

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

Kindly note that due to the public holiday next week, OACD will next be published on Thursday, 15 August 2019.

GROWING GREEN SKILLS AND JOBS IN THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY The National Business Initiative (NBI) and its partners have initiated a programme to develop learning and employment pathways for Technical Plumbing Assistants, targeting unemployed and underqualified youth and offering a pathway to becoming a qualified Plumber. The Initiative provides an opportunity for employers looking to tap into a high-potential technical skills talent pool of young people for its entry-level employment needs, enterprise / supplier development incubation and apprenticeship opportunities. Interested employers who are willing to host students for workplace learning should contact: [Cecil Macheke](#) or [Shavilla Harpal](#). For more information, view the full programme [here](#).

RECENTLY PUBLISHED: EXPLORING PPP FEASIBILITY IN SA'S WATER SECTOR The local water and sanitation sector faces numerous problems, not least of which is a funding gap of R330 billion over the next 10 years. Public-private partnerships (PPPs) may offer a solution, but are they sustainable in South Africa's water and sanitation space? Read what [Alex McNamara, Programme Manager: Climate and Water, NBI](#) has to say on [Page 12](#).

PROPERTY POINT DEVELOPMENT IMPACT REPORT *"We urgently need to grow businesses and our economy to address South Africa's societal problems of inequality and inequity"*- [Shawn Theunissen, CSR Executive: Growthpoint & Head of Property Point](#). This was the core aim of Growthpoint's creation of a vehicle, Property Point, for meaningful and impactful enterprise and supplier development that supports entrepreneurial, economic and social success. Ten years later, Property Point has demonstrated tangible results, detailed in the [Development Impact Report](#). [NBI's Head of Social Transformation, Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze's](#) key input as panellist at the launch event held last night in Sandton, was to highlight the need for: a deep understanding of the context and structural challenges facing SMEs, thoughtful and measurable interventions and collaborative approaches for impact.

SEPTEMBER 2019 AND CLIMATE AMBITION The end of September marks a big moment in the climate change calendar this year. New York will see an influx of the climate change community as the city simultaneously hosts **Climate Week New York (CWNY)** and the **United Nations Secretary General's (UNSG)** Summit on Climate Change. Both events seek to push up ambition, Climate Week of business and the UNSG Summit of government. Read NBI's latest News Update [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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

IF WE WANT TO SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER GOVERNANCE IS OUR BLUEPRINT The phrase “fail to prepare or prepare to fail” comes to mind as we enter an era in which governments and communities must band together to mitigate climate change. [Elizabeth Taylor, WEF/The European Sting, 1 August 2019.](#)

UK SHOULD 'URGENTLY EXTEND CLIMATE LAWS TO OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS' The Institute of Public Policy Research is calling for binding targets for the rapid reduction of environmental impacts, including biodiversity and air quality. [Priyanka Shrestha, Energy Live News, 1 August 2019.](#)

ONLY A CLIMATE REVOLUTION CAN COOL THE WORLD An academic book on fossil fuel consumption reaches a startling conclusion: only a climate revolution can force governments to act to stop the planet overheating. [Paul Brown, Climate News Network, 31 July 2019.](#)

AFRICA RISES TO LEAD CONVERSATION ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AMIDST CLIMATE CHANGE The drought which brought the Western Cape to its knees and hammered agriculture in various parts of the country – resulting in job losses and lost production – brought home the pressing need for a sustainable agriculture sector built on smart resource management and adaptation of production systems. [South Africa Today, 31 July 2019.](#)

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE: WOMEN IN STARTUPS The first few people that come to mind when you think of start-ups are, more often than not, men. [Opportunity Desk, 30 July 2019.](#)

TVET SECTOR GETS R150 MILLION INJECTION In an effort to ramp up skills development in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges R150 million has been allocated from the National Skills Fund. [Cindy Payle, Skills Portal, 30 July 2019.](#)

WATER AND SANITATION DEPT WELCOMES SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN WCAPE DAM LEVELS The department of water and sanitation (DWS) on Tuesday welcomed a significant increase in dam levels across the Western Cape following recent rains. [Engineering News, 30 July 2019.](#)

CAPE TOWN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PAYS OFF The largest privately-owned modular wastewater treatment plant, together with a borehole water treatment plant at Cape Town's Mutual Park, is working well and is able to provide treated water to between 10 000 and 15 000 people a day. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 30 July 2019.](#)

YOUR AI EFFORTS WON'T SUCCEED UNLESS THEY BENEFIT EMPLOYEES Automation and AI are often perceived by companies that leverage them as an important source of labour productivity. Many workers in such companies, however, tend to see the adoption of these and other technologies as putting their jobs in jeopardy or creating more stressful workplaces. [Jacques Bughin and James Manyika, Harvard BR, 25 July 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

LIBERTY REPORTS BIG INTERIM PROFIT JUMP Financial services group Liberty Holdings on Thursday reported 51% jump in pre-tax profit for the six months ended June 2019, to R3.73 billion. [BusinessTech, 1 August 2019.](#)

