

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](#).

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT Last week on 27 February 2019, the NBI and Brand South Africa hosted an event in Johannesburg at the Brand SA Houghton offices. This engagement explored the South African economy through the eyes of the investor and shared information, including on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. The event, attended by prominent NBI members companies was extremely well received with active engagement. Brand SA's GM for Research, Dr. Petrus de Kock presented on investor perception findings and the growing confidence of South Africans. He shared findings from Brand SA's international investor perspective's research and the implications for SA's business community, stating that regional peace and security is a key element of building international confidence. Negative perceptions around the country need to be addressed in order to build stakeholder and investor confidence. This event is also to be held in **KwaZulu-Natal** and **Cape Town** in April 2019. Please contact **Tumi Nkosi** for further information.

KOPANO YA METSI: MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE ROUNDTABLE The National Business Initiative (NBI) alongside the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), recently hosted an expert roundtable in Pretoria on appropriate ways to transform the wastewater sector in South Africa into an economic success story. The roundtable formed the final stakeholder engagement under the NBI's Kopano ya Metsi project, the results of which will be launched in mid-2019. Click [here](#) for more details on the engagement.

EMBEDDING SOCIAL DIALOGUE The NBI hosted the President of Danish Confederation of Trade Unions, the Vice President of 3F (United Federation of Danish Workers) and the Director of International Business Development at the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI) on their recent visit to South Africa to launch 3F's new regional office in Braamfontein. The delegation reflected on the partnership between the NBI and DI with respect to: creating awareness of Sustainable

Development Goals as a model for achieving social, economic transformation; Unlocking Water Investment in South Africa; and Developing Greens Skills through Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges. Read more [here](#).

AN EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY | WE NEED COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION TO DRIVE CHANGE Read NBI's latest News Update to see what our Transformation programme will be focussing on in 2019, [here](#).

THE NBI'S WESTERN CAPE WATER TASK FORCE is meeting today, Thursday, the 7th of March 2019 at ABSA, Century City for a special consultation on the city of Cape Town's draft water strategy which is shortly to be finalised. The consultation is being conducted in collaboration with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government and will focus on refining the strategy in the light of the work of the task force over the past 12 months. For further information, please contact: [Alex McNamara](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

JOBS OF THE FUTURE - SURVIVING THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION Any revolution or change is met with fear and trepidation. Not only is artificial intelligence and automation impacting our daily lives (and what we do to earn a living), but it is also transforming entire industries, how things are made, consumed and even how countries are governed. [Career Junction/BizCommunity, 7 March 2019](#).

NEW PROGRAMME TO FAST-TRACK ADOPTION OF OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY The World Bank Group has announced a new programme that will be focused on fast-tracking the adoption of offshore wind energy in developing countries. [ESI-Africa, 7 March 2019](#).

COASTAL WETLANDS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE A new study has found that coastal wetlands play an important role in reducing the effects of climate change. [Rachel Cooper, Climate Action, 7 March 2019](#).

U.S. COMPANIES MAY HAVE TO REPORT GENDER PAY DATA BY END OF MAY Companies with more than 100 employees will have to report to the U.S. government data about how much workers' are paid broken down by sex, race and ethnicity, possibly as soon as this spring, according to a new court ruling. [Daily Maverick/Bloomberg, 6 March 2019](#).

FIVE INNOVATIVE COMPANIES THAT PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS As the prime connection between people and the planet, sustainable food and agriculture have great potential to address many of our challenges, serving up affordable, nutritious food, strengthening livelihoods, revitalising rural and urban landscapes, delivering inclusive national growth and driving positive change. [Responsible Business, 6 March 2019](#).

ARE OUR CITIES EFFECTIVELY PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE? In 2006, pioneering cities such as London (United Kingdom) and Durban (South Africa) started integrating climate change in their policies and plans in order to prepare infrastructures, communities, ecosystems and institutions for its most likely impacts. [Marta Olazabal, BizCommunity, 6 March 2019](#).

MINISTER DAVIES ANNOUNCES NEW SA BRICS BUSINESS COUNCIL South African Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies on Tuesday announced the newly appointed South African Brics Business Council which is set to promote and strengthen trade and investment ties among the Brics countries. [Engineering News, 5 March 2019](#).

