

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NBI UWASP UPDATE In 2016 the founding partners, the NBI, WWF, GIZ, Mondi and Tongaat Hulett came together with key public and private sector role-players to formalise the **uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership (UWASP)**. Currently the Goedertrouw Dam that supports most of the catchment's water requirements is at 49% capacity and water restrictions have lessened, but are still in place. UWASP has established a committee of agriculture and government authorities to collaborate in catchment monitoring and to support decision making regarding dam releases. This support, combined with efforts to strengthen strategic water governance, enhanced metering and an online water balance platform will further boost water security in the region. The inclusion of many of UWASP's priority interventions in the City of uMhlathuze and Mhlathuze Water strategies for climate change adaptation and action is an encouraging move towards further collaboration. Please contact [Michelle Hiestermann](#) should you wish to learn more about the UWASP.

TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) The NBI and University of Stellenbosch Business School hosted a well-attended roundtable yesterday at Sanlam, Tygervalley which focused on: an introduction to Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and transition risk, the implications of the TCFD's recommendations for South African organisations and their key stakeholders, current company approaches as well as practices and future engagement; and work areas in relation to TCFD. Since its publication in 2017, the recommendations of the TCFD have attracted significant local and international interest, with their findings incorporated into key disclosure platforms. The Task Force's recommendations represent a significant step in enabling markets to support the transition to a low-carbon economy, by identifying the information needed to appropriately assess and price climate-related risks and opportunities. This event will also be held in **Johannesburg on 19 June 2019**. For more information, kindly contact: [Alex McNamara](#).

NBI/BRAND SA: AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT The NBI and Brand South Africa yesterday hosted an event in KwaZulu-Natal exploring 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 engagement was 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 will also be held in Cape Town later this year. Please contact [Tumi Nkosi](#) for further information.

ALEX MCNAMARA, NBI'S CLIMATE & WATER PROGRAMME MANAGER last week participated in a panel discussion at African Utility Week in Cape Town on: **The role of financial institutions towards water project financing** which discussed leveraging private finance and promoting the use of PPP's, as well as adjusting revenue models. African Utility Week which is held annually over 3 days, is the leading conference for professionals representing Africa's entire power, energy and water value chain. Kindly contact [Alex McNamara](#) for further details.

INDUSTRY NEWS

WITH POTENTIAL TO BOOST PROFITS BY UP TO 20 PER CENT, A WOMAN'S PLACE IS AT WORK, SAYS UN LABOUR AGENCY

Businesses perform better – sometimes by as much as 20 per cent – when they employ more women in top positions, UN labour experts said on Wednesday, warning nonetheless that most still pay lip-service to the idea of gender equality in the boardroom. [UN/The European Sting, 23 May 2019.](#)

THE 4IR STRATEGY TO MOVE FORWARD South Africa has created the Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, chairs this commission and I am the Deputy Chairman. The commission consists of 30 members. [Forbes Africa, 23 May 2019.](#)

GLOBAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PLATFORM CALLS FOR DRASTIC CHANGE OF COURSE The impacts of climate change, associated sea level rise and extreme weather are amplifying as a result of record greenhouse gas levels and combining with urbanisation, environmental degradation and water stress to produce interlocking crises. [BizCommunity, 23 May 2019.](#)

HUMANE LEADERSHIP MUST BE THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION'S REAL INNOVATION Do we need a new type of leadership for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)? We have heard it many times: the 4IR is not only here to stay, but is moving faster than we thought. The real question is whether leadership is also adapting to this new business environment. [Paolo Gallo and Vlatka Hlupic, WEF/The European Sting, 23 May 2019.](#)

NATIONS FALLING SHORT ON MEETING SDGS FOR 2030 ON ENERGY ACCESS Despite significant progress in recent years, the world is falling short of meeting the global energy targets set in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2030. [ESI-Africa, 22 May 2019.](#)

SCIENTISTS IN ICELAND ARE TURNING CARBON DIOXIDE INTO ROCK The climate change clock is ticking. In 2018, global carbon emissions reached a record high and the United Nations warned we could have just 12 years left to prevent the catastrophic effects of climate change. [Rosamond Hutt, WEF/The European Sting, 22 May 2019.](#)

CARBON TAX BILL TO CUT EMISSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM JUNE 1 South Africa's carbon emissions are disproportionately high. There are various causes, the primary one being the country's reliance on coal in energy generation. To minimise emissions, South Africa has made several international and national commitments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. [FTW Online, 22 May 2019.](#)

