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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

EXXARO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NBI SINCE 2008. MXOLISI MGOJO, EXXARO'S CEO, highlights NBI's pivotal role in providing the mechanics needed in business to tackle social challenges. [#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 **EDCON'S** page by clicking [here](#).

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND THE WORKPLACE Reflecting on this year's Women's Month, it would be remiss to not address the reality of gender-based violence. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

WHAT ARE THE YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKES? We have been bombarded with news on environmental catastrophes. From hurricanes to major floods to fires in rather unexpected places (the Amazon and the Arctic Circle), climate change is front

and centre in the news, but not in our politics or our solutions. As reflected in international agreements like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Change Agreement, we need significant socio-economic and environmental change. [NBI Quick Brief, 6 September 2019.](#)

NBI'S PROGRAMME MANAGER FOR WATER, ALEX MCNAMARA will be speaking tomorrow at the **4th WRC Symposium** which is currently taking place at The Sandton Convention Centre (11 to 13 September 2019). The Symposium is a key event in the South African water sector calendar where 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. View the programme [here.](#)

MMAPHEFO THWALA: NBI'S PROJECT MANAGER: WATER recently participated in a panel discussion at the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Women in Environment Dialogue, which took place 28 to 29 August 2019 in Gauteng. During the discussion on "Elevating the role of women in the climate change response – ensuring social inclusion in the transition to a lower carbon and climate resilient society", Mmaphefo highlighted that applying a gender lens to climate change is necessary because women are at the forefront of the climate change crisis...hence climate change action needs to be gender responsive. View her presentation [here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS



SMART CITIES ARE NEEDED NOW The 2019 World Economic Forum on Africa, held last week in Cape Town, had set as its theme "Shaping inclusive growth and shared futures in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)". [IT-Online, 11 September 2019.](#)

PADDLERS DISCOVER 'SEA OF PLASTIC' IN CAPE TOWN RIVER An annual survey of Cape Town's rivers has uncovered "appalling" levels of pollution in the city's waterways. [Engineering News, 11 September 2019.](#)

4 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE GLOBAL ADAPTATION CHALLENGE Throughout history, people have shown remarkable ingenuity and resilience in the face of extraordinary challenges—recovering post-war, eradicating disease, fighting against inequality and oppression. [Manish Bapna, Christina Chan and Carter Brandon, WRI, 10 September 2018.](#)

THE MASSIVE COST OF NOT ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE The world must invest \$1.8 trillion by 2030 to prepare for the effects of global warming. A new report said the payoff could be four times that. [Eric Roston, Bloomberg, 10 September 2019.](#)

POLICING THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA Can South Africa lead the way in reducing the risks of cyberspace to human security? [Karen Allen, Daily Maverick, 9 September 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S FURY AT GENDER-BASED ATTACKS SPILLS ONTO THE STREETS Protests have erupted across South Africa against gender-based violence in the country. People have taken to the streets to voice their anger that not enough is being done to protect women. [The European Sting/WEF, 9 September 2019.](#)

THE CARBON TAX ACT IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF SA'S STANCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, GLOBAL WARMING On 22 May 2019, the President signed into law the Carbon Tax Act 15 of 2019, which came into effect on 1 June 2019. [Athi Jara, IOL Business, 9 September 2019.](#)

TOMORROW'S DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TAKING FLIGHT At a global level the world is heading into a new Industrial Age, which is either referred to as "Industry 4.0" or the "4th Industrial Revolution". These developments are set to lead to massive ramifications on society as a whole but also for countries such as South Africa. [Dr Harry Teifel, Vision 2030, 6 September 2019.](#)

'THIS IS AFRICA'S CENTURY' - WHAT WE LEARNED AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN CAPE TOWN 2019 Leaders who gathered to discuss the future of Africa this year had a rallying point - something they could agree was reason to be hopeful: the ratification of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). [Robin Pomroy and Anna Bruce-Lockhart, WEF, 6 September 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



