

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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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 NBI members in action, [here](#).

UPDATE ON NBI AND NSF PLACEMENT PROGRAMME In 2017, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the National Skills Fund (NSF) entered into a partnership aimed at enhancing the employability of graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges through structured workplace-based learning in occupations linked to their areas of study. [Read here](#).

MAKANO MOROJELE: NBI HEAD OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT yesterday participated in a panel discussion at the **WC Premier's Council on Skills, held in Cape Town**. Makano addressed "Innovative Work Readiness Training" where Employers expect unemployed learners to be ready at the point of hiring and yet work readiness is not integrated into the school or College curriculum. The discussion focussed on how business can address this issue in partnership with TVETs and other institutions. Please contact: **Makano Morojele** should you require further feedback.

THE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION TEAM INVITES NBI MEMBER COMPANIES to participate in the innovation working group focused on creating a culture of inclusion and belonging, which is interested in how organisations unlock value and innovation through improving representation and diversity. **The Innovation Working Group** aims to create a space where member companies can build innovative and collaborative approaches to transformation challenges that will ensure diverse and productive workforces with improved retention. The first meeting takes place on **Tuesday, 16 April 2019** in Johannesburg with video-conferencing available for Cape Town and Durban. To join the working group, please contact: **Khule Duma**.

STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT co-facilitated, and presented the NBI work on **Green Economy Finance, the first meeting of the Demand Side Working Group of the Bertha Centre's Impact Investing Flagship Programme on 13 March 2019**. The Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, at UCT, is the first academic centre in Africa dedicated to advancing social innovation and entrepreneurship. The working group was a gathering of key organisations

and individuals in early stage finance in order to brainstorm potential solution and future working group work spaces. For more information on the NBI and Green Economy Finance, please contact: [Steve Nicholls](#).

LATEST NEWS FROM ACES: LATEST NEWS FROM ACES: On the 8th March 2019 the NBI hosted an Environment and Society engagement session for our member companies based in the Western Cape. The discussion focussed on the NBI's existing work programme, our strategy and how we could add more value to our members. This was in support of a similar session held in Johannesburg at the end of February. The general consensus was that the NBI strategy is adding value to member companies and that members are happy with the manner in which the environment and society team are executing the strategy; however, improvement is needed on communicating the outputs from the Team. The NBI Environment Team would welcome further member engagement on any aspect of our work. Please reach out to the relevant programme lead: [Verushka Singh](#) for Climate and Energy; [Alex McNamara](#) for Water; and [Geeta Morar](#) for the Sustainable Development Goals.

INDUSTRY NEWS

WILL WOMEN BUILD THE SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE FUTURE? The world is vastly underestimating the benefits of acting on climate change. Recent research from the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate finds that bold climate action could deliver at least \$26 trillion in economic benefits through 2030. [Responsible Business/WRI, 20 March 2019.](#)

WATER SOURCE PARTNERSHIPS CRITICAL FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE WATER SECURITY Government alone cannot address the challenges of South Africa's current water crisis. This is the message from WWF during National Water Week (18 to 22 March) which culminates on Friday with World Water Day under the UN-theme of "Leaving no-one behind". [WWF-SA, 20 March 2019.](#)

FARMERS CAN HELP KEEP THE LIGHTS ON Renewable energy could help farmers with power problems and support the national grid. [Neesa Moodley, Moneyweb, 19 March 2019.](#)

WATER IS A GROWING SOURCE OF GLOBAL CONFLICT. HERE'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO The most intensive drought ever recorded in Syria lasted from 2006 to 2011. Water scarcity hit households, businesses and infrastructure, while in the countryside crops failed, livestock died, and entire families moved to the country's cities. [Kitty Van Der Heijden and Callie Stinson, WEF, 18 March 2019.](#)

HOW CAN BUSINESS HELP PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE? At the United Nations Climate Summit in January, Sir David Attenborough told delegates from almost 200 nations, "Right now, we're facing a manmade disaster of global scale. [Caroline Holme, GreenBiz, 18 March 2019.](#)

ENGLAND COULD RUN SHORT OF WATER WITHIN 25 YEARS England is set to run short of water within 25 years, the chief executive of the Environment Agency has warned. [Damian Carrington, The Guardian, 18 March 2019.](#)

