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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

EKURHULENI EAST TVET COLLEGE HOSTS DEMAND ACTIVATION IN SOLAR WATER HEATING AND PLUMBING WITH IOPSA MEMBERS The National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI), Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, Institute of Plumbing South Africa (IOPSA), GIZ, Nedbank Foundation's Eyethu Community Trust, Business Leadership South Africa's Beyond Advocacy Fund and Ekurhuleni East TVET College (EEC) are implementing the Green Skills in TVET Colleges Intervention to unlock opportunities for effective TVET learning pathways in the Green Economy. [Read here.](#)

KOPANO YA METSI Today the NBI in partnership with the Confederation of Danish Industry shared the Kopano Ya Metsi project findings in Johannesburg. The discussion focussed on how we can unlock national water investment potential within SA and included a panel discussion on 'Institutional models and financing approaches to address the SA water crisis'. The NBI's [#KopanoYaMetsi](#) project has engaged with hundreds of experts to determine ways to improve the water sector's financial viability. For more information kindly visit: www.yametsi.co.za.

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 last month. [View here.](#)

NBI TRANSFORMATION & SOCIAL COHESION PROGRAMME Last week the NBI hosted a **Thought Leadership Dialogue** at **The Other Foundation**, Rosebank unpacking 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.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

NO COUNTRY MEETING GLOBAL GOALS FOR GENDER EQUALITY – STUDY In 2015, all United Nations member states adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to achieve by 2030 in areas such as education, climate, and gender equality. [EWN, 5 June 2019.](#)

COMPANIES LAG IN CLIMATE-RELATED DISCLOSURES: G20 TASK FORCE Companies are failing to disclose sufficient detail about how exposed they are to the potential risks of climate change, a global task force said in a report on Wednesday. [Susanna Twidale, Reuters, 5 June 2019.](#)

5 UNDER-RECOGNIZED IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION Most of the rising global attention to air pollution focuses on the impacts that ozone, particulate matter and other pollutants have on human health. [Jessica Seddon, Seth Contreras and Beth Elliott, WRI, 5 June 2019.](#)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2019: HOW TO MAKE OUR CITIES MORE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE World Environment Day is held annually on 5th June. This year the theme for World Environment Day, June 5, is #BeatAirPollution. The day looks to encourage everyone to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the amount of air pollution we produce. [Responsible Business, 5 June 2019.](#)

UNLOCKING THE POWER OF INNOVATION Education, training and innovation are central to South Africa’s long-term development. This is central to South Africa’s National Development Plan (NDP), which also states: “Quality education encourages technology shifts and innovation that are necessary to solve present-day challenges.” [Alison Gayland, Wits Business School/My Broadband, 5 June 2019.](#)

COMPANIES SEE CLIMATE CHANGE HITTING THEIR BOTTOM LINES IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS Many of the world’s biggest companies, from Silicon Valley tech firms to large European banks, are bracing for the prospect that climate change could substantially affect their bottom lines within the next five years, according to a new analysis of corporate disclosures. [Brad Plumer, NY Times, 4 June 2019.](#)

BEYOND RENEWABLES: HOW TIMING CAN REDUCE CORPORATE EMISSIONS There’s a tidal wave sweeping through the clean energy strategies of corporate sustainability efforts: the 100 percent renewable energy target. [Chiel Borenstein, GreenBiz, 4 June 2019.](#)

WORLD'S BIGGEST FIRMS FORESEE \$1 TRILLION CLIMATE COST HIT More than 200 of the world’s largest listed companies forecast that climate change could cost them a combined total of almost \$1 trillion, with much of the pain due in the next five years, according to a report published on Tuesday. [Matthew Green, Reuters, 4 June 2019.](#)

EUROPE PLANS TO SEND SATELLITES INTO SPACE TO MONITOR CO2 EMISSIONS The world’s first constellation of CO2-monitoring satellites is being planned by the European Space Agency (ESA). [Sean Fleming, The European Sting/WEF, 4 June 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

PICK N PAY REDUCES ITS ENERGY INTENSITY BY WELL OVER A THIRD Since 2008 Pick n Pay has reduced its energy intensity per square metre by 36.9% through both improvements in technology and behavioural change. The group has also expanded its solar installations. [Fast Moving, 5 June 2019.](#)

ABB EXPANDS AZIPOD® POWER RANGE FOR FERRIES AND ROPAX VESSELS ABB extends the power range of Azipod® propulsion to enable ferry and RoPax operators improve operational efficiency and reduce emission. [NafsGreen, 5 June 2019.](#)

ABSA INTRODUCES EVOLVED GEN A PROGRAMME FOCUSING ON STEM TALENT IN SA Absa has launched its evolved graduate recruitment programme, the Gen A Grad Programme, which has advanced from its Rising Eagles Graduate Programme. [IOL Business, 4 June 2019.](#)

