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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

OLD MUTUAL was one of the founding members of the NBI in March 1995 and through this has been part of the NBI's 24-year journey working collaboratively to build a thriving South Africa. **Khanyi Chaba of Old Mutual, also an NBI Board Member**, shares her thoughts on an aspect of the value of the NBI for its members: [#NBIMemberMonday](#).

INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (IRM) GREEN SKILLS TVET COLLEGE INTERVENTION: FIRST COHORT STARTS TRAINING AT EKURHULENI EAST TVET COLLEGE The IRM Green Skills TVET college intervention rolled out the first group of 40 candidates who embarked on an industry-recognised "Technical Plumbing Assistant" programme at Ekurhuleni East TVET College on 7th September 2019, comprising 12-week work-readiness and technical training in plumbing and solar water heater installation and maintenance. [Further information](#).

PAYING WOMEN FAIRLY IS GOOD FOR SOCIETY AND THE ECONOMY The National Business Initiative's (NBI's) [Report on Gender Equity in the Workplace](#) explores the global and national context of the pay gap, the drivers of pay disparity in South African workplaces and key interventions that need to be made in addressing the issue. This Report sought to understand the multifaceted nature of the pay gap by broadening the scope of contributing factors to this global phenomenon. Read NBI's latest Newsflash, [here](#).

THE CALL FOR GREATER AMBITION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE Outcomes of Climate Week NYC 2019 and the UNSG Summit. Read NBI's latest News Update, [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



EASTERN CAPE: 'THE WORST DROUGHT IN A THOUSAND YEARS' Cape Town may have avoided Day Zero, but there are parts of South Africa that have not, particularly several Karoo towns in the Eastern Cape that have run out of water. [Estelle Ellis, Daily Maverick, 10 October 2019.](#)

DBSA SIGNS AGREEMENT THAT WILL HELP REDUCE RENEWABLES BUSINESS COSTS The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) will help drive down the price of renewable energy in South Africa by boosting the private sector's investment in wind and solar power in a partnership with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). [DBSA, 9 October 2019.](#)

EXPERT PANEL PROPOSES NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES A panel of experts under the leadership of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has submitted a proposal to the minister of environmental affairs to declare eMalahleni in Mpumalanga, Klerksdorp in North West and Beaufort West in the Western Cape as preferred locations for wind and solar photovoltaic (PV) power projects. [Moneyweb, 9 October 2019.](#)

A JUST TRANSITION TO CLEANER ENERGY South Africa is a highly carbon-intensive economy; we're one of the top 20 largest emitters of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the world and, on a per unit of GDP basis, we rank well above the global average. [Jon Duncan, Daily Maverick, 8 October 2019.](#)

JOHANNESBURG RESIDENTS URGED TO SAVE WATER AS VAAL DAM LEVEL DROPS TO JUST ABOVE 50% Johannesburg residents have been urged to try to save water after the level of the Vaal Dam dropped to 53.1%. [IOL, 8 October 2019.](#)

JOBS SUMMIT COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS IN VARIOUS AREAS The Presidential Working Committee on the Jobs Summit, which held its monthly meeting on Monday, noted that substantial progress had been made in reforming and modernising South Africa's visa regime, issuing water-use licences, releasing broadband spectrum, saving jobs in distressed firms and improving the certainty of electricity supply. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 7 October 2019.](#)

PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION TO BE JUST-TRANSITION CRUCIBLE – CREECY Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Barbara Creecy has confirmed that the Presidential Climate Change Commission, which was proposed as part of agreements reached at the 2018 Jobs Summit, will be established and will become a key platform for facilitating South Africa's 'just transition' to a low-carbon economy. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 7 October 2019.](#)

WHY COLLABORATION ISN'T JUST A SUSTAINABILITY BUZZWORD Today's businesses are in the spotlight like never before. Many have had their own visions for sustainability in place for years, with *globalization* intensifying environmental and societal concerns. But now the world has given us a deadline - 2030 - when we are all to achieve the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Sunny Verghese, WBCSD, 3 October 2019.](#)

AFRICA: SALVAGING THE SDGS - NEW THINKING TO SPUR ACTION TAKES SHAPE For the first time since a new development agenda was adopted in 2015 to make the world a better place for everyone, government leaders assembled at the United Nations in late September to take stock of progress. [Barbara Crossette, All Africa, 3 October 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



SHELL TO OFFSET CARBON EMISSIONS FOR BRITISH FUEL BUYERS Royal Dutch Shell said on Thursday it would offset the carbon dioxide emissions of around 1.5 million road users in Britain starting later this month under a loyalty scheme. [Sharenet, 10 October 2019.](#)

DISCOVERY BANK CUSTOMERS THAT MEET THEIR VITALITY ACTIVE REWARDS CAN GET AN IPHONE Discovery Bank customers can now get an iPhone when they activate the Vitality Active Rewards based on the type of account they have and credit they have available. [IOL Business, 10 October 2019.](#)

ABB HIGH-VOLTAGE INVERTERS SELECTED FOR EUROPEAN CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION ABB high-voltage inverter technologies have been deployed within the Netherlands, Italy and Spain as utilities look to increase GW capacity

on large-scale PV installations. [African Petrochemicals, 9 October 2019.](#)

CLICKS RIDING HIGH ON GROWTH IN PROFITS Pharmaceutical health and beauty retailer Clicks rose to its highest level on the JSE after the group revised up its earlier guidance to investors, saying that it now expected a double-digit growth in profits for the year to end August. [IOL Business, 8 October 2019.](#)