INCREASING FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL TAXES IN SOUTH AFRICA Climate change and global warming are issues that have long been debated. Predictions as far back as 1982 regarding increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide are proving true. While climate change and global warming are often seen as abstract issues, the impact on communities around the world is starting to become more prevalent. [Jerome Brink, BizCommunity, 22 May 2019.](#)

WATER SECURITY RESEARCH EXPENDITURE NOT REFLECTING SCARCITY REALITY Researchers at the African Utility Week and PowerGen Africa conference and exhibition in Cape Town last week raised concerns over decreased expenditure on water security research amidst serious drought problems across Southern Africa. [Alicestine Octobe, BizCommunity, 21 May 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

PWC SOUTHERN AFRICA APPOINTS FIRST WOMAN CEO Accounting firm PwC said on Wednesday it had appointed Shirley Machaba as its new chief executive officer for southern Africa effective from July 1, the first black African woman to be appointed in this role. [IOL Business, 23 May 2019.](#)

2019 ABSA BUSINESS DAY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS WINNERS REVEALED Distell Group was named Overall Winner at the 2019 Absa Business Day Supplier Development Awards, which recognise supplier development best practice in South Africa. [Bizcommunity, 23 May 2019.](#)

AB INBEV SEES AFRICA INVESTMENT RISING AFTER \$200M OUTLAY Anheuser-Busch InBev NV sees further African investment after spending about \$200 million on the continent since the world's largest brewer bought SABMiller in 2016, according to chief executive officer Carlos Brito. [Moneyweb, 23 May 2019.](#)

AFRICAN BANK MAKES ENTRY-LEVEL BANK ACCOUNT PLAY African Bank has become the latest financial services provider to enter the increasingly competitive entry-level transactional bank account space. [Moneyweb, 22 May 2019.](#)

VODACOM LEADS IN DEPLOYING SOLAR ENERGY-POWERED BASE STATION CONTROLLER IN GAUTENG Vodacom has installed solar panels capable of generating up to 34kW of power, which will supplement the energy supply of its Randburg base station controller. [Tech Blogger SA, 21 May 2019.](#)

MTN CFO RALPH MUPITA NAMED CFO OF THE YEAR 2019 Ralph Mupita, chief financial officer of mobile telecommunications company MTN, has been named South Africa's CFO of the Year at the 2019 CFO Awards. [IOL Business, 16 May 2019.](#)

GOLDMAN SACHS, INVESTEC IN STRATEGIC AGREEMENT FOR EQUITY TRADING IN SA Goldman Sachs and Investec said on Wednesday they had entered into an exclusive cooperation agreement for equity trading in South Africa which would enable both firms to extend their capabilities and deepen links with African and international clients seeking to invest in the region. [IOL Business, 15 May 2019.](#)

NEDBANK #TEAMUP4KZN CAMPAIGN STANDS BEHIND DURBAN FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS Nedbank has pledged its support to the flood ravaged areas of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). [Social TV, 15 May 2019.](#)

FNB EXTENDS LENDING TO SMES TO THE VALUE OF R30BN FNB Business has seen a significant increase in the number of SMEs taking up credit to grow their businesses. [IOL Business, 15 May 2019.](#)

MTN RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT FOR LISTING OF NIGERIAN UNIT JSE-listed telecommunications powerhouse MTN's plan to list its subsidiary MTN Nigeria on the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) will go ahead on May 16. [Engineering News, 15 May 2019.](#)

VODACOM SEES 1.5MN NEW CUSTOMERS TO ITS SA NETWORK Vodacom's group revenue for the year increased by 4 per cent to R90.1 billion. Operating profit increased a mere 1 per cent with operations outside South Africa contributing to 23 per cent of operating profit. [CNBC Africa, 15 May 2019.](#)

HOW BARLOWORLD'S KHULA SIZWE BEE SCHEME COULD CREATE VALUE Barloworld's recently launched Khula Sizwe public black economic empowerment (BEE) scheme offer comes to a close in less than two weeks, on May 31. [Moneyweb, 14 May 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

THE 2019 SOUTH AFRICAN WORKPLACE EQUALITY INDEX Last year, the South African LGBT+ Management Forum successfully launched the very first South African Workplace Equality Index. Click [here](#) to download the information brochure and [here](#) to view the South African Workplace Equality Index 2019.

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: The University of the Witwatersrand is recognised internationally for excellent research, high academic standards and commitment to social justice. The GCI would like to appoint a post-doctoral researcher in climate change adaptation focusing on the role of youth change agents and climate change. View full job requirements [here](#).

