

NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

BONGANI NQWABABA, JOINT PRESIDENT & CEO OF SASOL, highlights an aspect of what his company values from their NBI Membership, after 24 years of being part of the NBI's movement as a founding member: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

THE NBI GIVES ITS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFILE THEIR COMPANIES ON OUR WEBSITE Please contact: [Tumi Nkosi](#) for further information regarding this. Check out **Catalyst Solutions'** page by clicking [here](#).

THE SWISS SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME (SSHAP!) The Swiss South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme (SSHAP!) is a bold and innovative partnership between the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Swiss Embassy in South Africa aimed at tapping into the job-creation power of the hospitality industry. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).

ALEX MCNAMARA, NBI'S PROGRAMME MANAGER: CLIMATE AND WATER will be attending **World Water Week 2019** taking place from this Sunday in Stockholm, Sweden, 25 to 30 August 2019 [#WWWeek](#)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (TAMDEV) is a Jobs Summit Business intervention whereby experienced individuals from the private sector support Government in the improvement of service delivery through the offering of technical assistance and mentorship. 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 required skills for deployment into the identified areas. **TAMDEV** is operating from within the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and has recently appointed **Ruth Troskie** as the Programme Manager. The Initiative is supported by ASISA, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), 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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA IS CAUGHT IN THE GLOBAL HYPE OF THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION Reinvented by Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum (WEF), 4IR technologies are presented as having the potential to propel digitally-ready countries into a new age of unprecedented economic prosperity. [Agri Portal South Africa, 22 August 2019.](#)

CAN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS REALLY SAVE THE WORLD? Time is running out to decarbonise the world's economies. Can the business world respond in time? [Eco-Business/WBCSD, 21 August 2019.](#)

NEW YORK'S ROOFTOP FARMS PROVIDE FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE - AND HELP STOP A SEWAGE PROBLEM High above the streets of New York, more than 36 tonnes of organic vegetables are grown every year. And the farms that produce them aren't just feeding residents – they're helping to stop sewage polluting the city's rivers too. [Douglas Broom, WEF, 21 August 2019.](#)

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE WOMEN IN THE TECH SPACE Boosting women in tech must start with boosting women in society, in education through the study of STEM subjects, and in the workplace. [IT Web, 21 August 2019.](#)

WATER POLLUTION'S RIPPLE EFFECTS 'A HUGE WAKE-UP CALL' Effects of consuming pollutants include childhood stunting, infant mortality, lowered economic activity and reduced food production. [Kim Harrisberg, BusinessLIVE, 21 August 2019.](#)

WE'VE KILLED OFF MORE THAN 50% OF FOREST ANIMALS ON EARTH, A NEW REPORT FOUND — EVEN MORE EVIDENCE OF A 6TH MASS EXTINCTION Forest animal populations worldwide have declined 53% since 1970, according to a recent analysis from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). [Morqan McFall-Johnsen, Business Insider US, 21 August 2019.](#)

HIGHVELD POLLUTERS ON THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S RADAR The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is planning to take “drastic measures” to ensure mines and other sectors of the economy take responsibility for any groundwater contamination caused by their operations. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 21 August 2019.](#)

3 REASONS WHY BUSINESS LEADERS CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE DIVERSITY Much has been written about the importance and value of diversity. Diversity provides multiple perspectives and experiences (gender, ethnicity, cultural background and various acquired skills are some ways in which diversity is manifested). [Laura Liswood, The European Sting/WEF, 20 August 2019.](#)

181 TOP CEOS HAVE REALIZED COMPANIES NEED A PURPOSE BEYOND PROFIT On August 19 the Business Roundtable issued an open letter titled “Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation.” One of the preeminent business lobbies in the United States, the Business Roundtable (BR) includes the CEOs of leading U.S. companies from Apple to Walmart. [Claudine Gartenberg and Georqge Serafeim, HBR, 20 August 2019.](#)

UK CLIMATE INVESTMENTS BACKS CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA A joint venture between the UK Government's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Macquarie-owned Green Investment Group has agreed to provide £14 million for clean energy projects across South Africa. [Priyanka Shrestha, Energy Live News, 20 August 2019.](#)