HOW AFRICA CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS RENEWABLE ENERGY POTENTIAL Conversations around, energy, agriculture, and human settlement will take centre stage at this year's African Climate week which kicks off today in Accra, Ghana. Yusuf Suleiman, CEO of Blue Camel Energy joins CNBC Africa to discuss how Africa can take advantage of its renewable energy potentials. [CNBC Africa, 18 March 2019.](#)

CAPE TOWN SECURES R50M FOR GREEN JOB CREATION, ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION The City of Cape Town has signed a three-year Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Natural Research Management (NRM) Programme, receiving R50,4m to create 1,300 green jobs for entry-level job-seekers who will assist the City with the removal of invasive species and the ecological rehabilitation of local ecosystems. [BizCommunity, 18 March 2019.](#)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT CONSIDERS AGRICULTURE Food and agriculture came under the spotlight in discussions at the Haggai Education and Training Skills Development Summit, held at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Tshwane. [Deidre Louw, BizCommunity, 18 March 2019.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER LEVELS HOLD STEADY While the average water levels of the Western Cape's dams have remained steady over the past two weeks, the drought is far from over, the Western Cape government warns. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 18 March 2019.](#)

MIND THE (GENDER) GAP: WHY WE SHOULD STAND TOGETHER ON INCLUSION The theme of International Women's Day 2019 was building a gender-balanced world. In a way, we are living through a time of great hope for equality. It's now very clear that the world expects balance. [Beth Bovis, WEF, 13 March 2019.](#)

127 COUNTRIES NOW REGULATE PLASTIC BAGS. WHY AREN'T WE SEEING LESS POLLUTION? There's a global battle against single-use plastics, particularly when it comes to the once-ubiquitous plastic bag. A new report from UN Environment and WRI found that at least 127 countries (of 192 reviewed) have adopted some form of legislation to regulate plastic bags as of July 2018. [Carole Excell, WRI, 11 March 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

AB INBEV APPOINTS FORMER ALTRIA CEO AS ITS CHAIR The brewer has nominated Marty Barrington, a current board member, although the appointment still needs to be approved by investors. [BusinessLIVE, 20 March 2019.](#)

LIBERTY RADIO AWARDS ANNOUNCES FINALISTS The Liberty Radio Awards aims to motivate and inspire the radio industry to set increasingly high standards and to develop programming that will keep listeners compelled, entertained, informed and advised. [BizCommunity, 20 March 2019.](#)

CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP SA: CDP 2019 is here - are you ready? Download the fact sheet [here.](#)

R150M BMW SUPERTECH DEALERSHIP LAUNCHES IN PINETOWN It is all systems go for the brand new R150 million BMW Supertech Pinetown Dealership, which was launched spectacularly on Friday evening to 350 invited guests. [IOL Business, 19 March 2019.](#)

SUN INTERNATIONAL REVENUE UP; LATAM POSITIVE Sun International released their annual results today. For the 12 months ended December 2018 the group announced that revenue grew by 7% to R16.4 billion, while earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation rose by 5% to R4.4 billion. [Moneyweb, 18 March 2019.](#)

EXXARO'S DIVIDEND SOARS AFTER A BUMPER YEAR Exxaro Resources achieved a triple record last year as production, sales and exports of coal all rose to new highs. And shareholders get to share in its strong performance, with its pay-out up by over a half for the year. [INCE|Connect, 15 March 2019.](#)

VODACOM EMPOWERS UNEMPLOYED YOUTH WITH ICT SKILLS Vodacom will be celebrating the success of 367 unemployed young people who will be graduating with certified diplomas in Information Technology Technical Support from the Vodacom Youth Academy during the months of March and April this year. [IOL Business, 13 March 2019.](#)

WHO WILL WIN THE BANKING RACE? FNB reflects on the hype around behavioural analytics as transaction volumes on its banking app surpass online volumes for the first time. [Moneyweb, 13 March 2019.](#)

OLD MUTUAL DELIVERS 8% GROWTH IN HEADLINE EARNINGS Old Mutual Limited (OML) today, 11 March 2019, announced its first full year financial results, following its successful primary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) on 26 June 2018. [BizNis Africa, 11 March 2019.](#)

BLACK PROFESSIONALS GROUP PRAISES ABSA OVER APPOINTMENTS The Association of Black Securities and Investment Professionals (ABSIP) said on Monday Absa's appointment of black executives in the corporate and investment banking division showed the bank now recognised the importance of transformation and ethnic diversity. [Destiny Connect, 11 March 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WBCSD: THE GOOD LIFE GOALS NOW AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES UN Environment, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Futerra have recently released translations of the Good Life Goals into six languages – Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. [WBCSD Website.](#)

AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2019: EMPLOYMENT THE KEY ENERGY DRIVER Click [here](#) to download and read the PDF.

