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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

MADELEINE RONQUEST, HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT SOCIAL & CLIMATE RISK AT FIRSTRAND shares her thoughts on why she values NBI membership: [#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](#).

WORLD WATER WEEK 2019, the major international conference on water held annually in Sweden, concluded on Friday, 30 August 2019. Read NBI's latest Newsflash [here](#).

MMAPHEFO THWALA: NBI'S PROJECT MANAGER: WATER last week 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](#).

ESTABLISHING A ROAD-MAP FOR INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT MODELING IN AFRICA Researchers and practitioners from the South African research and business communities hosted a two-day Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Lab in Stellenbosch, last year. [Future Earth, 19 August 2019](#).

NBI'S 3RD 2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY (ACES) MEETING took place last week at Sasol Place, Sandton. ACES is the governance body that NBI member companies can use to influence the strategy and work of the environment team. The engagement was well attended by representatives from 13 of our member companies who received a detailed status report on the progress made under each of the team's following focus areas: Climate, Energy, Water, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Green Economy. Members were particularly interested in hearing more about the work on Just Transitions and Transition Risk that forms part of the Climate Programme, as they recognise that there is an opportunity for the NBI to provide some much-needed research to assist both public and private sector stakeholders. The Environment Team's water programme also received positive feedback, particularly in relation to the Kopano ya Metsi project - the [reports](#) were launched earlier this year. ACES members furthermore affirmed the strategic direction in which the Environment team is heading. [View Infographic here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN? We stand on the brink of a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and relate to one another. In its scale, scope, and complexity, the transformation will be unlike anything humankind has experienced before. [Klaus Schwab, Africa.com, 4 September 2019](#).

WHY THE NEXT 4 MONTHS ARE CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE OCEAN Sustainable Development Goal 14.6 is the UN's clarion call for harmful fisheries subsidies to be prohibited by 2020, a task of global importance assigned to the World Trade Organization (WTO). [Peter Thomson, The European Sting/WEF, 4 September 2019](#).

SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT TOPS WEF AFRICA AGENDA Top of the agenda at this year's World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Cape Town will be new partnerships to create sustainable employment opportunities for Africa's large and growing workforce. [MSN SA, 4 September 2019.](#)

SMART CITIES WILL DEPEND ON FASTER ADOPTION OF 4IR If you are not digital it will be very difficult to be competitive in industry, or in the buildings you produce. Because what you are building is here for the next 50 years, and it has to be green, smart and automated. [Taru Madangombe, BizCommunity, 3 September 2019.](#)

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA TO FOCUS ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH The twenty-eighth World Economic Forum on Africa (WEF Africa) will focus on inclusive growth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), with discussions aimed at finding ways to achieve sustainable growth in a country with high levels of inequality, corruption and unemployment. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 2 September 2019.](#)

HERE'S WHAT COULD GO WRONG WITH THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY—AND HOW TO KEEP IT ON TRACK The circular economy—one that breaks the link between economic growth and use of limited resources and also cuts waste from the system—is on the minds of corporate sustainability professionals, governments and researchers. We are all excited about its potential to increase economic prosperity, derive more value from products and reduce emissions. [Kevin Moss, WRI, 28 February 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



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.](#)

OLD MUTUAL ON FINANCIAL INCLUSION, TRANSFORMING THE ECONOMY Financial inclusion aims to bring more active participants into the economy, by making it accessible and affordable for customers to transact across countries and regions. But how can it play a role in transforming the economy? CNBC Africa spoke to Iain Williamson, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Old Mutual for more. [CNBC Africa, 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

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.](#)

OLD MUTUAL SET TO LAUNCH R2.4BN SHARE BUY-BACK PROGRAMME Old Mutual fell 2.36percent to R17.76 on the JSE yesterday after saying that it would launch a new share buy-back programme of up to R2.4billion to reduce the company's issued share capital. [IOL Business, 3 September 2019.](#)

BIDVEST TRADING PROFIT RISES 3.5% TO R6.7BN Trading, distribution and services group Bidvest said on Monday its trading profit for the year ended June 30 rose 3.5 percent to R6.7 billion despite flat revenue. [IOL Business, 2 September 2019.](#)

ADDRESSING RISING WATER STRESS LEVELS Every time temperatures hit new records the question is again raised: what about our water reserves? ABB is helping to provide an answer. [ABB, 30 August 2019.](#)

CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP SA Flight shame is growing. What can we do about it? Yesterday teen climate activist Greta Thunberg wrapped up her 15-day transatlantic carbon-free voyage to New York City ahead of the United Nations climate summit taking place in September. She, like many young people around the world, is standing behind the science of climate change and demanding urgent action from governments and businesses. [CNG, 29 August 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



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.](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM WEF AFRICA 2019 More than 1,000 regional and global leaders from politics, business, civil society and academia will meet to discuss how Africa build on its potential. [EWN, 3 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.

WBCSD: TAKING COLLECTIVE ACTION FURTHER FOR TRANSFORMING FRESHWATER USE The World Water Week in Stockholm (25-30 August) is a great annual bellwether for the water sector: trending topics, pioneering organizations and a sense of where the sector is heading. Business is part of the discourse within the water sector, and the business presence at this event has been increasing year-on-year, together with various business-aligned organizations that showcase initiatives, reports and tools. [WBCSD, 2 September 2019.](#)

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.](#)

COCT COUNCIL PASSES CITY'S FIRST RESILIENCE STRATEGY The City of Cape Town's Council recently approved the city's first [resilience strategy](#), developed following the aftermath of the worst drought Cape Town has faced in recent history. [BizCommunity, 28 August 2019.](#)

WORSENING DROUGHT RISK IMPACTS 55 MILLION PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, SAYS WWF REPORT The climate crisis is creating a drought crisis affecting tens of millions of people every year across the world as well as energy and food supplies, warns a new report from WWF Germany. [EGSA Energy Governance SA/WWF, 27 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.](#)

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

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: "**What science means for business**", [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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.

TLS THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND TRANSITION RISK | Wednesday, 11 September 2019 | Grindrod, Durban | Since its publication in 2017, the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) have attracted significant local and international interest, with their recommendations incorporated into key disclosure platforms. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a half-day roundtable focussing on: an introduction to TCFD and transition risk, the implications of the TCFD's recommendations for South African organisations and their key stakeholders, current company approaches and practices and future engagement and work areas in relation to TCFD. If you are an NBI Member company, please click [here](#) to RSVP.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



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.

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](#)

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

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 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 step 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 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 as owners and managers, banks, development institutions, policymakers, think tanks and NGOs, looking to drive 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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