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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

VIEW ALEX MCNAMARA, NBI'S CLIMATE & WATER PROGRAMME MANAGER discussing **Unlocking water investment in South Africa** at African Utility Week & POWERGEN Africa 2019 which took place in Cape Town earlier this month. [View here.](#)

NBI TRANSFORMATION & SOCIAL COHESION PROGRAMME The NBI today hosted a **Thought Leadership Dialogue at The Other Foundation**, Rosebank to unpack how inclusive work environments are key to driving transformation and enhancing innovation. The aim of this roundtable was 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. [#NBITransformation.](#)

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.

NBI LAUNCHES FINDINGS ON WATER INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA The NBI will be launching the findings of its **Kopano ya Metsi project in Johannesburg next week on 6 June 2019**. Over 18 months, Kopano ya Metsi has engaged with hundreds of experts to understand how national water investment can be unlocked, what role **Public Private Partnerships** can play in closing the water sector funding gap, and how we can strengthen municipal water management. Kopano ya Metsi ('meeting for water' in Sesotho) speaks directly to the need to investigate alternative delivery models and ways to improve the sector's financial viability, as outlined in the national water and sanitation master plan. Please click [here](#) to view the project's recently updated website page.

BUSINESS UNITY SA WELCOMES CONTINUITY IN ECONOMIC CLUSTER MINISTRIES Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) said on Thursday it welcomed the continuity in the core economic ministries, especially in the finance portfolio, but said State-owned enterprises (SOEs) remained the greatest risk to public finances, especially Eskom. [Siphelele Dladla, IOL Business, 30 May 2019.](#)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: TABLE MOUNTAIN CABLEWAY TARGETS 80% RECYCLING BY 2021 Ahead of World Environment Day on Wednesday 5 June 2019, Table Mountain Cableway has announced its goal to increase waste recycling from the current level of 55% to 80% by 2021. [Get Smarter/BizCommunity, 30 May 2019.](#)

STRATEGIES FOR THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION "The gap between the digital, physical and biological worlds is shrinking, and technology is changing faster than ever."¹ [Get Smarter/BizCommunity, 29 May 2019.](#)

BUSINESSES AND MPS BACK UK BID TO HOST COP26 UN climate summit in 2020 is expected to be the most important since the 2015, when the Paris Agreement was signed. [Toby Hill, Business Green, 29 May 2019.](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMIT FOCUSES ON FIGHTING HUNGER, CLIMATE CRISIS AND TRANSITION TO 'SMART SUSTAINABLE CITIES' Artificial intelligence, or AI, is at the forefront of fighting hunger, mitigating the climate crisis and facilitating "the transition to smart sustainable cities", said the chief of the UN agency which specializes in information and communication technologies, Houlin Zhao, kicking off the third AI for Good Global Summit in Geneva. [United Nations/The European Sting, 29 May 2019.](#)

THE FUTURE OF THE CAR: ARE WE THERE YET? The transformation of the auto sector towards zero-carbon, electric mobility is accelerating – that was the central message from the gathering of industry executives, analysts and NGOs at this month's FT Future of the Car Summit in London. [We Mean Business, 29 May 2019.](#)

PROGRESSING TOWARDS GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY Women empowerment has been a widely promoted topic globally, particularly in traditionally male-dominated industries like construction. [BizCommunity, 29 May 2019.](#)

4 WAYS TO DELIVER BOLD ACTION ON CLIMATE AND JUSTICE THIS YEAR AT BACK-TO-BACK UN SUMMITS As students take to the streets around the globe to push for immediate action on climate change and justice, two summits set for September on climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a strategic opportunity to showcase a leap in ambition. [Mathilde Bouyé, WRI, 28 May 2019.](#)

3 WAYS BUSINESSES CAN LEAD THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY More businesses are recognizing the reality of our changing climate. As of May, 553 companies collectively representing more than a \$10 trillion market cap have committed to adopting emissions-reduction targets. [Kevin Moss, WRI/Responsible Business, 28 May 2019.](#)

HOW LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD BUILD TRUST ACROSS CULTURES Many managerial positions require frequent communication with employees from around the world, but building trust across cultures can be difficult. [Mansour Javidan and Aks Zaheer, HBR, 27 May 2019.](#)

