

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI CHAIRMAN, CAS COOVADIA, HIGHLIGHTS A KEY STRENGTH OF THE NBI AND HOW THE NBI BUILDS TRUST IN THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN SOCIETY [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MENTORSHIP DEVELOPMENT (TAMDEV) is an intervention whereby experienced individuals from the private sector are placed in Government-directed roles to assist in the improvement of service delivery and to mentor public servants at the same time. The aim is for private sector participants to collaborate with Government to identify areas of need as well as potential solutions and to find the human resources from within the private sector for deployment into the identified areas. **TAMDEV** is operating from within the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and has recently appointed **Ruth Troskie** as the Project Manager. The Initiative is supported by ASISA, Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA), the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), the National Mentorship Movement (NMM), Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), iLimaLethu Trust, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Banking Association of South Africa (BASA). To get involved, please contact: **[Ruth Troskie](#)**.

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 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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GENDER PAY GAP Women are redefining pathways to power rearchitecting industries sparking movements and solving the most pressing problems of our time. [ENCA, 15 August 2019.](#)

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Previously I have written about the importance of the healthcare, resource transformation, food and beverage, consumption, extractives & minerals processing, renewables and alternative energy, and infrastructure sectors to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Bob Eccles, Forbes, 14 August 2019.](#)

COULD RED MEAT BECOME SUBJECT TO A SIN TAX? Meat could be a target for higher taxes given criticism of the industry’s role in climate change, deforestation and animal cruelty, according to a report by Fitch Solutions Macro Research. [Bloomberg/Business Maverick, 14 August 2019.](#)

DURBAN HOSTS KWAZULU-NATAL’S FIRST CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT In an effort to find a lasting solution to climate change-related issues, KZN organised its first provincial climate change summit. [Cheryl Kahla, The South African, 14 August 2019](#)

SOUTH AFRICA’S WATER SITUATION IMPROVES The general state of South Africa’s dam levels and water storage has improved, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) said on Wednesday. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 14 August 2019.](#)

6 WAYS LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE 4IR The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is upon us. Drones, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, 3D printing, robotics and blockchain are all shaking up the world as we know it. [Ratnakar Adhikari, WEF, 13 August 2019.](#)

WESTERN CAPE DAMS START TO FILL An above-average winter rainfall season has lifted the Western Cape’s dam levels from 29% at this time in 2017 and 52% in 2018 to the current 64.5%. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 13 August 2019.](#)

THE \$6,000 ELECTRIC VEHICLE: THE POWER OF THE USED CAR MARKET TO BRING ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO EVERYONE Transportation is the fastest growing source of carbon dioxide emissions and fossil fuel demand worldwide. That makes zero-emission vehicles a prerequisite for a sustainable future. [Ryan Sclar and Emmett Werthmann, WRI, 12 August 2019.](#)

THE SLOW BUSINESS OF ATTAINING GENDER EQUALITY IN SA Twenty-five years into democracy the top echelons of South Africa’s corporate sector are still predominantly white, middle-aged and male. [Mzukisi Qobo, Daily Maverick, 12 August 2019.](#)

ALASKA'S HOTTEST MONTH PORTENDS TRANSFORMATION INTO 'UNFROZEN STATE' July 2019 now stands as Alaska's hottest month on record, the latest benchmark in a long-term warming trend with ominous repercussions ranging from

rapidly vanishing summer sea ice and melting glaciers to raging wildfires and deadly chaos for marine life. [Yereth Rosen, Thomson Reuters Foundation, 9 August 2019.](#)

WHY THE GENDER PAY GAP PERSISTS The gender wage gap is, in part, influenced by social norms — and the notions of what roles men and women are supposed to play in society — as well as the economic value attached to work. [Lynley Donnelly, Mail & Guardian, 8 August 2019.](#)

7 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE IPCC'S SPECIAL REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND Most discussions of climate action focus on energy, industry and transport. A new special report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states unequivocally that land is critically important as well—both as a source of greenhouse gas emissions and as a climate change solution. [Kelly Levin and Sarah Parsons, WRI, 8 August 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

DELOITTE ADDS A TOUCH OF ALCHEMY TO SA'S EXECUTIVE EDUCATION INDUSTRY The Deloitte Alchemy School of Management has officially launched, strengthening South Africa's executive education sector. According to the dean, Dr Martyn Davies, the school provides bespoke executive education for senior executives and leaders of organisations. [BizCommunity, 15 August 2019.](#)

VODACOM, MEC LESUFI ADVANCE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DIGITAL SCHOOL MANAGEMENT The Gauteng member of the executive council (MEC) for education and youth development, Panyaza Lesufi, together with Vodacom on Wednesday handed over upgraded reporting devices to principals across the province. [IOL Business, 15 August 2019.](#)