THE EXTENT OF FOOD SECURITY IN SOUTH AFRICA Did you know that in 2017, 6,8 million South Africans experienced hunger? While the number has dropped from 13,5 million in 2002, it still affects 1,7 million households across the country. These figures were released in a [recent survey](#), “Towards measuring the extent of food security in South Africa: An examination of hunger and food inadequacy”, published by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA).

SANEDI LAUNCHES TWO SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM PROJECTS The South African National Energy Development Institute (Sanedi) on Wednesday launched the first solar district heating system in South Africa at the University of the Witwatersrand’s (Wits’) Junction Campus, as well as the largest solar process heat system in sub-Saharan Africa at the Klein Karoo International (KKI) tannery. [Engineering News, 15 May 2019.](#)

REPORT: HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: GLOBAL FUTURE COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE 2016-2018 Scientific and technological advances in medicine promise to transform health and healthcare to become much more connected, precise and democratized, with significantly improved human outcomes. [Download report here.](#)

SA’S GREENEST ANNOUNCED: MEET THIS YEAR’S ECO-LOGIC AWARDS FINALISTS! The 8th annual Eco-Logic Awards event, presented by The Enviropaedia, South Africa’s online environmental encyclopaedia, green directory and repository of sustainability thought leadership will be held on 5 June 2019, which is World Environment Day. [Good Things Guy, 9 May 2019.](#)

ESKOM: SOCIAL PLAN WITH RESPECT TO COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS Eskom is undertaking a study to develop a social plan with respect to coal-fired power stations. [View here.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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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 blog article** entitled: “**Beyond the cycle: what’s on the horizon for oil and gas majors?**”, [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 **May 2019 News & Updates**, [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: “**UK Should Reach Net Zero Emissions by 2050, Climate Change Advisory Body Says**”, [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. Today, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released its second [Aligning Retirement Assets Toolkit](#) - designed to help companies better align retirement funds with their social and environmental commitments.

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

WORKSHOP ON CARBON MARKETS | Wednesday, 29 to Thursday, 30 May 2019 | Sasol Place, Sandton | The Department of Environmental Affairs, The World Bank and the National Business Initiative are hosting a two-day capacity building event, focusing on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and global trends on carbon pricing. The two days will cover the work that the World Bank has been doing on carbon pricing and competitiveness, and will describe the importance of article 6 and its implications for business. It will also share experiences in carbon offset schemes and deal with the key political issues and expectations that could influence article 6. This is a by invitation only event for NBI Member companies. Please contact [Gillian Hutchings](#) for further details.

NBI TLS: A CULTURE OF INCLUSION TO DRIVE TRANSFORMATION AND UNLOCK INNOVATION | Thursday, 30 May 2019 | The Other Foundation, Rosebank, Johannesburg | The NBI is hosting a Thought Leadership Dialogue to unpack how inclusive work environments are key to driving transformation and enhancing innovation. The aim of this roundtable is to: unpack the experiences and impact of exclusionary workplace cultures, explore the opportunities that inclusive workplaces unlock; and share thoughts on what is required to change organisational cultures Please contact: [Khule Duma](#) for further information or to RSVP.

ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENDER PAY-GAP IN SOUTH AFRICA - KZN | Thursday, 6 June 2019 | Garden Court Hotel uMhlanga | This roundtable discussion is an integral part of a gender pay-gap study that forms part of the Presidential Jobs Summit Framework Agreement. The aim of the study is to develop a methodology for standardized and simplified calculation of the gender pay-gap in South Africa, with the goal of addressing and improving pay disparities. The objective of the discussion and gender pay-gap study is for organisations to begin to unpack and understand the complex nature gender equity manifests within the workplace and the implications it has on our economy and society. [RSVP here.](#)

UNLOCKING WATER INVESTMENT - KOPANO YA METSI LAUNCH: JOHANNESBURG | Thursday, 6 June 2019 | The Venue, Green Park, Morningside | Over a period of 18 months, the NBI's Kopano ya Metsi project has engaged with hundreds of water experts in South Africa to understand how we unlock national water investment. Please join us as we launch the project findings in Johannesburg where we will discuss: where the main opportunities for private sector involvement lie, the key barriers to Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and how these can be addressed, how municipal water management can be strengthened; and the future of water financing in South Africa. [RSVP here.](#)

CDP CLIMATE CHANGE 2018 LAUNCHES | Tuesday, 11 June 2019 - Johannesburg, Thursday, 13 June 2019 - Cape Town and Friday, 14 June 2019 - KwaZulu-Natal | Join us at the launch of the NBI's 2018 CDP South Africa report where we will use CDP data to track the progress by companies in South Africa in scaling up climate action and ambition. New insights that the updated questionnaire and inclusion of the TCFD reporting framework has provided will also be provided. For more information please contact [Geeta Morar](#) or RSVP as follows: [Johannesburg, 11 June: Capital on the Park Hotel, Sandton, Cape Town: The Vineyard Hotel, 13 June 2019](#) or [uMhlanga, 14 June: The Square, Boutique Hotel.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

