

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

JET EDUCATION SERVICES AND THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE co-hosted a Green Skills Colloquium in October 2018 aimed at sharing lessons from recent programmes and developing scalable solutions for meaningful pathways for unemployed youth into the Green Economy. This also included a discussion on initiatives to test new models for increasing employability and skills in the Green Economy. View the **Employability and Learning Pathways in the Green Economy strategic note**, [here](#).

THE NBI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OTHER FOUNDATION, THE LGBTI+ FORUM AND PLUS hosted a Thought Leadership dialogue to discuss why inclusion is essential for organisations to meaningfully address in order to drive transformation and innovation, and to learn from experiences within workplaces. For a high level overview of the engagement and dialogue, kindly click [here](#) to view the recently launched video.

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) HAS THE FOLLOWING TWO JOB VACANIES: Programme Manager – Climate Change and Energy and Project Coordinator – Climate change, Energy and Water. The closing date for applications is on **Tuesday, 16 July 2019**. Click [here](#) for further details on our LinkedIn page.

GSB COLLABORATION ‘A CHAMPION OF CHANGE’ The University of Cape Town’s (UCT) Graduate School of Business (GSB), through its involvement in the Embedding Project, has been recognised in the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International’s (AACSB) annual 2019 Innovations That Inspire challenge. [UCT News, 4 July 2019.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

US ANNOUNCES FIRST FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE When the U.S. government launched the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative in February it offered few details about what the whole of government effort around women's empowerment would entail. [Adva Saldinger, Devex, 11 July 2019.](#)

R18M ALLOCATED FOR MPUMALANGA WATER SHORTAGES The Department of Water and Sanitation has allocated R18m to JS Moroka Local Municipality to address water shortages in Mpumalanga. The municipality has experienced water supply challenges due to persistent drought resulting from low river flows and the subsequent drying of dams, as is the case with Mkhombo Dam. [BizCommunity, 11 July 2019.](#)

WATER, WASTE AND FOOD SECURITY: A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY With the planet at a 'tipping point', civil society, industry and public sector have to take urgent collective action to reduce plastic, eliminate waste and ensure food and water security, experts said at the opening of IFAT Africa. [Infrastructure News, 11 July 2019.](#)

GLOBAL RESPONSE TO POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS 'NOT AMBITIOUS ENOUGH' The global response to realizing poverty and environmental goals agreed by world leaders in 2015 has not been "ambitious enough" according to the UN Secretary-General. [The European Sting, 10 July 2019.](#)

CLIMATE ACTION WILL SHAPE PEOPLE'S LIVES. THEY SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SHAPE CLIMATE ACTION In too many countries, decision-making on climate change rests solely in the hands of a limited set of policymakers and planners. [Cynthia Elliott and Jesse Worker, WRI, 10 July 2019.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING CROP YIELDS AND REDUCING GLOBAL FOOD SUPPLIES Farmers are used to dealing with weather, but climate change is making it harder by altering temperature and rainfall patterns, as in this year's unusually cool and wet spring in the central U.S. In a recently published study, I worked with other scientists to see whether climate change was measurably affecting crop productivity and global food security. [BizCommunity, 10 July 2019.](#)

'BUSINESS AS USUAL' WILL NOT ACHIEVE GLOBAL EDUCATION GOALS The generation that should finish secondary school by 2030 is now entering classrooms. But based on current trends, one in six children will still be out of school in 2030 and only six out of 10 young people will be completing secondary education. [Silvia Montoya and Manos Antoninis, WEF, 9 July 2019.](#)

DROUGHT IS NOT OVER, RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE SAYS CITY OF CAPE TOWN Increasing dam levels did not mean the drought was over, the City of Cape Town said on Monday. [Engineering News, 9 July 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

BMW UNVEILS ALL-ELECTRIC MINI The BMW Group has unveiled a new all-electric Mini. [Climate Action, 11 July 2019.](#)

SASOL OPENS NEW ALKOXYLATION PLANT IN CHINA JSE-listed chemicals and energy multinational Sasol has launched its new alkoxylation plant, in Nanjing, China. [Engineering News, 11 July 2019.](#)