LATEST WBCSD SDG BRIEFING This briefing aims to source and package latest insight, key developments and emerging trends regarding the fast-evolving SDG landscape. [SDG Briefing.](#)

SEE NOT WASTE, BUT OPPORTUNITY ON GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY It is estimated that in the year 2017 alone South Africans generated 54,2 million tonnes of general waste. Of these millions of tonnes of waste only 38,6% was recycled, which means almost two thirds of our waste still ends up on landfill sites. [Environment SA, 14 March 2019.](#)

SAB FOUNDATION SOCIAL INNOVATION AND DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT AWARDS 2019 The SAB Foundation supports and invests in entrepreneurs and social innovation with a priority in benefitting women and youth, people in rural areas and people with disability. The SAB Foundation is especially keen to create opportunities for disabled entrepreneurs and innovators, who are strongly encouraged to apply. Online applications must be completed and submitted by 28 March 2019 at 12h00 midday. [Details here.](#)

TIME FOR SA ECO-CHAMPIONS TO SHINE The 8th annual Eco-Logic Awards event, presented by The Enviropaedia, South Africa's online environmental encyclopaedia, is set to take place on 5 June 2019, which is World Environment Day. [Infrastructure News, 20 February 2019.](#)

2020 ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE OPEN FOR ENTRIES Applicants from across Africa are invited to enter the 2020 edition of the Zayed Sustainability Prize which rewards innovation, impact and inspiration in the sustainable development space. The deadline for entries is 30 May 2019. The five categories are Health, Food, Energy, Water and Global High Schools. [BizCommunity, 14 February 2019.](#)

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 18 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest press release entitled: **"Corporate Reporting Dialogue announces market consultation on building better alignment", [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 update**, [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 news article written by their CEO, Nigel Topping, entitled: **"Zero-carbon power: 5 signs that a 100% clean power system is already in sight"**, [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. Check out their new **Microgrid Hub**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

USB LEADER'S ANGLE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NBI AND ACDS WITH PROF THULI MADONSELA | Tuesday, 26 March 2019 | HB Connect, Sandton | Former Public Protector, Prof Thuli Madonsela will explore how the public sector can reinvent itself to accelerate the promise of human rights in South Africa's Constitution. **[Book now](#)**.

TRAINING COURSE LAUNCH AND PANEL DISCUSSION: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION | Tuesday, 2 April 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | More and more companies are realising the transformational benefits of setting an ambitious energy productivity goal. The benefits range from huge cost savings and improved energy security to driving innovation throughout the company. As part of the We Mean Business commitments, South African companies can seize these opportunities by committing to doubling energy productivity through the EP100 initiative. Please join with us for a panel discussion to learn how major companies in South Africa and around the world are addressing energy productivity. **Jenny Chu, Head of Energy Productivity Initiatives at The Climate Group** will be a part of the discussion. For more details and to RSVP, kindly contact: **[Christelle Marais](#)**.

TRAINING COURSE: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION | Wednesday, 3 to Thursday, 4 April 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | The National Business Initiative (NBI), The Climate Group, We Mean Business and the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC) are hosting an Energy Management System (EnMS) training course for Business Professionals. The course aims to enable attendees to develop and implement energy management systems within their organisations. Kindly click **[here](#)** for further details on the course or **[RSVP](#)** here.

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT: KWAZULU-NATAL | Thursday, 4 April 2019 | The Capital Pearls, Umhlanga | If you are an NBI Member Company please join us in Umhlanga for this engagement as we explore and take stock of the economy through the eyes of the investor and to gather information on the on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. Brand South Africa will share findings from its International Investor Perceptions Research and the implications thereof for the South African business community. The Nation Brand Performance, a product curated by Brand South Africa, will provide rich content on industry highlights from 2018 and industry prospects for 2019. **[RSVP here](#)**.

NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS | Wednesday, 10 April 2019 | The National Business Initiative (NBI) wishes to notify you of the upcoming Membership Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 10 April 2019, from 13:30 for 14:00 to 16:30. Please note that at this meeting, given that the current NBI Board term comes to an end in April, a new Board is to be appointed. We will also report back on the NBI's impact over the last year and an exciting keynote input. Please contact: [Jo-Anne Stanford](#) for further details.

CREATING A CULTURE OF INCLUSION INNOVATION WORKING GROUP | Tuesday, 16 April 2019 | GE, Houghton | The National Business Initiative (NBI) invites you to participate in the innovation working group focused on creating a culture of inclusion and belonging, which is interested in how organisations unlock value and innovation through improving representation and diversity. The Innovation Working Group aims to create a space where member companies can build innovative and collaborative approaches to transformation challenges that will ensure diverse and productive workforces with improved retention. Please contact: [Khule Duma](#) should you wish to participate.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

BUILDING RELEVANT BUSINESSES AND WORK EXPERIENCES IN A DIGITAL WORLD | 26 March 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | The link between employee experience and innovation, and ultimately business relevance is undeniable, yet many business leaders choose to stick their heads in the sand regarding the human element of business. Brad Shorkend and Andy Golding are the co-founders of Still Human and the authors of We Are Still Human (and work shouldn't suck!). They help businesses around the world remain relevant by creating exceptional employee experiences and always being innovation-ready. [GIBS Website](#).

INTERNATIONALLY LICENSED GRI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WORKSHOP (NEW) | 10 April 2019 | 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**.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE: INNER CITY HOUSING | NEW DATE: 11 April 2019 | DBSA, Midrand | This dialogue, the 50th since the Infrastructure Dialogue partnership was launched in 2009, will focus on inner-city housing as an important component of spatial transformation. It will explore problems and opportunities faced by residents, job seekers, property owners and developers, financiers and government at the local provincial and national spheres. [More information](#).

ESKOM 2.0 THE FUTURE OF ENERGY IN SOUTH AFRICA | 16 April 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | In the State of Nation address, President Cyril Ramaphosa pronounced that the state utility Eskom will be transformed into three different 'forms', Generation, Transmission, and Distribution.

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2019 | 16 to 17 April 2019 | The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg | Education, risk and reputation and innovative finance among key themes at Trialogue Business in Society Conference 2019. The Trialogue Business in Society Conference is a dynamic space in which stakeholders in development can come together to share challenges, lessons and innovations to improve large-scale and lasting impact in development. [BizCommunity, 5 March 2019](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on **GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) | 14 to 16 May 2019 | 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-RELATED COURSES | 20 to 24 May 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: **20 May**; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: **21 May**; Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): **22 May**; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1): **23 to 24 May**. Offered jointly by ESS and Water Energy Carbon Consulting. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION COURSE (earning 2 CPD credits) | **28 to 29 May 2019** | **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**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK 2019 | **18 to 22 March 2019** | **Accra, Ghana** | Africa Climate Week (ACW) 2019 will convene in the lead-up to the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit in September 2019, bringing together diverse actors from the public and private sectors. Participants will focus on how engagement between Parties and non-Party stakeholders can be further strengthened in key sectors for Africa, including energy, agriculture and human settlements. The event will also showcase the role of future carbon markets to enhance climate action towards the goal of sustainable development and seek to facilitate implementation of countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement on climate change and SDG 13 (climate action), among other Goals. [Click here.](#)

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN BUSINESS: The AFRICA CEO FORUM | **25 to 26 March 2019** | **Kigali, Rwanda** | Organized by Jeune Afrique Media Group, and co-hosted by IFC, a long-standing partner, the Africa CEO Forum has established itself as the most important annual meeting of the African private sector. [Details here.](#)

WBCSD TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: REPORTING MATTERS | **5 April 2019** | **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. Registration details are available [here.](#)

WBCSD WORKSHOP: SDG INTEGRATION & REPORTING | **18 April 2019** | **New York, US** | This interactive workshop convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) 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. [Details here.](#)

6TH WORLD CONGRESS: CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING | **24 to 25 April 2019** | **Vancouver, Canada** | Climate 2019 is based on the theme: "Adaptation to Climate Change" and the conference mainly focus on the Climate change and its effects. Study of Climate change is important in today's world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. We have to really understand the challenges and together we have to make a pledge for a sustainable environment. [Website and details.](#)

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