CARBON TAX ACT SIGNED INTO LAW, EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 1 President Cyril Ramaphosa has signed the Carbon Tax Act into law and it will come into effect on June 1, the National Treasury said on Sunday. [Mining Weekly, 27 May 2019.](#)

MANY BUSINESSES AT SEA WHEN IT COMES TO WATER STEWARDSHIP While most companies with more than \$1 billion in annual revenue recognize that water conservation is critical, more than half still don't have a holistic plan to reduce their consumption. [Kayla Matthews and Heather Clancy, GreenBiz, 24 May 2019.](#)

COULD SNOW BE THE NEXT SOURCE OF CLEAN ENERGY? When the conversation turns to clean, renewable energy, the talk almost always is about sun and wind. No one ever brings up another natural power source, as yet untapped — snow. [Marlene Cimons, Nexus Media, 24 May 2019.](#)

MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION ADDS TO OCEANS' PROBLEMS The harmful effects of microplastics on the marine environment are widely documented. But now a new study says the tiny plastic debris acts as a carrier for pollutants resistant to environmental degradation, adding to the risks to animal and human health. [*Rodrigo de Oliveira Andrade, SciDev.Net, 23 May 2019.*](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

FNB CUTS DOWN MONTHLY FEES BUT PROMISES TO PROVIDE BEST VALUE TO CUSTOMERS FNB continues to provide the best value to its customers through reduced monthly fees, improved potential to earn eBucks, and now offers customers free FNB Connect benefits on cheque accounts. [**IOL Business, 30 May 2019.**](#)

AFRICAN BANK BOOK VALUE DOUBLES TO R1.5BN African Bank on Tuesday announced that its book value more than doubled to R1.5 billion in the six months to March, on investments that have given the group leeway to diversify its portfolio. [**IOL Business, 29 May 2019.**](#)

SHELL LIVEWIRE BUSINESS-GROWTH PROGRAMME ENTERS THIRD PHASE LiveWIRE is Shell's flagship enterprise-development programme aimed at strengthening entrepreneurial development through equipping young, aspiring entrepreneurs with skills and competencies required to operate successful businesses. [**IOL Business, 28 May 2019.**](#)

ABB ENABLES FIRST REMOTE-CONTROLLED SUBMERSIBLE FISH FARM IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN A new salmon farming concept is expected to boost Norway's salmon production in the face of increased demand, while ensuring high standards of safety and quality. [**ABB, 28 May 2019.**](#)

WOOLWORTHS: NEXT PHASE IN PLASTIC BAG FREE TRIAL ANNOUNCED During the trial, which was launched in November 2018, over 100 000 single-use bags were saved from going out into the environment as customers opted for affordable, reusable shopping bags. [**The Green Times, 28 May 2019.**](#)

NINE UCT RESEARCHERS AMONG NSTF-SOUTH32 AWARDS FINALISTS This year, nine University of Cape Town (UCT) researchers, in a total of 14 categories, have made it to the final round of the NSTF-South32 Awards, which the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) considers the 'Science Oscars'. [**UCT News, 28 May 2019.**](#)

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.**](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

TRANSFORMING DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RISK The International Centre of Excellence on Transforming Development and Disaster Risk (ICoE-TDDR) seeks to transform the relationship between development and DRR by working with academic, policy, development and private sector partners at global, regional and sub-national levels to advance scientific knowledge and support policy and practice to enact transformations towards more equitable, resilient and sustainable societies. [Download the brief here.](#)

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY – DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS AND RESPONSE State of the Nation 2018 covers a diversity of perspectives that highlight the interrelationship and intersectionality between structural, economic, cultural and psychosocial dimensions of the South African social experience. [Polity, 27 May 2019.](#)

WWF WELCOMES SIGNING OF CARBON TAX ACT WWF welcomes the signing of the Carbon Tax Act 2019 into law. By doing so, President Cyril Ramaphosa has communicated the urgent need for action around the climate crisis. The new Act, which was gazetted on 23 May, aims to limit carbon emissions. [WWF-SA, 27 May 2019.](#)

WBCSD OPPORTUNITY: SHARE YOUR COUNTRY-LEVEL INSIGHTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS AGENDA We have been working with a number of Global Network partners to display important insights on country-specific developments and trends when it comes to the implementation of the SDGs agenda. [So far we have featured on the SDG Business Hub](#) information from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Korea, and Spain. We have reached out to a number of you to flag this opportunity, but please contact [Uta Jungermann](#) if you would like to explore this opportunity to gain visibility for your institution and country.