AB INBEV TARGETS \$5BN IN ASIAN UNIT'S HONG KONG IPO Anheuser-Busch InBev NV is aiming to raise about \$5 billion in a Hong Kong listing of its Asian unit by the end of September, people familiar with the matter said, reviving a plan scrapped two months ago for what would have been the world's biggest initial public offering of 2019. [Moneyweb, 12 September 2019.](#)

GROWTHPOINT LIFTS FULL-YEAR DISTRIBUTIONS BY 4.6% YY JSE-listed real estate investment trust (Reit) Growthpoint Properties delivered growth in distributions a share of 4.6% in the financial year ended June 30, compared with the 2018 financial year, despite South African property fundamentals remaining weak and worsening. [Engineering News, 11 September 2019.](#)

ABSA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS L'ATELIER COMPETITION Absa, in partnership with the South

African National Association for the Visual Arts (SANAVA) announced the winners of the prestigious Absa L'Atelier competition, which celebrated its 34th year and saw rich and diverse talent emerge from across the continent. [Between 10 and 5, 11 September 2019.](#)

MINISTER BLADE NZIMANDE ADDRESSES PWC ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN CAPE TOWN, 10 SEP The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, will address the 26th annual Higher Education Conference of the Price Water House Coopers (PWC) which is held under the “Making a difference, by changing minds in a changing world”. [SA Government, 10 September 2019.](#)

CONNECTING THE DOTS: THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA At Old Mutual Investment Group, we are aware of the environmental threats and social challenges in our path. And more so, we recognise that these social and environmental conditions have a direct impact on the business operations of our investee companies and their long-term viability. [Business Maverick, 10 September 2019.](#)

BOWMANS EXPANDS INTO MAURITIUS AND ETHIOPIA Bowmans is expanding into Mauritius and Ethiopia as from 1 October 2019. This is a client-driven initiative, helping to ensure that they are on the ground with you in key African jurisdictions. [Bowmans, 4 September 2019.](#)

DELOITTE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SHAPES WORLD STAGE DEBATES As a global strategic partner of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Deloitte South Africa will play host to a number of important discussions around issues and opportunities facing the African continent when more than 1000 global leaders meet in Cape Town from 4 – 6 September 2019. [SA Manufacturing, 3 September 2019.](#)

CLICKS CONTINUES GROWTH TRAJECTORY WITH 700TH STORE OPENING Health and beauty retailer Clicks has opened its 700th store at Woodstock Quarter in Cape Town. [Retail Brief Africa, 3 September 2019.](#)

NEDBANK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MICROSOFT Nedbank said yesterday that it had partnered with Microsoft to migrate components of its IT infrastructure to the cloud, making it the first bank in the country to run operations of this scale in the cloud as it aimed to become a “digital-first financial services provider”. [IOL Business, 3 September 2019.](#)

FNB UNVEILS FIRST PHASE OF REVAMPED BANKCITY PRECINCT Banking giant First National Bank (FNB) on Tuesday unveiled the first phase of its BankCity campus revitalisation project in the Johannesburg central business district (CBD). [Engineering News, 3 September 2019.](#)

ADRIAN GORE: SA IS LARGER, MORE RELEVANT THAN WE THINK Adrian Gore, CEO and co-founder of Johannesburg-listed Discovery, is one of South Africa's business success stories. [BizNews, 2 September 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



THE GLOBAL COMMISSION ON ADAPTATION CALLS FOR LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION TO CREATE SAFER, STRONGER AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. Read the full report [here](#).