MTN, SANLAM GO INTO PARTNERSHIP Mobile operator MTN and JSE-listed financial services group Sanlam yesterday announced a joint initiative to launch a new disruptive insurance product that would see them venturing into funeral cover and other life products through digital platforms. [IOL Business, 10 July 2019.](#)

INVESTEC PROPERTY FUND PUMPS A FURTHER R442M INTO THE UK Undeterred by uncertainty around Brexit, South African mid-cap real estate investment trust (Reit) Investec Property Fund (IPF) has tripled its stake in UK-based Investec Argo Property Fund to almost R650 million. [Moneyweb, 10 July 2019.](#)

SUN INTERNATIONAL HEEDS THE CALL TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER Sun International joins hands with Rise Against Hunger to alleviate the plight of hungry children in underprivileged communities across South Africa to mark International Mandela Day on July 18. [Springs Advertiser, 9 July 2019.](#)

SAPPI BECOMES AN INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEMBER OF PEFC Sappi Limited (Sappi) is pleased to announce that we have become an International Stakeholder member of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™ (PEFC™). This membership aligns with our focus on sustainable forest management and responsible procurement throughout our supply and value chains. [BizCommunity, 5 July 2019.](#)

ABB TO OPEN CENTRE FOR SMART BUILDING SOLUTIONS IN SHENZHEN Swiss industrial conglomerate ABB Group will open a new innovation centre in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, in the second half of this year to locally provide solutions for smart building development, said an executive. [Ecns.cn, 4 July 2019.](#)

AB INBEV IN POSSIBLE BIGGEST IPO OF THE YEAR Anheuser-Busch InBev kicked off the year's biggest initial public offering (IPO), a sale of shares in its Asia Pacific beer unit that could raise as much as \$9.8 billion (R138.25bn) and top Uber Technologies Inc's May listing. [IOL Business, 4 July 2019.](#)

FNB CLIENTS CAN NOW BOOK FLIGHTS WITH THEIR EBUCKS From 01 July 2019, FNB eBucks Rewards members will be able to book domestic and international flights through the FNB app. [IOL Business, 4 July 2019.](#)

DISTELL, SEPARATION AT SOURCE LAUNCH KHAYELITSHA-BASED RECYCLING PROGRAMME Distell, in partnership with waste beneficiation and implementation partner, Separation at Source (S@S), launched GreenUp, a recycling programme based in Khayelitsha in the Western Cape, during the recent ninth annual Sustainability Week. [BizCommunity, 1 July 2019.](#)

PICK N PAY VEGGIES NOW HAVE SELL-BY DATES ETCHED ONTO THEIR SKIN - HERE'S WHY You can now bring your own containers to some Pick n Pay stores and load up on fruit and veg, instead of having it packaged in plastic. [Business Insider SA, 1 July 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WBCSD CEO GUIDE TO HUMAN RIGHTS, launched last week as a call to action for leaders in companies around the world to raise the bar on human rights performance. Business has a fundamental responsibility to respect human rights, laid out in international principles, laws and guidelines. And in a time characterized by rising inequality, social polarization and public discontent, people expect more of companies and their CEOs. The WBCSD believes respect for human rights is one of the most powerful opportunities for business leaders to drive transformative, positive change in people's lives

NEW REPORT: CLIMATE CHANGE THREATENS PROGRESS ACROSS SDGS A newly released United Nations' report on the Sustainable Development Goals has warned that the impacts of climate change and increasing inequality across and within countries are undermining progress on the sustainable development agenda, threatening to reverse many of the gains made over the last decades that have improved people's lives. [BizCommunity, 11 July 2019.](#)

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH 'NOW DIRECTLY LINKED TO GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY', REPORT FINDS The global energy efficiency of economic growth has improved by one-third since 1990, new research from professional services giant PwC has concluded. [Environmental Data Interactive Exchange, 11 July 2019.](#)

WBCSD SDGS LATEST BRIEFING Through its SDG programme area, WBCSD seeks to advance the conversation around the role of business in realizing the SDG agenda. This briefing aims to source and package latest insight, key developments, and emerging trends regarding the fast-evolving SDG landscape. View [here](#).