AFRICA DAY – CAUSE FOR ENTHUSIASM | 24 May 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | Andile Khumalo hosts a panel discussion with thinkers and doers who roll-up their sleeves and remind us just how many reasons there are to be positive about African business. [GIBS Website.](#)

WILL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION ENHANCE OR UNDERMINE THE 2030 AGENDA AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA | 28 May 2019 | Main Lecture Hall, Future Africa, University of Pretoria Hillcrest Campus | The discussion is aimed at bringing awareness to the relevance of SDG13 within the broader 2030 Agenda framework and the

form of climate change action being taken by various groups within South Africa. Kindly click [here](#) to view further details and the programme.

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**.

IMBEWU: CARBON TAX - HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 11 June 2019 | IMBEWU's Offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg | The Carbon Tax Bill is set to come into effect on 1 June 2019. The Bill has been approved by both the National Assembly and the National Council of Province and is now awaiting the President's signature. IMBEWU will be hosting a half-day workshop on the Carbon Tax Bill to assist organisations with coming to grips with this new legislation. The workshop will also include training on the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Regulations under the Air Quality Act, which forms a critical component of the carbon tax regime. Book today by emailing the [booking form](#) to lulu@imbewu.co.za or call us on **011 214 0660** for more information.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 11 to 12 June 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | 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**.

MANUFACTURING INDABA: THE MANUFACTURING EVENT FOR AFRICANS, BY AFRICANS | 25 to 26 June 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg | The annual 2-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. The aim of the Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together manufacturers, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. The event is designed specifically for private and public company representatives to hear from industry experts as they unpack challenges and find solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors and explore regional trade into Africa. For more information, visit: www.manufacturingindaba.co.za.

BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES | 24 to 29 June 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | In this course, a variety of biodiversity and ecosystem service frameworks will be introduced and discussed in light of how they help us understand our connection with and dependence on nature. In the face of global change and natural resource depletion, it has become an imperative to understand the links between biodiversity and ecosystem services such as freshwater, crop production, grazing, and climate regulation, which underpin the economy and well-being of different groups in society. For more information or to apply click [here](#).

FOOD SYSTEM TRANSITIONS | 15 to 20 July 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | Recognising the structural inequalities in the food system, and its large-scale negative impacts on the environment is key to exploring existing and proposed alternatives and responses. This course offers an overview of various responses, places them in the context of broader global transitions and provides some frameworks to guide analysis. For more information or to apply click [here](#).

WATER LEAKAGE SUMMIT 2019 | 24 to 25 July 2019 Cape Town - The Lord Charles Hotel | 28 to 29 August 2019 Gauteng - DBSA, Midrand | The well-established African Water Leakage Summit provides a platform to share innovative ideas and world-class case studies around water leakage management, demand management and water conservation in Africa. Follow this link to register for the event: www.watersummit.co.za. To reserve a place as a sponsor or exhibitor, kindly e-mail the following: Constance Makola (constancem@wrp.co.za) for the Midrand Event, or Desiree Naicker (Desiree@confco.co.za) or Liza Monteiro (liza@confco.co.za) for the Western Cape Event.

GLOBALISATION, GOVERNANCE & DEVELOPMENT | 22 to 27 July 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | This course will help participants understand the global debates about alternatives to the current crisis-ridden global economic order. For more information or to apply click [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE | 11 to 13 June 2019 | Malmö, Sweden | The course aims at introducing the participants to workplace diversity, equality and inclusion providing them with an understanding of the concepts in organizational context. It will also provide different perspectives on diversity in organizations. [EIGE Website](#).

6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES 2019 | 17 to 18 June 2019| Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | The objective of the conference is to present and share ongoing research activities in the fields of Gender & Women's Studies with the relevant scientific and research communities. It will bring together leading academics, activists, scientists, and researchers from around the world. The conference aims to offer international perspectives with an emphasis on economic, social, and psychological aspects of empowerment and leadership, victimization, exclusion, and social problems. [Registration details](#).

CLIMATE RISK SUMMIT | 2 July 2019 | London, UK | The inaugural Climate Risk Summit will bring together policymakers, business leaders, scientists and investors to begin a conversation about how organisations around the world can understand and manage climate-related risks. What impact will such risks have on markets and the economy? How can they be managed and mitigated? And how can businesses and investors seize the opportunities presented by climate change? [Details here](#).

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