

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

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.](#)

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](#).

LAST WEEK 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 last month 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. [CDP South Africa Water and Climate Change Infographics 2018](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

USING TECH TO GIVE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS A JOURNEY OF HOPE While improving the local economy is seen as key in enabling South Africa to address the pressing developmental challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment, bridging the skills gap will be vital in order ensuring sustainable and accelerated growth. [Lenny Naidoo, BizCommunity, 4 July 2019.](#)

SAWEA CALLS FOR URGENT FINALISATION OF THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN The wind energy industry, represented by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) is calling for the release of the finalised Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in order to create the certainty required to attract foreign investment. [The Green Business Guide, 4 July 2019.](#)

WILL AUTOMATION IMPROVE WORK FOR WOMEN — OR MAKE IT WORSE? For nearly 30 years, women's share of the global labour force has been stuck stubbornly around the 39% mark; progress toward gender equality in work is glacial. [Anu Madgavkar, Mekala Krishnan and Kweilin Ellingrud, HBR, 3 July 2019.](#)

COUNTRIES' CLIMATE PLANS (NDCS) ARE MISSING A BIG OPPORTUNITY: REDUCING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE In the run up to the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019, national leaders will be looking for ways to ratchet up their commitments—known as “Nationally Determined Contributions” (NDCs)—under the historic Paris Agreement on climate change. [Craig Hanson, WRI, 3 July 2019.](#)

HOW TO CREATE RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION 4.0 Every company, government and individual, regardless of where they are based, is completely dependent on global value chains that seamlessly deliver goods and services around the world. [Suphachai Chearavanont, The European Sting/WEF, 2 July 2019.](#)

CHINA PLEDGES TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE PLAN BY 2020 In a joint statement with France, the world's biggest emitter declared an intention to upgrade its contribution to the Paris Agreement. [Chloe Farand, Climate Change News, 2 July 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST SDG REPORT CARD: HOW TO MOVE BEYOND TICKING BOXES South Africa will present its first progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals at the United Nations on July 17. This report will provide a rather extensive snapshot of the country's progress towards the 169 ambitious targets. [Willem Fourie, The Conversation, 2 July 2019.](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: THESE 3 CHARTS SHOW WHAT PEOPLE REALLY THINK There needs to be greater scrutiny of the use of artificial intelligence, according to a poll of 20,000 people across 27 countries. [Emma Charlton, WEF, 1 July 2019.](#)

ENVIRONMENTALISTS REMOVED MORE THAN 40 TONS OF TRASH FROM THE PACIFIC -- AND IT BARELY MADE A DENT Environmentalists have removed more than 40 tons of plastic from the Pacific Ocean. The group, Ocean Voyages Institute, said the clean-up mission was the "largest and most successful ocean clean-up to date" in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. [Michelle Lou, CNN, 1 July 2019.](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE USE PHASE As business, government and civil society make progress in addressing the human rights impacts and ethical questions arising from the use of artificial intelligence (AI), we believe that one supremely important constituency needs to participate much more actively: the "non-technology" companies integrating AI into their business operations, strategies and plans. *Dunstan Allison-Hope, Michaela Lee and Hannah Darnton, GreenBiz, 28 June 2019.*

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

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.*

ARUP BACKS CITIES TO HELP REACH THEIR CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS Arup has announced a renewal of its partnership with C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) to affect meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change. *Engineering News, 28 June 2019.*

WOOLWORTHS PARTICIPATES IN GOVERNMENT-LED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE Woolworths has launched its first intake of candidates from the Youth Employment Services (YES) programme, a government-led partnership with business, labour and civil society that aims to empower one million young South Africans by offering paid, quality work experience. *BizCommunity, 27 June 2019.*

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

RAMAPHOSA TO ADDRESS 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION SUMMIT President Cyril Ramaphosa will officially open and address the first 4th Industrial Revolution SA - Digital Economy Summit on Friday. [MSN News, 4 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](#).

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.](#)

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 latest **press release** entitled: **"Financial and non-financial reporting frameworks share common founding principles of transparency and accountability"**, [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** 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: **“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 | Details to follow shortly.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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.

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

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

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](#).

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 | 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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