5 WAYS TO SHIFT CONSUMERS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOUR Most people want to be sustainable, but have a hard time taking the necessary action. According to Nielsen, a data analytics company, sustainability is the latest consumer trend. [BizCommunity, 11 September 2019.](#)

WATER AND SANITATION ON WATER MONITORING AND ACCESSABILITY Water accessibility is DWS' prime concern. The key prerequisite for the accurate assessment of the status of water and the magnitude of water problems is the information which is based on well-organised monitoring programmes and reliable data. [SA Government, 10 September 2019.](#)

ENTREPRENEURS: TIME TO DELIVER CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS Unprecedented glacial melts in Greenland in 2019. Permafrost releasing carbon monoxide at rates not factored into the climate change models. Killer heat waves threatening 200 million people in northern India. Millions marching across the world demanding climate change be taken seriously by governments. [Elske Joubert, ESG Green Pages, 9 September 2019.](#)

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH COCT FOR UNEMPLOYED GRADS As part of Cape Town's 2020 intake for the Infrastructure Skills Development Grant (ISDG) training programme, unemployed graduates with qualifications in Information Systems and Technology, Cost and Management Accounting, or Environmental Health, are urged to apply for a three-year long internship with the CoCT. [BizCommunity, 4 September 2019.](#)

WBCSD AND CIRCULAR IQ PARTNER TO SCALE UP THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY UPTAKE BY BUSINESS The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Circular IQ today announced their partnership agreement to co-develop an online tool in support of the [Circular Transition Indicators](#) (CTI)-framework developed by WBCSD over the past year.

SA ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION WINS GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION AWARD Cape Town-based environmental organisation, I Am Water, has won the Beyond Sport 'Sport for Climate Action Collective Impact Award' for sharing ocean conservation and snorkelling experiences with thousands of underprivileged students in South Africa. [BizCommunity, 3 September 2019.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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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 recently published **Insights**, [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 **August 2019 Water Stewardship 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 **blog article** entitled, "**Six companies helping to create the zero-carbon transport future**", [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: "**From purpose to action: making the transition to a flourishing society**", [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

5TH ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel Johannesburg|

'**Strengthening the water value chain through partnership**' is the topic for this year's by invitation-only event, which brings together representatives from the public and private sector, municipalities, banking institutions and civil society. No value chain is stronger than its weakest link. But can a weak link be strengthened through partnerships? This is the question that will guide the cross learning during the day's events, which will feature dynamic examples of collaborative governance through partnerships and practical case studies and success stories. The learning event will also provide a platform for dialogue amongst relevant partners from public, private and civil society sectors where alternative water and sanitation service solutions can be fostered, lessons shared and scalability in the South African context explored. [Click here to register](#).

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



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**.

ENABLING A VIABLE GAS ENERGY SECTOR IN SA | 18 September 2019 | Nedbank, Sandton | A dialogue to unlock the economic and human potential of South Africa. While the global trade in liquefied natural gas (LNG) continues to grow, the Southern African region is showing interesting resources of natural gas in countries such as Angola, Namibia and Mozambique, and well as new discoveries off the southern Cape coast. The question remains as to how to facilitate and establish a viable gas energy sector in South Africa from these existing and emerging local and international resources, in a way that can benefit the local economy, and create jobs in South Africa in a sustainable way. [Click here to book your seat at the seminar](#)

SMARTER MOBILITY AFRICA 2019 | 1 to 2 October 2019 | Sun Arena at Time Square, Pretoria | Smarter Mobility Africa brings together mobility thought leaders from business and government to consider, collaborate, co-create and consolidate efforts for accelerating the transition to electric and smart mobility. [Website and further information.](#)

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.

IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 22 October 2019 | IMBEWU's offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg | IMBEWU's Environmental Law Update Workshop is SACNASP accredited (one CPD point) and will cover the key developments in environmental legislation in 2018 and 2019, including amendments to, and new regulations promulgated. To book, email the **booking form** to lulu@imbewu.co.za or call us on **011 214 0660**.

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

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.](#)

WORLD MANUFACTURING FORUM | 25 to 27 September 2019 | Cernobbio, Italy | The World Manufacturing Forum (WMF) is an annual international conference which seeks to raise awareness and seek cooperative solutions to global manufacturing challenges through discovery, dialogue, and sharing of best practices between government, manufacturing, and innovation leaders. The motto of this year's edition is "New Skills for Future Manufacturing". [Further information.](#)

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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