HERE ARE 4 TIPS FOR GOVERNING BY DESIGN IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION There is much talk about the Fourth Industrial Revolution and how its advances in technology are transforming the ways in which individuals and groups live, work and interact. [Christian Bason and Kris Broekaert, WEF, 4 March 2019](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

MTN GROUP EARNINGS UP 85.2% IN YEAR TO DECEMBER Mobile phone operator MTN said its service revenue rose 10.7 percent while its headline earnings per share jumped 85.2 percent to 337 cents in the year to December. [IOL Business, 7 March 2019.](#)

ENGEN PARTNERS WITH GIFT OF THE GIVERS TO ASSIST DROUGHT-STRICKEN MAKHANDA COMMUNITY When the Sarah Baartman District Municipality in the Eastern Cape, which includes drought-stricken Makhanda was declared a local state of disaster area on February 25th, Engen heeded the communities call for help and connected with disaster relief organisation, Gift of the Givers to offer assistance. [Engineering News, 6 March 2019.](#)

NEW BMW 3 SERIES LAUNCHED IN SA The new BMW 3 Series launched into the local market this week. Double Apex attended the South African ride and drive event held in the Western Cape and reports here. [Double Apex, 6 March 2019.](#)

EXXARO EXPECTS 2018 EARNINGS TO JUMP HIGHER Coal producer Exxaro said on Tuesday it expected headline earnings per share of between 2,607 and 2,708 cents for the year ended December 31, compared with 502 cents reported in 2017. [IOL Business, 5 March 2018.](#)

SHELL BUYS VIRTUAL POWER PLANT FIRM LIMEJUMP Shell New Energies has continued its spending spree this week, with the acquisition of UK-based energy technology company Limejump. [Smart Energy International, 28 February 2019.](#)

MTN PARTNERS WITH ESEYE TO LAUNCH THE ANYNET FEDERATION Eseye, a global provider of IoT services, is today delighted to announce a partnership with MTN, the leading Africa Mobile Network Operator (MNO). [IOL Business, 28 February 2019.](#)

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW MIXED-USE BARLOW PARK PRECINCT TO START IN MAY The R3-billion-plus redevelopment of Barlow Park Precinct, a co-investment between **Barloworld**, Atterbury Property and African Rainbow Capital, will start in May, Atterbury confirmed in a statement on Thursday. [Engineering News, 28 February 2019.](#)

SASOL HALF-YEAR PROFIT RISES South African petrochemicals group Sasol on Monday reported an 18% jump in half-year profit on the back of higher crude oil prices, a weaker rand to the dollar and higher margins in its speciality chemicals unit. [Engineering News, 25 February 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK LAUNCHES NEW WHOLESALE FINANCE PROPOSITION Standard Bank's Group Vehicle and Asset Finance division has launched a new wholesale finance proposition that will offer original equipment manufacturers, distributors and their dealer-networks a single partner providing comprehensive vehicle and asset finance capabilities across the African continent. [FIN24, 25 February 2019.](#)

BMW JOIN FORCES WITH DAIMLER TO TRANSFORM MOBILITY SERVICES The BMW Group and Daimler have joined forces in a €1 billion investment to transform mobility services. [Climate Action, 25 February 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

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. [Details here.](#)

SA'S CARBON TAX IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION The transition to a low-carbon economy offers long-term investors a range of new market opportunities. [Jon Duncan, Old Mutual/BusinessLIVE, 7 March 2019.](#)

WELL-DESIGNED GENDER QUOTAS RESULT IN MORE WOMEN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT - IPU REPORT Globally, women representation in national parliaments increased by nearly one percentage point last year, from 23.4% in 2017 to 24.3%, in 2018, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) yearly analysis. [BizCommunity, 6 March 2019.](#)

NEW TRADE UNION THAT WILL FOCUS ON GENDER EQUALITY A new trade union has launched in South Africa that focuses specifically on Gender Equality issues in the workplace called Flair SA. [Cape Talk, 6 March 2019.](#)

COMMENT ON THE CAPE TOWN DRAFT WATER STRATEGY The Cape Town Draft Water Strategy outlines how we aim to provide a reliable and sustainable water and sanitation service into the future. Drawing on the lessons learnt from the recent drought and increased climate uncertainty, the Draft Water Strategy sets out a vision for Cape Town to be a more resilient and water sensitive city. To achieve this, we all need to keep using water wisely and protect this valuable resource. Comments and objections may be submitted up to **15 March 2019.** [Access here.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: SPOTLIGHT ON WATER Water issues will be in the spotlight as the Department of Water and Sanitation embarks on its annual Water Month activities to highlight the importance of water in the livelihoods of the general public and the country's economy. [AllAfrica, 6 March 2019.](#)

WOMEN HAVE ONLY THREE QUARTERS OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF MEN, FINDS WORLD BANK Women on average have only three-quarters of the legal protections given to men during their working life, ranging from bans on entering some jobs to a lack of equal pay or freedom from sexual harassment, the World Bank said on Wednesday. [Sonia Elks, Moneyweb, 28 February 2019.](#)