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).

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

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: **“India’s looming water crisis – a call to action for companies?”**, [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 newsletter**, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is a global, CEO-led organization of over 200 leading businesses working together to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world. The NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest **Insider Perspective**, entitled: "CFA Institute Annual Conference", [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENDER PAY-GAP IN SOUTH AFRICA - KWAZULU-NATAL | 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 WEEK: WORKSHOPS | Monday, 10 June 2019 - Johannesburg | Wednesday, 12 June 2019 - Cape Town | Friday, 14 June 2019 - KwaZulu-Natal | The workshops will provide companies with feedback on key outcomes from the 2018 CDP reporting round and give companies an update on what to expect for 2019. The workshops will focus on: the past performance of CDP responding companies; updates on the CDP process this year, including the scoring methodology and common errors in responding; an update on Science Based Targets and TCFD requirements; and setting Science based targets with CDP and SBTs experts. Feedback on previous reporting rounds and recommendations for improvement will be most welcome. Both seasoned reporters as well as newcomers will gain value from attending these workshops. RSVP as follows: [CDP Workshop - Johannesburg: Monday 10 June 2019, Capital on the Park Hotel](#); [CDP Workshop: Cape Town - Wednesday, 12 June 2019, Vineyard Hotel](#) or [CDP Workshop KZN, Friday, 14 June 2019 - The Square Boutique Hotel](#).

CDP CLIMATE CHANGE 2018 LAUNCHES | Tuesday, 11 June 2019 - Johannesburg | Thursday, 13 June 2019 - Cape Town | 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 2019: Capital on the Park Hotel, Sandton, Cape Town: The Vineyard Hotel, 13 June 2019](#) or [uMhlanga, 14 June 2019: The Square Boutique Hotel](#).

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND TRANSITION RISK – JOHANNESBURG | Wednesday, 19 June 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | Since its publication in 2017, the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) have attracted significant local and international interest, with their recommendations incorporated into key disclosure platforms. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a half-day roundtable focused on: An introduction to TCFD and transition risk, the implications of the TCFD's recommendations for South African organisations and their key stakeholders, Current company approaches and

practices and Future engagement and work areas in relation to TCFD. If you are a NBI Member company, please click [here](#) to RSVP.

ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENDER PAY-GAP IN SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN | Thursday, 20 June 2019 | RMB Corporate Bank, Cape Town | 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 intention of the roundtable 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. Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to attend this event.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

IMBEWU: CARBON TAX - HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 11 June and 25 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**.

IN CONVERSATION WITH SIM TSHABALALA, CEO OF STANDARD BANK | 20 June 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | Join the Dean of GIBS, Professor Nicola Kleyn as she interviews Standard Bank CEO, Sim Tshabalala about the changing banking landscape in South Africa.

[Gibs Website.](#)

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](#).

SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 25 to 28 AUGUST 2019 | INTUNDLA GAME LODGE, PRETORIA | The Sustainability Practitioner Programme enables 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 organisation. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership [online application form](#) - all applicants are subject to selection panel approval.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE | 11 to 13 June 2019 | Malmo, 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](#).

GREENBIZ: ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 18 to 20 June 2019 | Minneapolis, US | Circularity 19 is the largest circular economy event in North America. The event will bring together more than 500 thought leaders and practitioners to accelerate the circular economy opportunity. Through inspirational plenaries, interactive breakouts, networking opportunities and a solutions-focused showcase, Circularity 19 will inspire, inform and empower participants to turn circular economy concepts into profitable opportunities for companies and cities. [Learn more](#).

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](#).

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (HLPF) | 15 to 18 July 2019 | New York, US | HLPF is the United Nations' central platform for annual follow-up and review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It convenes in New York over the course of two weeks in July. Under the theme of "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" this year's HLPF will focus on SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. [Website](#).

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