

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**AFRICA WATER FORUM** taking place today in Johannesburg addresses 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, including **NBI's Alex McNamara, Programme Manager: Climate and Water**. Alex is presenting select findings of **Kopano ya Metsi**, focussing on strengthening municipal water management and enabling public private partnerships (PPPs) in South Africa. Last week on 16 July 2019, Alex also presented at the stakeholder engagement event that followed the **address** by L N Sisulu, MP, Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation at the **Water and Sanitation budget vote** in the National Assembly.

**PROPERTY POINT ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION REPORT LAUNCH 2019** Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze, NBI's Head of Transformation & Social Cohesion will be participating as a panellist at this launch taking place next week on 31 July 2019 in Sandton. South Africa's collective vision for economic transformation is 11 million new jobs and a growth rate of 5.4% by the year 2030. As we have not made nearly enough progress towards meeting these targets, tangible action towards economic transformation and job creation through small businesses has never been more compelling. The launch of this **Development Impact Report** presents an opportunity for us as a nation to reflect and navigate a new course. To attend this engagement, kindly RSVP **here**.

**SSHAP!** Earlier this month, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and Harambee conducted the first of three check-in-sessions for the 37 apprentices, participating in the **Swiss South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme (SSHAP!)**, currently placed at the Hilton Sandton, Hyatt Regency and Park Inn Sandton Hotels. Read **here**.

**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)** last week 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](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**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. [Agri Portal South Africa, 25 July 2019](#).

**MORE THAN £1BN OF FOOD WASTED BEFORE REACHING SUPERMARKETS – STUDY** More than £1bn of food destined for UK supermarkets is thrown away or fed to animals before it leaves farms every year, according to a study highlighting the scale of the country's waste problem. [Sarah Butler, The Guardian, 25 July 2019](#).

**SCIENTISTS FIND CLUES ON HOW SOILS MAY RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE** According to an international team of scientists, rock core samples from a period of warming millions of years ago indicate soils contributed to a rapid rise in atmospheric greenhouse gas and suggest modern climate models may overestimate Earth's ability to mitigate future warming. [South Africa News.Net, 25 July 2019](#).

**THE FUTURE OF ZERO WASTE TO LANDFILL AND THE NEW CARBON TAX** South Africa is fast approaching a situation of running out of landfill space; the inevitable "day full" is on our doorstep. The roll-out of the country's carbon tax – which is geared towards reducing carbon emissions by 34% by 2020 and 42% by 2025 – will change the way that companies do business. [Retail Brief Africa, 24 July 2019](#).

**THE NEXT START-UP CITIES THAT WILL TRANSFORM THE GLOBAL ECONOMY** During the past decade, much of the discussion about start-up ecosystems has been centred on the question of which city or region will become "the next Silicon Valley". [Marc Penzel, WEF, 23 July 2019](#).

**BUSHBUCKRIDGE YOUTH BENEFIT FROM YES INITIATIVE** The Youth Employment Services (YES) is helping to create jobs for the Bushbuckridge youth within the tourism and hospitality industry. [Yvonne Silaule, Engineering News, 23 July 2019](#).

**CITIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH CAN LEARN FROM HOW CAPE TOWN SURVIVED THE DROUGHT** The City of Cape Town and its residents are slowly recovering from the recent drought, which peaked in 2018 and nearly shut off municipal taps last summer. [Leonie Joubert and Gina Ziervogel, Business Maverick, 23 July 2019](#).

**SCIENCE CAN DOUBLE THE SOLAR DIVIDEND** Researchers have found three new ways to double the solar dividend, making the sun work harder and deliver more to the renewable economy. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 22 July 2019](#).

**HYDROGEN FUEL-CELL CARS COULD SPELL BOOM OR BUST FOR SA PLATINUM INDUSTRY** Effervescent multi-entrepreneur Elon Musk famously described hydrogen-powered fuel-cell cars as 'mind-bogglingly stupid'. The 200,000-plus people employed in SA's platinum mines better hope he is wrong, because if he is right, the platinum industry is destined to go the same way as SA's gold industry. [Tim Cohen, Business Maverick, 21 July 2019](#).

**HOW FIXING BROKEN FOOD SYSTEMS CAN HELP US MEET ALL THE SDGS** Global leaders have set themselves a series of ambitious goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Ending hunger by 2030 (SDG 2) or reducing

premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by a third (SDG 3), for example, will be no mean feat. [Paul Stokes, WEF/The European Sting, 19 July 2019.](#)

**3 STRATEGIES FOR AFRICA TO THRIVE IN THIS NEW ERA OF GLOBALIZATION** Globalization 4.0 presents Africa with a unique opportunity to position itself as a knowledge-led economy and to harness its demographic dividend – the youth – in addressing its grand challenges. Researchers have proved beyond doubt that knowledge and science-driven development is key to the socio-economic growth and wellbeing of the people of a given country. [Sampson Kofi Adotey, WEF, 19 July 2019.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**MINER ANGLO AMERICAN TO USE ONLY RENEWABLE ENERGY IN CHILE BY 2021** Anglo American Plc said on Wednesday it would use only renewable sources to power its mine operations in Chile beginning in 2021, thanks to a deal the global miner signed with the Chilean subsidiary of Italian energy giant Enel. [Business Maverick, 25 July 2019.](#)

**STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN ANNOUNCES CASTER SEMENYA AS HEADLINE SPEAKER FOR 2019 CONFERENCE** Topco Media announces Olympic gold medallist Caster Semenya as the headline speaker for its Standard Bank Top Women Conference taking place at Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni, on 14 and 15 August 2019. [BizCommunity, 25 July 2019.](#)

**VODACOM'S INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO GROW** JSE-listed Vodacom's international operations have once again outperformed the South African operations during the quarter ended June 30. [Engineering News, 25 July 2019.](#)

**SASOL CHOOSES ENAEX AS PREFERRED EXPLOSIVES PARTNER** As part of the process of incorporating a strategic partner into its explosives and rock fragmentation division, JSE-listed petrochemicals company Sasol has selected Chile-headquartered Enaex as its preferred partner. [Engineering News, 25 July 2019.](#)

**ANGLO AMERICAN BRINGS DIVERSITY TO EXECUTIVE TEAM IN BIG SHAKE-UP** Anglo American plc has announced the appointment of veteran executive Nolitha Fakude and Kumba Iron Ore chief executive Themba Mkhwanazi to its executive management in a major shake-up announced yesterday. [IOL Business, 25 July 2019.](#)

**MONDI SHARES ARE UP ON NEWS OF PROFOUND RISE IN GROUP'S EARNINGS** Mondi rose more than 4percent on the JSE yesterday after the packaging and paper group flagged that its earnings would rise on the back of lower net charges after tax during the six months to end June compared to the prior year. [IOL Business, 24 July 2019.](#)

**PWC STUDY FINDS RECORD CEO TURNOVER; DISMISSALS OWING TO MISCONDUCT RISING** The turnover rate of CEOs hit a record 17.5% in 2018, but a group of executives are holding steady, says consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). [Engineering News, 23 July 2019.](#)

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**MATATIELE DUO WINS LIVING PLANET AWARD 2019** Two women who are the powerhouse behind a non-profit, social enterprise organisation, Environmental and Rural Solutions, based in Matatiele in the Eastern Cape have been named the winners of WWF South Africa's Living Planet Award for 2019. [WWF-SA, 25 July 2019.](#)

**OVER A QUARTER OF SPECIES MEASURED ARE AT RISK OF EXTINCTION, REPORT WARNS** More than 28,000 species around the world are threatened, according to the Red List of Threatened Species compiled by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). [Peter Kyne, The Conversation/WEF, 25 July 2019.](#)

**TRIALOGUE'S STRATEGIC CSI 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 *Dialogue 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**.

**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](#).

## 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 **news article** entitled: "**Dr. Warren Washington, pioneering scientist, on the birth of climate modelling and advising six presidents**", [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. View the **CEO Water Mandate Events taking place during Stockholm World Water Week 2019**, [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 recently published **press release** entitled, **"28 companies with combined market cap of \$1.3 trillion step up to new level of climate ambition"**, [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 South African 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 highlight the importance of measuring and evaluating interventions to ensure real impact and change. Should you wish to attend this session, please contact [Nombulelo Ndaba](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

**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](#).

**PROTECTING AFRICA'S ECOSYSTEMS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME | 5 August 2019 | GIBS, Illovo** | Damien Mader's fascinating journey from the self-described "ultimate boys club" of special forces to conservation and the inspiring women of Akashinga he has trained to protect Africa's ecosystems for future generations. RSVP [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](#).

**ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM | 13 August 2019 | Old Mutual, Pinelands** | Putting your waste to work: Cape Town on the Road to Zero Waste. We will discuss issues facing the Western Cape waste sector and what waste means for your business. City of Cape Town representatives will present the major challenges in the waste industry, as well as highlight plans for the sector. Queries: [Pholela Mcata](mailto:Pholela.Mcata@eww.forum@capetown.gov.za) on [EWV.Forum@capetown.gov.za](mailto: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](#).

**WATER LEAKAGE SUMMIT 2019 | 28 to 29 August 2019 | 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](http://www.watersummit.co.za). To reserve a place as a sponsor or exhibitor, kindly e-mail the following: [Constance Makola](mailto:Constance.Makola@dbsa.co.za) for the Midrand Event.

**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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto: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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**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](#).

**24TH WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS | 9 to 12 September 2019 | United Arab Emirates** | The 24th World Energy Congress aims to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media. With over 10,000 participants expected, the Congress will attract over 250-star speakers, 50 ministers, 500 CEOs, 500 Media with an exhibition space that will cover 40,000 sqm. [Register here.](#)

**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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