is the only yearly gathering that brings together leaders of global society. The heads and members of more than 100 governments, top executives of the 1,000 foremost global companies, leaders of international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, the most prominent cultural, societal and thought leaders, and the disruptive voices of the Forum's Young Global Leaders, Global Shapers and Technology Pioneers come together at the beginning of each year to define priorities and shape global, industry and regional agendas. [WEF Website](#).

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](#).

WBCSD TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: REPORTING MATTERS | 5 April 2018 | Geneva, Switzerland | WBCSD developed [Reporting matters](#) in partnership with Radley Yeldar in 2013 to help improve the effectiveness of sustainability reporting. Every year, we analyse sustainability reports from our member companies against a predefined framework and use this data to provide confidential, personalized feedback for members and produce an annual publication with reporting trends and good practice examples. For the past several years, we have supported several Global Network partners who have participated in training and used *Reporting matters* resources to run their own review processes. We are pleased to be able to offer this training again in 2019 at a significantly reduced price. Registration details are [available here](#).

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