

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

WHAT THE TRANSITION TO A LOW CARBON GLOBAL ECONOMY MEANS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS South African companies that have not begun to understand the impacts of the transition to a low-carbon world on their business models and long-term strategies may be cutting it fine. At a country level, South Africa is at significant risk from climate change and if we do not act timeously, we risk lagging behind global developments and suffering the consequences of that. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

TODAY THE NBI HOSTED A REFLECTIVE SESSION ON THE SWISS SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL This 6-month pilot programme equips 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. Please contact [Shavilla Harpal](#) should you wish to learn more about this initiative. [#SSHAP](#)

NBI CDP LAUNCH WEEK The NBI's 2018 CDP South Africa report was launched recently in Johannesburg, Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal with CDP data being used to track the progress by companies in South Africa in scaling up climate action and ambition. SA companies have been responding to CDP for over ten years but in 2018 we have seen a drop in CDP scores because little improvement was made to increase climate ambition and enhance target setting. Changes made to the CDP questionnaires and scoring methodologies also played a role in reducing scores in 2018. **The message is clear: good governance is no longer enough to secure one's spot on the A-list; ambitious action is required.** Kindly click [here](#) to access the CDP South Africa Climate Change 2018 Executive Summary and [here](#) for the CDP South Africa Water 2018 Executive Summary.

SA'S WATER: HOW TO STOP A RUNAWAY PROBLEM Water availability is one of the biggest threats facing South Africa's people and businesses. 46% of municipalities cannot fulfil their water and waste mandate. To fix SA's water crisis - this is where we need to start. Listen to NBI's [Alex McNamara](#) discussing strategies on how to fix SA's water crisis. [Daily Maverick, 13 June 2019](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

HOW MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLATFORMS CAN STRENGTHEN OUR MULTILATERAL SYSTEM At the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum earlier this year, António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations, pointed out the trend of weakening coordination within the global community in response to an increasingly inter-connected set of challenges. [Joo-Ok Lee, WEF/The European Sting, 27 June 2019.](#)

ROBBEN ISLAND JOINS LIST OF 20 NEW PROTECTED MARINE SITES IN SOUTH AFRICA South Africa's Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries recently declared 20 marine sites as protected areas. One of them is Robben Island, the site of the prison where anti-apartheid activists including Nelson Mandela were jailed for decades. [Alison Kock, BizCommunity, 27 June 2019.](#)

4IR BECOMING INTEGRAL TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES' COMPETITIVENESS STRATEGIES The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) has become somewhat of a buzzword in Africa and countries are making it an integral part of their strategies to increase competitiveness, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's Dr Rachel Chikwamba told delegates attending the Manufacturing Indaba, on Tuesday. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 26 June 2019.](#)

RAMAPHOSA TO ATTEND G20 SUMMIT IN FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP SINCE INAUGURATION President Cyril Ramaphosa will lead the South African delegation to the annual G20 Leaders' Summit when he undertakes a working visit to Japan from 28 to 29 June 2019, the Presidency said in a statement. [The Citizen, 26 June 2019.](#)

A NEW SKILL SET FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO COMPETE WITH THE WORLD A report by Price Water Coopers (PWC) predicts that by 2030, AI will boost the global economy by \$15.7 trillion. [My PR, 26 June 2019.](#)

EASTERN CAPE FARMERS RECEIVE ECONOMIC BOOST TO ALLIATE DROUGHT CRISIS Relief among country's leading citrus and vegetable farmers as government relaxes water allocation restrictions for Gamtoos River Valley farms. [GoodThingsGuy, 26 June 2019.](#)

DESPITE CLIMATE PLEDGES, G20 COAL SUBSIDIES RISE Despite promising a decade ago to phase out fossil fuel subsidies, the world's leading economies more than doubled subsidies to coal-fired power plants over three years, putting climate goals at risk, energy researchers said Tuesday. [Reuters/Business Maverick, 25 June 2019.](#)

CIRCULAR CITIES OF THE WORLD: WHAT CAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DO? More than half of the world's population currently lives in cities while projections show an increase to two thirds by 2050. [Daniel Johnson, BizCommunity, 25 June 2019.](#)

HOW FASHION COMPANIES CAN COLLABORATE TO TACKLE THEIR BIGGEST SOURCE OF CARBON POLLUTION Clothing and footwear companies now have guidance through the Science Based Targets initiative on how to set Paris-consistent climate goals. To really cut emissions, they'll need to work together and focus on value chains. [WRI, Cynthia Cummis and Yelena Akopian, 25 June 2019.](#)

WWF: ZAMBIA HALTS HYDROPOWER DAM ON LUANGWA RIVER In a major boost for communities and wildlife in the Luangwa valley, the Zambian government has halted plans to construct a mega hydropower dam across the river – safeguarding the diverse benefits it provides to people and nature. [WWF Zambia, 25 June 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

SIZING THE PRIZE: PWC'S GLOBAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STUDY: Exploiting the AI Revolution What's the real value of AI for your business and how can you capitalise? Download the report [here.](#)

SANLAM-DUTCH VENTURE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE TOPS EXPECTATIONS, CLOSES AT \$850M Cooperatief Climate Fund Managers U.A. (CFM) is proud to announce the final close of Climate Investor One's Stichting Development Fund and Cooperatief Construction Equity Fund U.A. at a combined USD 850 million. [Money-Marketing, 27 June 2019.](#)