GRINDROD SHIPPING HOLDINGS TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW ECO BUILDINGS Grindrod Shipping Holdings has taken delivery of the IVC Okudogo, the first of two utlramax “eco” new buildings it agreed to acquire in May 2018. [IOL Business, 12 August 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK GROUP'S EXPANSION ACROSS AFRICA PAYS OFF WELL The Standard Bank Group's diversification strategy across the continent has paid off in the first half of the year, as South Africa continues to face low economic growth with ongoing uncertainty weighing on business confidence, spending and investment. [IOL Business, 12 August 2019.](#)

ABB SHARES JUMP AS NEW CEO RAISES TURNAROUND HOPES ABB shares jumped more than 4% on Monday as investors welcomed news the Swiss engineering group had poached Bjorn Rosengren from Swedish mining equipment firm Sandvik (to be its next chief executive). [Reuters, 12 August 2019.](#)

STRONG GROWTH IN NIGERIA SUPPORTS MTN GROUP'S INTERIM PERFORMANCE Telecommunications giant MTN reported solid interim financial results on the back of strong growth in Nigeria. [Engineering News, 8 August 2019.](#)

A LOOK AT ABSA'S PLAN TO MAKE JOBURG CBD SAFER – INCLUDING USING DRONES The emergency closure of the M2 motorway between the Crown Interchange and Maritzburg Street earlier this year posed an unprecedented issue for Absa – an increased security risk for clients and staff. [BusinessTech, 6 August 2019.](#)

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 of its oil industry peers, says ratings agency. [BusinessGreen, 1 August 2019.](#)

RALLY TO READ - A COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS PRIMARY SCHOOL LITERACY Literacy is a necessary starting point for any successful nation. In some rural areas of South Africa, however, it has been an unattainable dream for millions of children. The Jonsson Foundation has accepted the challenge of cementing and deepening Rally To Read's unique contribution to South African education. Read [here](#).

MENTORSHIP CRUCIAL TO BUILDING FEMALE STRENGTH IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY Gender equality remains a particularly persistent issue in the male-dominated construction industry. In order to change the narrative, programmes that empower female employees, assisting them to grow and flourish, are vital, according to Liphu January and Karmany Govender, junior site agents at GVK-Siya Zama. [BizCommunity, 15 August 2019](#).

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY: NEW GUIDANCE FOR COMPANIES ON SUSTAINABLE WATER USE To succeed and thrive, businesses need a reliable water supply. [CDP, 14 August 2019](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR SASOL'S POPULAR BURSARY ARE NOW OPEN The Sasol Foundation has opened applications for its popular all-inclusive bursaries. [BusinessTech, 12 August 2019](#).

SA BREWERIES CALLS ON YOUTH-OWNED AGRIBUSINESSES TO APPLY FOR KICKSTART'S PROGRAMME South African Breweries (SAB) on Thursday has called on youth-owned businesses in the agricultural sector to apply for its KickStart's Urban Agriculture programme which aims to create sustainable employment. [IOL Business, 11 August 2019](#).

CLIMATE CHANGE COULD LEAD TO FOOD SHORTAGES, UN REPORT SAYS Climate change is putting the world's food supply at risk. [Bloomberg, 8 August 2019](#).

JUST TRANSITIONS AND THE GREEN ECONOMY NAVIGATING THE FAULT LINES Many companies and organisations are under pressure to consider their exposure to and impact on economic, social, technological and environmental challenges and opportunities. Download publication [here](#).

BANKING FOR A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY By effectively managing environmental and social (E&S) risks and identifying opportunities alongside these risks, banks are beginning to create long-term value for their business. Download publication [here](#).

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](#).

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 addresses some tough issues hampering sustainable SMME development. [BizCommunity, 30 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 **news article** entitled: "Disclosure: a crucial foundation for the climate data ecosystem?", [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 **press release** entitled, "**Auto emissions deal between four major automakers and California opens door for others to follow suit**", [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

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.

THINK LIKE A FUTURIST BREAKFAST – UNDERSTAND THE TRENDS AND FORCES SHAPING THE WORLD | 16 September 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | A future-focused toolkit to understand trends and strategy. We define a futurist as someone who intentionally builds the capacity to see and understand the implications and meaning of change. We unpack this definition by looking at 7 key skill areas. [GIBS Website](#).

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.

WINDABA: SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER WIND ENERGY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION | 8 to 9 October 2019 | Cape Town International Convention Centre | The 9th annual Windaba Conference and Exhibition will once again be proudly brought to you by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) in proud partnership with the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) under the theme "Unleashing renewable power for African development". [WINDABA Website](#)

CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 21 to 24 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | **SA GHG Reporting Regulations:** 21 October; **SA Carbon Tax Requirements:** 22 October; **GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2):** 23 to 24 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.

LANDFILL MANAGEMENT 101 COURSE | 11 to 12 November 2019 | Diep in die Berg Conference Centre, Pretoria | 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

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](#).

RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKETS 2019 | 4 to 6 September 2019 | San Diego, US | Renewable Energy Markets (REM) is the clean energy industry's most important annual event focused on the states, businesses, organizations, and households that choose clean, renewable electricity every day. [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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