LITTLE-KNOWN TAX INCENTIVES BOOST BUSINESS CASE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY A little-known amendment to the Income Tax Act allows for depreciation in the year of commissioning of the full cost of a grid-tied solar PV system of less than 1 MW used for electricity generation by a business in the course of its operations. [Chris Yelland and Mariam Isa, Business Maverick, 19 August 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

EXXARO DECLARES DOUBLE DIVIDEND ON LOWER PROFIT, REVENUE Black-empowered coal mining and energy resources company Exxaro on Thursday rewarded shareholders with a double dividend on lower profit and revenue in the six months to June 30. [Mining Weekly, 22 August 2019.](#)

ENTRIES THE 2019 MTN BUSINESS APP OF THE YEAR AWARDS, IOT CONFERENCE & AWARDS 2019 sees MTN Business bringing two events on the annual ICT calendar together. [BizCommunity, 22 August 2019.](#)

FNB PARTNERS WITH FUTURE FEMALES TO GROW SA WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS First National Bank said on Wednesday it had joined forces with Future Females as the main sponsor of all its South African chapters in a bid to accelerate the pace of developing women entrepreneurship. [IOL Business, 21 August 2019.](#)

VODACOM LAUNCHES WOMEN FARMERS PROGRAMME TO TRANSFORM SMALL SCALE AGRI SECTOR This week, Vodacom Foundation, in partnership with UN Women and South African Women in Farming (SAWIF) formally launched the Women Farmers Programme countrywide at The Capital on The Park Hotel, Sandton. [TechSmart, 21 August 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED Topco Media in partnership with Standard Bank have released the names of those companies and individuals named as winners in the 2019 Top Women Awards. [BizCommunity, 16 August 2019.](#)

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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

PLASTICS|SA RELEASES PLASTICS RECYCLING FIGURES FOR 2018 Plastics|SA has released the latest plastics recycling figures which, according to the South African plastics industry umbrella body, show that SA has a dynamic, growing and well-supported plastics recycling industry. [BizCommunity, 21 August 2019.](#)

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA Learn what types of business funding are available for South African SMEs and how you can use business finance to grow your business. [Read here.](#)

BAD WATER QUALITY HAMPERS POTENTIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH – WORLD BANK REPORT The World Bank says the world is facing a water quality crisis that is eliminating a third of potential economic growth in heavily polluted areas, while also threatening human and environmental wellbeing. [Engineering News, 21 August 2019.](#)

WWF: CONNECTING SOUTH AFRICA'S WILDLIFE, LANDSCAPES AND PEOPLE South Africa is recognised for its wildlife, which forms part of our natural heritage and contributes to livelihoods and the country's economy. If we want wildlife to flourish in South Africa, it is crucial to understand the diverse value it adds across all sectors of society. [WWF, August 2019.](#)

SAICA SURVEY: TAX DISCLOSURES IN ANNUAL REPORTING The objectives of this survey are to determine the purpose; usefulness; and deficiencies of current tax disclosures in companies' annual reporting. We would appreciate if you would assist in responding by Monday, 9 September 2019. [SAICA Survey.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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: "Think globally, act locally: new guidance for companies on sustainable water use", [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. Check out their latest **tweet** ahead of World Water Week 2019, [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 announcement: “**WBCSD and WEF to scale up impact on pressing sustainable development issues**”, [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](#).

TAMDEV: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP, DEVELOPMENT - IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY | Friday, 6 September 2019 | ASISA, Newlands, Cape Town | A sustainable and functional government is critical in our pursuit of building the economy and creating jobs within the communities of South Africa. We urgently need collaborative action between business and government to address the barriers to service delivery in order to create stable and functional organs of State through the building of capacity and improvement of skills. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting an **Awareness Session** in the **Western Cape** where we will share with business Tamdev’s mandate and approach in creating opportunities for the building of parity in knowledge, understanding and capacity across partners enhancing, potential success of collective projects. The insights from business are an important component in the measuring and evaluating of sustainable and critical interventions to ensure improved capacity in service delivery. Kindly click [here](#) to RSVP.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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.

4TH WRC SYMPOSIUM | 11 to 13 September 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | This is a key event in the South African water sector calendar and an opportunity for various sector stakeholders, beneficiaries and leaders to come together to take stock, review new benchmarking content and share ideas that will advance efforts towards a water secure future. [Website and further information.](#)

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

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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