MTN EMPLOYEES EMPOWER YOUTH DURING 21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE MTN will hosts its 13th edition of 21 Days of Y'ello Care, an annual employee volunteerism programme which runs from 1 to 21 June across the company's footprint. [IOL Business, 4 June 2019.](#)

NKOSIKHO MBELE THRILLED AS SHELL DONATES R500,000 TO CHARITY AFTER HIS ACT OF KINDNESS Shell chairman Hloniphizwe Mtolo has thanked the hero petrol attendant who captured the hearts of South Africans and pledged to donate R500,000 to a charity of his choice and nominated him for an internal excellence award. [TimesLIVE, 4 June 2019.](#)

ABSA PUTS CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE AGENDA Absa chair Wendy Lucas-Bull announces the group's intention to begin investing substantial resources in understanding climate change. [BusinessLIVE, 4 June 2019.](#)

EVERY LITRE OF ENGEN PETROL ADDS FIVE CENTS TO DROUGHT RELIEF THROUGH DARE TO CARE Every litre of petrol sold at an Engen service station anywhere in Namibia over the next three months will earn drought-stricken farmers five cents as a contribution to the Dare to Care fund. In this way Engen intends to raise at least N\$3 million for the fund. [The Namibia Economist, 3 June 2019.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

INTERVIEW-HEAD OF UN WOMEN ON DRIVE TO DOUBLE GENDER EQUAL CABINETS BY 2020 Countries holding elections must make it a priority to put equal numbers of women and men in top positions, the head of U.N. Women said, as she revealed an ambitious drive to more than double the number of gender equal cabinets over the next year. [Thomson Reuters Foundation, 6 June 2019.](#)

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS IN ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES: STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY University's Graduate School of Economic and Management Sciences (GEM) is accepting applications for its full-time, residential PhD programme. Suitable candidates are invited to apply for three-year full-time doctoral scholarships in the research programmes of the Graduate School in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, to commence studies in January 2020. Further information on the current research themes, application forms and procedures are available [here](#) or email: gem@sun.ac.za for more information.

GREENBIZ REPORT REPORT: CLIMATE RISK, BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL CAPITAL AND PLASTIC A monthly wrap-up of recent research on sustainable business and clean technology, produced by Corporate Eco Forum, a by-invitation membership organization comprised of large, global companies that demonstrate a serious commitment at the senior executive level to sustainability as a business strategy issue. [GreenBiz, 4 June 2019.](#)

ECONOMIC POLICY IS SKEWED AGAINST BLACK WOMEN Changing South Africa's economic policy to strengthen the bargaining power and position in society of black women will help to fight gender-based violence. [Funzani Mtembu, Daily Maverick, 4 June 2019.](#)

MANUFACTURING INDABA TO EMPOWER WOMEN IN AFRICA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR In a pressing endeavour to advance economic growth in developing nations, governments are harnessing strategies focused on the economic empowerment of its women. [Engineering News, 3 June 2019.](#)

FORMING A BLUE ECONOMY FUTURE JUNE 2019 [Click 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.](#)

WBCSD OPPORTUNITY: SHARE YOUR COUNTRY-LEVEL INSIGHTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS AGENDA
We have been working with several 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.

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 **Climate Change Report 2018, Global Edition** entitled: "Major Risk Or Rosy Opportunity - Are companies ready for climate change?", [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 **June 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: "Five rules for driving sustainable business leadership", [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

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](#).

BRAND FINANCE SOUTH AFRICA FORUM 2019 - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - CELEBRATING SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP 50 BRANDS | 11 July 2019 | JSE, Sandton | Join us as we launch the Brand Finance South Africa 50 2019 report, celebrating the nation's most valuable and strongest brands. The results presentation and awards ceremony will be followed by a cocktail reception. To view last year's Brand Finance South Africa 50 2018 report, click [here](#). Click the link below to reserve your seat or email: events@brandfinance.com for more information.

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](#).

WEBINAR: DRIVING THE TRANSITION: EMISSIONS REPORTING IN CITIES | 12 June 2019 | This webinar co-hosted by CDP and ICLEI will provide you with guidance on creating and reporting GHG inventories and will introduce the Global Protocol for Community Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC). Through this webinar you will also learn about the useful tools and guidance provided by both CDP and ICLEI to help you track and mitigate your city's emissions. [Register here](#).

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](#).

3RD WORLD CONGRESS ON WIND & RENEWABLE ENERGY | 24 to 25 June 2019 | Barcelona, Spain | This year's theme being "**Green Energy and Environmental Protection**" will bring together experts, researchers, scholars and students from all areas of Wind Engineering, Electrical, Electronics Engineering, Control Engineering and other related areas, wind energy associations, creating Plant professionals, Developers and Wind turbine manufacturers. [Conference Website](#).

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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