

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

SCALING THE IMPACT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE AGRI-PROCESSING SECTOR The National Business Initiative (NBI) in collaboration with The Confederation of Danish Industry (DI), are running a new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) project with the **Agri-processing sector** in South Africa. This process commenced in Cape Town at the end of April 2019 with a two-day Bootcamp. View NBI's latest News Update, [here](#).

KINDRED SPIRITS IN QUEST FOR COHESION Two years ago, when social cohesion emerged as the focal point for Indlulamithi, even those who helped make this choice were surprised. Social cohesion was not exactly the strongest signal on the socio-political radar at the time – and it is still unusual to find an organisation that prioritises the issue. [Indlulamithi South Africa Scenarios 2030](#).

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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY: DRIVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT The UN has estimated that the global population will near 11.3 billion by 2060, with Africa expected to experience just as much exponential growth (2.5 billion by 2050), which will represent about 26% of the world's total population. [Kate Stubbs, BizCommunity, 13 June 2019](#).

SDG8: GETTING TO WORK ON A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET A decent job is one of the main aspirations for people around the world, bringing with it the promise of economic security, a sense of pride and community, and a route to a better life for oneself and one's family. [Mike Scott, Business Green, 13 June 2019](#).

BUSINESS AS USUAL WILL NOT SAVE THE PLANET The United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) were explicitly designed to engage the private sector in addressing the world's most pressing challenges. [Mark R. Kramer, Rishi Agarwal and Aditi Srinivas, HBR, 12 June 2019.](#)

SUSTAINABLE CITIES INTEGRAL TO COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE Combating the effects of climate change will require a collective response from developed and developing cities, which need to pursue the development of sustainable cities, regardless of the disparity between the biggest contributors to and those most affected by climate change. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 12 June 2019.](#)

SWISS WOMEN TO STRIKE IN CALL FOR EQUAL PAY AND RIGHTS Ahead of a strike planned for Friday by women in Switzerland, Reuters spoke to nine women about their concerns, including the need for equal pay and pension rights and for action on discrimination and sexual harassment. [Denis Balibouse, Sharenet, 12 June 2019.](#)

CITY OF CAPE TOWN INVESTS 6,5 MILLION TO SUPPORTS TECH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT The City of Cape Town on Wednesday said it has invested R6,5 million into the Cape Information Technology Initiative (CiTi), for skills development programmes to train 100 young people from previously disadvantaged areas across the city. [Investing.Com SA, 12 June 2019.](#)

HOW VOICE TECHNOLOGY WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE The consumer world is being overhauled, from how we access products, services, content and education to how we build relationships, both with each other and with the world around us, how we engage with the devices that power our every day, how we live in our homes, and how we discover. [Robb Henzi and Oliver Wright, WEF, 11 June 2019.](#)

UK UNVEILS 2050 NET ZERO CARBON TARGET, IN A FIRST FOR A MAJOR ECONOMY The UK is to enshrine a 2050 net zero emissions target in law, with an amendment to the Climate Change Act introduced on Wednesday. [Megan Darby, Climate Change News, 11 June 2019.](#)

COMPLEMENTING AND OFFSETTING ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN WATER SECTOR The South African water sector is dependent on one source of electricity supply which makes it vulnerable to load shedding, shortage of supply and increasing steep tariffs. A Water Research Commission study has identified that municipalities have no backup plans for their major electricity requirements. [Dr John Ngoni Zvimba, BizCommunity, 11 June 2019.](#)

COMPANIES FACE \$1 TRILLION CLIMATE RISK An analysis of more than 200 of the world's largest companies has valued their collective climate risks at nearly US\$1 trillion, according to a new report by CDP, which runs a global environmental risk disclosure system for investors. [Responsible Business, 10 June 2019.](#)

5 REASONS TO BE MORE CHEERFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE OCEANS There are lots of reasons to feel blue about the state of the ocean. From acidification to climate change's impact on the zooplankton that form the basis of the marine food chain, there's a constant stream of bad news. [Joe Myers, WEF, 6 June 2019.](#)

EXAMINING THE TOP 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION COMPLIANCE Corporations and financial institutions doing business in foreign countries are responsible for ensuring that their business practices do not run afoul of laws against bribery and corruption. [Tad Simons, Thompson Reuters, 4 June 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

TSOGO SUN HOTELS UP AS 'STRONG PORTFOLIO' DRAWS BUYERS The newly listed company has 110 hotels, with a combined total of almost 19 000 rooms, ranging from budget to deluxe offerings. [Moneyweb, 13 June 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK STEPS IN TO HELP BLACK FARMERS South African lender Standard Bank has partnered with the University of the Free State and the province's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to assist transformation efforts in the local agriculture industry. [IOL Business, 13 June 2019.](#)

ABB INTRODUCES NEW COMPACT TURBOCHARGER FOR LOW-SPEED MARINE ENGINE MARKET In response to increasing demand for compact and efficient turbocharger technology for marine engines, ABB Turbocharging has launched the new A255-

L and A260-L turbochargers optimized for small and medium bore two-stroke diesel and gas engines. [Maritime Quote, 13 June 2019](#).

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](#).

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](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WBCSD: INSIDER PERSPECTIVE: MOVIN'ON, MONTREAL CANADA Florent Menegaux, the CEO of Michelin, a WBCSD member company, sent a clear message: "If we want our future to be better, it is time to act now." [WBCSD, 12 June 2019](#).

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](#).

FEMALE-LED YOUTH ASPHALT-MANUFACTURING COMPANY LAUNCHED IN LIMPOPO Last month marked the official launch of Maloka Machaba Surfacing (MM Surfacing), a 100% black youth-owned hot mix asphalt manufacturing company in Limpopo, the brainchild of Kate Machaba and Matshele Maloka. [BizCommunity, 3 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](#).

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.](#)

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 the **latest insights from CDP, the global environmental disclosure system**, [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: **"Climate Ambition Benchmarks: Defining the path to net-zero"**, [here.](#)

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is a global, CEO-led organization of over 200 leading businesses working together to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world. The NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest **News Article**, entitled: **"For business to work in the future, we need to put people at the heart of work"**, [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND TRANSITION RISK – JOHANNESBURG | Wednesday, 19 June 2019 | FutureSpace, 96 Rivonia Road, 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. **Please note that the venue has changed to FutureSpace, 4th floor, 96 Rivonia Road, Sandton (where Werksmans Attorneys are situated).**

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.

MORE THAN A FOOT IN THE DOOR: A REFLECTIVE SESSION ON THE SWISS SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME | Thursday, 27 June 2019 | Venue to be confirmed | The National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with the Swiss Embassy in South Africa and their implementing partners; the Hyatt Regency hotel, Park Inn hotel, the Hilton hotel and the Hotel and Tourism Management Institute (Switzerland) have embarked on a six-month pilot; the Swiss South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme (**SSHAP!**) to equip apprentices with the appropriate technical skills and work-readiness to increase their likelihood of success in the identified occupational roles and ultimately enhance their employability. We invite you to participate in an exciting reflective panel discussion comprising representatives from the SSHAP! apprentices and SSHAP! Kindly RSVP [here](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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.](#)

IMBEWU: CARBON TAX - HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 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.

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](#).

ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION CRAFTING A JUST ENERGY TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTH AFRICA | 10 to 11 July 2019 | Nedbank Campus, 135 Rivonia Road Sandton | This course provides a coherent economic benchmark from which further discussions of a just energy transition can take place. It is pertinent across the spectrum of the electricity supply industry and creates momentum for socioeconomic transformation of the energy sector. [Further information.](#)

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

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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