

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

TRIALOGUE'S STRATEGIC CSI AWARD: NBI's **Makano Morojele** has been appointed as a judge for the 2019 Trialogue Strategic CSI Award. The award recognises a single corporate social investment (CSI) project that delivers significant social benefits as well as competitive business benefits. The winner receives a double-page feature in the 2019 *Triologue Business in Society Handbook*, worth R85 000, as well as extensive media coverage. If you think that your company has a CSI project worth entering, download the application form [here](#). The deadline for entries is **31 July 2019**.

NBI SDGS AGRI-PROCESSING WORKSHOP - JOHANNESBURG Leading companies in the **Agri-processing sector** joined forces with the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** yesterday at a workshop held to unlock opportunity and shared value through the collective implementation of the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. This followed on from the SDGs Bootcamp held in Cape Town in April 2019 that the NBI ran to kick-off the Agri-processing sector SDGs project. [Further information.](#)

NBI'S TRANSFORMATION & SOCIAL COHESION UNIT hosted an Innovation Working Group with NBI member companies, looking at a culture of inclusion, at the GE Africa Innovation Centre in Houghton. View the video of the workshop [here](#). Should you and your company wish to get involved with this programme, please contact [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#).

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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

INCLUSION, EMPOWERMENT AND EQUALITY, MUST BE 'AT THE HEART OF OUR EFFORTS' TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, SAYS UN CHIEF The world's people are demanding "transformative change that is fair and sustainable," Secretary-General António Guterres said on Tuesday, calling on government leaders to use the upcoming slate of key United Nations meetings in September to "kickstart a decade of delivery and action for people and planet." [The European Sting, 18 July 2019.](#)

AFRICA: THE WORLD IS OFF-TRACK TO MEET MOST FOOD AND AGRICULTURE-RELATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS The world is off track to meet most of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets linked to hunger, food security and nutrition, according to a FAO report released today. [All Africa, 18 July 2019.](#)

CIRCULAR ECONOMIES IN THE MINING SECTOR: MORE THAN JUST RECYCLING There's been a shift in the mining industry from the linear extractive, consumption-based economic model that characterised the last century, to a new paradigm focused on sustainability through restorative and regenerative business practices. [Garqi Mishra, BizCommunity, 18 July 2019.](#)

SMARTER MOBILITY MAY BE THE ANSWER TO CURBING SA'S CARBON EMISSIONS The Carbon Tax Act has recently come into effect in South Africa with the aim to penalise large emitters of greenhouse gases to minimise the climate risks that hydrocarbon fuels present. [Ben Pullen, BizCommunity, 18 July 2019.](#)

SAD STATE OF OUR MUNICIPALITIES NEEDS URGENT INTERVENTION The Auditor-General's report on municipalities is a cause for serious concern, especially in the light of the World Bank's 2016 assertion that "cities can play a key part in creating jobs for the millions of youth who enter the workforce every year". [Chris Maxon, City Press, 18 July 2019.](#)

GET SMART TO AVOID A GLOBAL WATER CRISIS Technology is a critical aspect of improving the availability and accessibility of clean water around the world. [Stephane Y. Bessadi, Responsible Business, 17 July 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENTISTS ARE WORKING ON A REVOLUTIONARY NEW SOLAR PANEL Researchers from the University of the Free State (UFS) and Ghent University in Belgium are working on a revolutionary new type of window glass which will act as a transparent solar panel. [BusinessTech, 17 July 2019.](#)

10 BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES CAN HELP FEED THE WORLD WITHOUT DESTROYING IT How can the world feed nearly 10 billion people by 2050 while also advancing economic development, protecting and restoring forests, and stabilizing the climate? [Tim Searchinger, Craig Hanson, Richard Waite and Janet Ranganathan, WRI, 17 July 2019.](#)

HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TACKLE PLASTIC WASTE ON DURBAN'S BEACHES On Mandela Day (July 18), at least 500 school children will get an opportunity to tackle the plastic waste issue on the Durban's coastline through the Goby (Global Organisation 4 Brighter Youth) Environmental Project, which has international and local partners. [Mervyn Naidoo, IOL, 17 July 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

MTN APPOINTS NEW GROUP CHIEF DIGITAL, FINTECH OFFICER Telecommunications giant MTN has appointed Yolanda Cuba group chief digital and fintech officer to lead the strategic expansion of the company's financial services and digital solutions and transformation into a digital operator. [Engineering News, 18 July 2019.](#)

ABB IS AWARDED SEVERAL ORDERS FOR TRACTION EQUIPMENT TO EXPAND RAIL FLEETS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE ABB has received orders worth more than 140 million dollars from the Swiss train manufacturer Stadler, to which it will supply leading traction equipment for trains and locomotives in the United States and several European countries. [CBCC, 18 July 2019.](#)

RESPONSIBLE REMUNERATION GAINING TRACTION, BUT MORE WORK NEEDED – PWC The concept of fair and responsible remuneration is gaining traction in South Africa, with companies beginning to embrace this, but more needs to be done to turn this into a reality, including raising awareness nationally, says professional services firm PwC. [Engineering News, 16 July 2019](#).