MONDI DELIVERS STRONG HALF-YEAR PERFORMANCE DESPITE CHALLENGING TRADE CONDITIONS LSE- and JSE-listed paper and packaging firm Mondi Group delivered a strong performance for the six months ended June 30, against a backdrop of increasingly challenging trading conditions, with underlying earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) rising by 5% to €894-million. [Engineering News, 1 August 2019.](#)

SHELL'S LOW CARBON EFFORTS COULD DELIVER LONG-TERM CREDIT RATING BOOST, SAYS MOODY'S Increasing investments in EVs, renewables, biofuels and clean tech make Shell a safer long-term bet for investors compared to some its oil industry peers, says ratings agency. [BusinessGreen, 1 August 2019.](#)

AB INBEV EMPOWERS FARMERS ACROSS AFRICA THROUGH BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY The world's largest brewer AB InBev said on Wednesday a partnership with US fintech company BanQu was giving smallholder African farmers in its supply chain the resources they needed to grow and prosper. [IOL Business, 31 July 2019.](#)

MTN DONATES EQUIPMENT TO LIFE RECOVERY YOUTH CENTRE IN JOHANNESBURG Global telecommunications group MTN on Tuesday said it has donated equipment to the Life Recovery Youth Centre in Randfontein outside of Johannesburg as part of MTN's nationwide Mandela Day activation. [IOL Business, 31 July 2019.](#)

ILLOVO SUGAR AFRICA AND PARTNERS LAUNCH LANDASSESS TOOL In order to implement its land rights policies and commitments, Illovo Sugar Africa has collaborated with Landesa and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in the development of a new Landesa LandAssess Tool. [BizCommunity, 31 July 2019.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

INCOME TAX ACT AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR ENERGY SAVING The Treasury wants to repeal the tax exemption for certified emissions reductions and extend the energy-efficiency savings tax incentive for a further three years. [Business Day, 30 July 2019.](#)

INCOMING ECOSOC PRESIDENT OUTLINES 2020 PRIORITIES The UN Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) launched its 2020 session, electing Mona Juul of Norway to serve as President. Juul noted the urgent need to set the “content and form” of the 2020 session of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). [SDG Knowledge Hub, 30 July 2019.](#)

SMME FUNDING - THE PRACTICAL ANSWERS The skills to obtain and manage funding are highly sought after by entrepreneurs and SMMEs. Annie McWalter, CEO of SAICA Enterprise Development, comments on some of the ways in which SAICA has mobilised the chartered accountancy profession to address some tough issues hampering sustainable SMME development. [BizCommunity, 30 July 2019.](#)

WBCSD INSIDER PERSPECTIVE: Key takeaways from the 2019 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development The [High-Level Political Forum](#) (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, the UN’s central platform for follow-up and review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), took place at the UN headquarters in New York City from 9 to 18 July 2019. [WBCSD, 26 July 2019.](#)

WBCSD CIRCULAR TRANSITION INDICATORS Today, our world is 9 % circular. As the pressure to shift from linear to more circular ways of doing business increases, the good news is that the opportunity to improve stands at 91%. The momentum to transition is growing and both the private and public sectors are beginning to set ambitious circular targets. Transparency and alignment are critical to establishing a common language across industries and governments. [WBCSD, 25 July 2019.](#)

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.](#)

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 **news article** entitled: “**Is the EU now raising its ambition on 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. 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 thought leadership **news article**, entitled: “**9 tips to make your sustainability collaboration a success**”, [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

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](#) on EWW.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. 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, 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

WEBINAR: LONG-TERM CLIMATE STRATEGIES AND THE U.N. CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT | 7 August 2019 (9:00 am - 10:00 am EDT) | Countries should come to the UN Climate Action Summit with net-zero emissions plans says UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Join our webinar to learn how long-term strategies are critical for climate action and get a snapshot of countries' progress ahead of the Summit. [Register for Podcast](#).

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](#).

UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019 | 23 September 2019 | New York, US | In September world leaders will convene in New York for the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit. In line with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on the impacts of a global warming of 1.5 °C, one of the key objectives of the summit is to secure political will leading to ambitious 2020 commitments, as well as long-term strategies with concrete steps and interim targets towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050. [Further information](#).

CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK (CWNY) | 23 to 29 September 2019 | New York, US | Run in coordination with the UN and the City of New York, Climate Week continues to grow as the time and place for the world to showcase amazing climate action and discuss how to do more. Climate Week NYC is run by The Climate Group, the international non-profit focused on accelerating climate action. [CWNY Website](#).

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM NORTH AMERICA 2019 | 25 September 2019 | New York, US | The Largest Finance Forum During Climate Week NYC. The Forum will welcome over 350 attendees, including asset owners and managers, banks, development institutions, policymakers, think tanks and NGOs, looking to drive the sustainability agenda. It is the number one meeting place during Climate Week NYC for the sustainable finance community. [View website](#).

2019 C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT | 9 to 12 October 2019 | Copenhagen, Denmark | The C40 World Mayors Summit will feature innovative events, plenary sessions, breakout sessions, press conferences and cultural activities, serving as a unique forum for member cities to present **the innovative** actions they have taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience. [C40 Website](#).

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