WORKING TOWARDS A CLEAN SA Government is set to launch a ground-breaking initiative that seeks to mobilize all South Africans to become more environmentally conscious. [EnvironmentSA, 28 February 2019.](#)

WARNING TO THOSE DRILLING WATER BOREHOLES The wanton illegal drilling of boreholes continues to take place at an alarming rate regardless of the regulations that have been put in place. The regulations make it clear that no one is permitted to drill a borehole and distribute its water before being issued with proper authorisation. [IOL, 27 February 2019.](#)

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 the **latest insights** from them here, [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 blog article entitled: **“AWS Standard 2.0: Water Stewardship’s Contribution to Ensuring No One is Left Behind”**, [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: **“These companies are embracing the disruptive innovation of climate action”**, [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 news article on a paper just released, entitled: **“New paper illustrates how multi-technology PPA structures could help companies reduce risk”**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENDER PAY-GAP IN SOUTH AFRICA | Friday, 8 March 2019 | Sanlam, Sandton | The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a roundtable discussion tomorrow to unpack the gender pay-gap in South African workplaces. It is estimated that women in South Africa earn 23% less than men. The gender pay-gap reinforces inequality in the most unequal society in the world. Given that most South African households are headed by women, the pay-gap between men and women has far-reaching consequences. Companies can unlock higher levels of productivity, morale and retention by taking active steps to address the gender-pay gap. Please RSVP [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

COMPLEXITY THEORY & SYSTEMS THINKING | 4 to 9 March 2019 | The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | The main aim of this course is to make it possible for participants to develop a general, albeit basic, understanding of complexity and complex systems. This understanding should not only be technical, but should help in the analysis of our complex world. Complexity theory has implications for our conceptions of knowledge, ethics and of course, sustainability. For more information or to apply please [click here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 10 to 13 March 2019 | Diemersfontein Wine Estate, Western Cape | 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](#).

GIBS WEBINAR: BUILDING INCLUSIVE CULTURES: THE WHY AND THE HOW? | 12 March 2019 | Building an inclusive culture enables leaders in business, civil society and government to be more skillful at leveraging diversity, cultivating cohesion and enhancing collaboration to drive performance and results. The capability to lead authentically means being ready to challenge assumptions, to engage with diverse perspectives and to gain a deeper understanding of the environment and to manage cross-cultural boundaries. Join this free webinar to explore, why and how to be an inclusive leader. [RSVP here](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING | 12 to 14 March 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | <IR> for Practitioners: offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. 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 | 13 to 16 March 2019 | The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | Imagine being able to look at the environmental disclosure of a company and gaining insight about the company's strategy and pitfalls in the same sense that you would have gained when looking at the company's financial statements. This is indeed possible. While many of the top 100 companies listed on JSE Limited already calculate their carbon footprints, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Before long, every company will need to calculate its carbon footprint and also strive to reduce it. Soon carbon (and water) footprinting will be implemented and actioned by all listed companies. For more information please [click here](#).

CITY OF CAPE TOWN: ENERGY, WATER AND WASTE FORUM ENGAGEMENT SESSION | 14 March 2019 | Old Mutual Head Office, Pinelands | We are just one week away from one of the most important Energy, Water and Waste engagement session for this year. We will be covering strategies for load shedding resilience and experts will discuss new technologies such as solar PV, batteries and electric vehicles, and the role they may play in the future energy mix. Following the forum meeting is a presentation and discussion on the City's Draft Water Strategy. This strategy outlines the City's plans to ensure greater water security over the next 10 years and move towards being a more water-sensitive city by 2040. There is no charge for attendance, but seats are limited. For more info contact **Pholela Mcata** on: **021 400 1092** or EWV.Forum@capetown.gov.za.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE: INNER CITY HOUSING | 14 March 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](#).

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**.

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

MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC) ON WATER – ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL CRISIS (2018) This course gives an introduction to many different aspects of water, including finance, diplomacy, and water services. The SDG Academy and the Stockholm International Water Institute have come together to offer this MOOC on some of the most important water issues. The course focuses on the key role water plays in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, not least SDG 6, about sustainable water and sanitation for all. The course intends to explain the global water crisis through linkages between water, environment, and societal development, focusing on how to tackle issues such as growing water uncertainty and deteriorating water quality. [Details here.](#)

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.](#)

7TH RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT NEW YORK 2019 | 18 to 19 March 2019 | New York, USA | The Responsible Business Summit New York is North America's leading platform where global businesses gather to create partnerships, share practical insights and shape the future sustainability agenda. This year 400+ CEOs, business leaders, Investors, Government representatives and NGOs will discuss how to lead a sustainable future for all. [Website.](#)

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-stranding 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.](#)

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