SANLAM CAPE TOWN MARATHON INTENSIFYING ITS SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon aims to make a real impact in key areas with which the world is currently grappling, including climate action, affordable and clean energy, health and wellbeing, as well as peace. [The Newspaper, 16 July 2019](#).

NEDBANK'S YES TO JOBS AND A GREENER PLANET Youth unemployment has become one of the single most challenging aspects of South African society, according to Nedbank Chief Executive Mike Brown. [Moneyweb, 15 July 2019](#).

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](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

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NEW KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS FOR GREEN FINANCE AND GREENING BUSINESS A global partnership of some of the world's largest organisations have launched two new knowledge platforms on green finance and greening businesses. [Energy Live News, 18 July 2019](#).

ONLY A MINUTE NUMBER OF WOMEN ARE CHIEF EXECUTIVES, REPORT FINDS Only 3.31percent of chief executives of JSE-listed companies are women in the year to April 2019, a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has shown. [IOL Business, 17 July 2019](#).

WBCSD: NEW ROADMAP TO MAXIMIZE THE FOREST SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Yesterday, eleven leading member companies from the Forest Solutions Group (FSG) of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) have issued a [Forest Sector SDG Roadmap](#). Its aim is to maximize the sector's contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and help unlock the business opportunities that present themselves on this journey to 2030 and beyond.

CDPS LATEST NEWSLETTER Read the latest insights from CDP, the global environmental disclosure system, [here](#).

WBCSD CEO GUIDE TO HUMAN RIGHTS, launched recently 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](#).

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. They have built the most comprehensive collection of self-reported environmental information in the world. Over the past 18 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **press release** entitled: **"70% of companies fail to disclose impact on world's forests"**, [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 **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 **news article**, entitled: **"Major players across chemical and electric utility sectors share TCFD implementation experience"**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION | MEASURING THE IMPACT | Friday, 30 August 2019 | Workshop 17, Sandton | In our SA context of high inequality, poverty and increasing unemployment, the ability to create an inclusive economy is fundamental in driving social and economic transformation. We urgently require collaborative responses and action to change the trajectory towards a more stable, equitable and sustainable society. This requires a real commitment to the development, support and growth of the SME sector that continues to face major challenges in our economy. The purpose of this Thought Leadership dialogue is to grapple with these challenges, and to explore practical and implementable solutions through a case study. Growthpoint's initiative Property Point recently released a Development Impact Report that assesses the economic impact of programmes in supporting and growing SMEs over 10 years of operating. The insights from the report which will be shared at the dialogue, highlight the importance of measuring and evaluating interventions to ensure real impact and change. Should you wish to attend this session, please contact [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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.

WWF SOUTH AFRICA JUST TRANSITION YOUTH DIALOGUE: Growing an appetite for a just transition in the South African food system | 25 July 2019 | The Maslow Times Square, Pretoria | Youth have something to say, yet your voices are often underrepresented in debates and discussions about South Africa's transition to a low-carbon economy. Please join WWF South Africa for a robust interactive discussion on the just transition in the South African food systems. RSVP [here](#).

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](#).

APPLIED ECONOMICS | 29 July to 3 August 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | The aim of this course is to provide course participants with an understanding of South Africa's political economy. 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](#).

SAVE THE DATE: ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM | 13 August 2019 | Old Mutual, Pinelands | Putting your waste to work: Cape Town on the Road to Zero Waste. More information to follow. Queries: [Pholela Mcata](#) on EWV.Forum@capetown.gov.za or 021 400 1092.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES | 19 to 24 August 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | This course provides a comprehensive overview of the spectacular transformation of the world as it crosses the threshold of becoming a majority urban world for the first time in human history. The course delves into the differential dynamics of worldwide urbanisation,

with particular reference to the global South. It demonstrates that these large-scale shifts in human movement, economic development and expansion of the built environment hold deeply troubling implications for sustainability. 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.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE | 26 to 31 August 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | This course investigates business responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by sustainability and the manifestations of social (sustainable) enterprise, with special emphasis on developing country contexts, particularly South Africa. An overarching question is what role, if any, can enterprise play in the transition toward a 'new economy'. Is social enterprise a legitimate 'new economy' trend that imbues a genuine shift in attitudes and behaviour, or is it a veil for business as usual? For more information or to apply click [here](#).

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) | **17 to 19 September 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg |** For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 2 to 3 October 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**.

CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 21 to 25 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: **21 October**; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: **22 October**; Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): **23 October**; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1): **24 to 25 October**. Offered jointly by ESS and Water Energy Carbon Consulting. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

AFRICA WATER FORUM | 25 July 2019 | Balalaika Hotel, Sandton, South Africa | The African Water Forum will address the opportunities and challenges to achieve the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #6 – Clean Water and Sanitation for All. Water experts from around the globe will provide insights to achieving SDG#6 with a focus on Africa. [View 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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