GROWTHPOINT-INVESTEC AFRICAN JV SECURES ITS FIRST TWO DEALS Growthpoint and Investec Asset Management announced their pan-African real estate investment joint venture backed by the World Bank's International Finance

Corporation investment arm more than three-and-a-half years ago. Its first deals have now been secured and are about to be revealed. [Moneyweb, 27 June 2019.](#)

NEDBANK'S R3.2M PARTNERSHIP WITH PROGRAMME WILL SUPPORT CAPE TOWN ENTREPRENEURS The RLabs Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme which was launched on Friday 21 June has been enabled by a R3 220 000 partnership with Nedbank. [Cape Business News, 26 June 2019.](#)

HOW THE IDC IS HELPING SA'S YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) is a true supporter of youth-empowered businesses. [IOL Business, 24 June 2019.](#)

ANGLO'S SEEN THE FUTURE OF MINING, AND IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE FARMING Addressing analysts in London recently, Anglo technical director Tony O'Neill outlined a vision of the future where mines will be similar to farms. [Moneyweb, 24 June 2019.](#)

INVESTEC JOINS BIG FIRMS IN ADOPTING FLEXIBLE LEAVE AND DRESS CODE Deadlines will still have to be met, dressing appropriately for conservative clients applies and staff have to bring innovative ideas to the table. [BusinessLIVE, 23 June 2019.](#)

SWISS CITY OF BERN AND ABB ACHIEVE NEW MILESTONE WITH E-BUS ROUTE A pioneering electric bus project in Switzerland's capital, Bern, underlines the country's position as a leader in e-mobility and sustainable transportation. [ABB, 20 June 2019.](#)

SHELL RENEWABLES DRIVE CONTINUES WITH COMPLETION OF DUTCH PV PLANT Wood has completed work on Shell's first solar PV plant located at the Shell Nederland Chemie Moerdijk Chemical Facility near Breda in the Netherlands. [Recharge, 20 June 2019.](#)

TSGO 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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

REPORT-BACK FORUM ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN HELD The Visayas-Mindanao leg of the Report-back Forum on the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW63) was held June 21 at the Ateneo de Davao University campus, here and gathered some 120 women from key sectors of the government alongside private and civil society partners. [South Africa News, 27 June 2019.](#)

AFRICA: UN WOMEN RELEASES REPORT ON EQUALITY, FAMILIES The United Nations says women's rights have advanced over the past decades, but gender inequality and violence still exists within families. [All Africa, 26 June 2019.](#)

WE HAVE 12 YEARS TO LIMIT CLIMATE CHANGE CATASTROPHE, WARNS UN The authors of the landmark report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released on Monday say urgent and unprecedented changes are needed to reach the target, which they say is affordable and feasible although it lies at the most ambitious end of the Paris agreement pledge to keep temperatures between 1.5C and 2C. [Agri Portal South Africa, 26 June 2019.](#)

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE (CDE'S) LATEST REPORT URBAN MANAGEMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY captures ten of Professor Glaeser's insights on cities, urban management and the vital role they play in growth, inclusion and development. Download [here](#).

WBCSD: OVER 30 CEOS CALL FOR BUSINESS ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS The CEO Guide to Human Rights recently launched brings to life the business drivers for action and the tangible steps CEOs can take to ensure their companies go beyond compliance and drive transformative change in people's lives. [WBCSD, 19 June 2019.](#)

SDG 8: TOP TIPS FOR DELIVERING GREEN EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH SDG 8 is one of the broadest-based of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, encompassing a host of different issues, ranging from modern slavery, child labour and labour rights to gender diversity, green skills, and access to financial services. [Business Green, 19 June 2019.](#)

REPORT: WIND AND SOLAR TO DELIVER HALF THE WORLD'S POWER BY 2050 BloombergNEF report concludes that in nearly two thirds of the world wind and solar are the least expensive option for new capacity, but long-term challenges remain for grid decarbonisation efforts. [Business Green, 19 June 2019.](#)

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.](#)

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. Submission deadline is: **31 July 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 latest **case study**, entitled: **"How an oil and gas company survives the low-carbon transition"**, [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 newsletter** just 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 latest **news article**, entitled: **"WBCSD's call for business leadership on human rights extends to Brazil and Portugal"**, [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

NBI SDGS AGRI-PROCESSING WORKSHOP - JOHANNESBURG | Wednesday, 17 July 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | Details to follow shortly.

LEADERCAST: LEADING HEALTHY TEAMS | 4 July 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg | Leadercast is the largest one-day leadership event in the world, broadcasted each year from Atlanta to hundreds of Host Sites around the globe. Since 2010, South Africa has been part of the Leadercast family and 2019 will be no exception. This innovative leadership event will bring together experts in leadership and organisational health to help attendees master the art and science of developing and leading healthy teams. [Website](#).

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](#).

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

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](#).

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

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.](#)

GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN 2019 | 4 to 6 July 2019 | Basel, Switzerland | Don't miss the opportunity to connect with women in business and government worldwide for exchanges of best practices for advancing women. [Further information.](#)

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.](#)

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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