MEDIA RELEASE: THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) PUBLISHED REVISIONS TO THE B-BBEE CODES OF GOOD PRACTICE These revisions include key changes to Code 300, which specifically deals with Skills Development expenditure. This Code now allocates four points as an incentive to employers to encourage concerted contributions to bursaries for black students at all Higher Education Institutions. [Further information.](#)

ENTRIES OPEN FOR EAT OUT WOOLWORTHS SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS 2019 Entries for the 2019 Eat Out Woolworths Sustainability Award are officially open. In the build-up to the awards, Eat Out is hosting two workshops designed to help interested restaurants on the journey to more sustainable practices. Speakers include industry experts on food waste, wine waste, plastic and more. [BizCommunity, 19 June 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 **blog article** entitled: **“Support in achieving your sustainability goals”**, [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 **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** recently published, [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 **news article**, entitled: **“Leading global organizations join forces to elevate the business call to protect and restore nature”**, [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

NBI SDGS AGRI-PROCESSING WORKSHOP - JOHANNESBURG | Wednesday, 17 July 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | Should you wish to attend this workshop, please contact: [Geeta Morar.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

USB LEADER’S ANGLE SERIES: SURVIVING OUR PROSPERITY | 15 July 2019 | FNB Portside Building, Cape Town | How can we move toward collective sustainable prosperity when our cities have to accommodate a growing population and technology is threatening jobs? During this USB Leader’s Angle Series we will explore various aspects of environmental sustainability and our prosperity, including youth, education and technology. Join us at this USB Leader’s Angle Series in

celebration of World Environment Day and Plastic Free July. This also forms part of our 21 years of celebrating Futures Studies as an academic programme. [Programme and further details.](#)

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](#).

IMBEWU: CARBON TAX - HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 16 July 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

VALUES-BASED STRATEGY | 15 July 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | Around the world, there are increasing calls for "purpose beyond profit". How do companies go about crafting and implementing values-based strategies, embedding ethics and social impact into their core business models? [GIBS Website.](#)

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](#) for the Midrand Event, or [Desiree Naicker](#) or [Liza Monteiro](#) 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](#).

LEADING WOMEN IN BUSINESS POWER BREAKFAST 2019 | 13 August 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | The breakfast session is an opportunity to find inspiration in the stories of successful women in business. The conversation will focus on business, industry and the economy at large, as well as touch on issues such as gender bias and the empowerment of women. [GIBS Website.](#)

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

LAUNCH OF STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD (SOFI) 2019 | 15 July 2019 | New York, US | This special event will launch The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 report, presenting the latest estimates for food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition at global and regional levels. The report's findings are an important

yardstick to measure the world's progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 Zero Hungry by 2030. The event is co-organized by FAO, IFAD, WFP, WHO and UNICEF. [Draft agenda](#).

GLOBAL SUMMIT 2019 | 19 to 21 August 2019 | San Francisco, US | The annual Singularity University Global Summit gives leaders, entrepreneurs, and learners from around the world an opportunity to examine and discuss the latest developments in exponential technologies, the societal impacts of those technologies, and how to apply them to create positive change and achieve personal and organizational success. [SU Global Summit Website](#).

WORLD WATER WEEK 2019 | 25 to 30 August 2019 | Stockholm, Sweden | World Water Week is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues. Experts, practitioners, decision-makers, business innovators and young professionals from a range of sectors and countries come to Stockholm to network, exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions to the most pressing water-related challenges of today. In 2019, World Water Week will address the theme "Water for society – Including all". [SIWI Website](#).

2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ICSD) | 24 to 25 September 2019 | New York, US | The International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) provides a forum for academia, government, civil society, UN agencies, and the private sector to come together to share practical solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The theme of 2019 is "Good Practice: Models, Partnerships, and Capacity Building for the SDGs." [ICSD Website](#).

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