VODACOM FOUNDATION, GOOGLE PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE AFRICA'S DIGITAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Vodacom Foundation has partnered with Google to accelerate the empowerment of youth in South Africa with some of the digital skills required for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). [Africa Business Communities, 8 October 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD OPEN THE DOOR WIDER FOR RENEWABLES South Africa's advanced industrial and financial sectors, together with its abundant natural resources, have contributed in making it the second largest economy in Africa. [Maxine Ghavi, ABB, 8 October 2019.](#)

TRANSNET TERMINALS BREAK MONTHLY EXPORT RECORDS Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) broke monthly records at its three-car terminals with a 37 percent increase in fully built units (FBU's) handled in August over the same month a year before, as international demand for exports in this sector continues to rise. [IOL Business, 8 October 2019.](#)

TOYOTA BOOSTS INVESTMENT IN TAXI PLANT TO MORE THAN R1BN Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) announced on Friday that it has boosted its investment in its HiAce Ses'fikile taxi vehicle plant in Prospecton near Durban to more than R1 billion since 2012. Its latest R454 million investment will enhance local production of the model by increasing the local value addition. [Moneyweb, 7 October 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



WBCSD'S LATEST [SDG BRIEFING](#). This briefing aims to source and package latest insights, key developments, and emerging trends regarding the fast-evolving SDG landscape. For more details on any of these developments and resources, news and insight pieces visit our [SDG Business Hub](#).

GUIDE TO SURVIVING THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF THE FUTURE Over the past decade, all around the world, corporations have been taking a long, hard look at their supply chains. [BizCommunity, 9 October 2019.](#)

CIRCULARITY AND THE 45 PERCENT CLIMATE SOLUTION Can the circular economy close the gap on climate emissions? A new report says it can. [GreenBiz, 8 October 2019.](#)

NEW INDUSTRY GUIDELINES FOR RECYCLABLE PLASTIC PACKAGING RELEASED The growing impact of the green economy on company profits has forced brands both big and small to radically transform their environmental strategies, including how their products are designed, made and packaged for customers. [R News, 8 October 2019.](#)

SA RELEASES THIRD BIODIVERSITY REPORT Environment, forestry and fisheries minister Barbara Creecy recently launched the third National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA), which is a scientific reflection of the state of the country's biodiversity. [BizCommunity, 7 October 2019.](#)

WBCSD GUIDELINES HELP COMPANIES ACHIEVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGETS THROUGH IMPROVED COLLABORATION WITH VALUE CHAIN PARTNERS Last week, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) launched a new guideline to help companies develop [an integrated approach to energy efficiency](#). It is part of WBCSD's guideline series on [Integrated Energy Strategies](#) helping companies work cross-functionally, as well as with their suppliers and customers, to source and use low-carbon energy for their operations and their value chain.

SAICA: REPORTING ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING Most successful and innovative organisations today make employee health and wellbeing a key focus of their business strategies. [View report here.](#)

VACANCY: WBCSD - MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE POLICY (WMB) The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is seeking a professional to join its Climate & Energy team, to lead the International Climate Policy work of the We Mean Business coalition. This is a full-time position based at the WBCSD offices in Geneva, Switzerland, reporting to the Director, Climate & Energy. Remote-working arrangements can be made for exceptional candidates. [Details 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, "Support in progressing towards environmental leadership", [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 **October 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 Press release, entitled: "**87 major companies lead the way towards a 1.5°C future at UN Climate Action Summit**", [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: "**Corporate sourcing of renewables key to meeting Europe's 32% renewable energy target**", [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 request an invitation.](#)

TLS: ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION | MEASURING THE IMPACT | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Workshop 17

Watershed, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town | 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 need 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.

Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to attend this session taking place in Cape Town.

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR'S OUTLOOK ON BRAND SOUTH AFRICA | Wednesday, 23 October

2019 | The Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront, Cape Town | What can the South African economy learn about South African brands? According to the latest Brand Finance South Africa annual report, the growth of South African brands consistently outpace the South African GDP. It is a fascinating phenomenon that needs further analysis. Join us for this engagement as we explore and take stock of the economy through the eyes of the investor, whilst also exchanging information on the on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. Please RSVP [here](#) if you would like to attend this event.

INVITATION: GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS ARE ACCELERATING | Johannesburg: Tuesday, 29 October 2019, uMhlanga: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 and Cape Town: Thursday, 31 October 2019 | World Water Week, Climate Week New York and the United Nations Secretary General's (UNSG) Summit on Climate Change represent three of the major global dialogues on sustainability held in 2019. Central to these discussions are the issues and opportunities relating to just socio-economic transition and climate resilient development, with key implications for the South African business landscape. The world is changing fast, and we risk getting left behind. Join us for an exclusive member feedback session on the key issues raised at each conference and their relevance for company practice and the strengthening of local action. RSVP as follows: **Johannesburg: FutureSpace, Sandton**, **KwaZulu-Natal: Square Boutique Hotel, uMhlanga**, and **Cape Town: Workshop 17, Watershed**.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



HR INDABA AFRICA | 16 to 17 October 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | HR Indaba Africa is the biggest HR conference and expo of its kind in Africa. Don't miss the chance to network, learn and build your career with 3,000 of your peers across different industries. View the [programme](#). [Book tickets now](#).

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.

BUSINESS DAY DIALOGUE ON THE ON-DEMAND ECONOMY AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT | 24 October 2019 | Houghton, Johannesburg | Business Day and IMM Graduate School, the leading online higher education institution for marketing, supply chain and business disciplines in Africa, will provide a bespoke said-leadership opportunity at the next Business Day Dialogue breakfast. The morning will start with a keynote presentation by Dion Chang on how the on-demand economy is changing supply chain management; how and where value chains have been disrupted as a result of this change; and the mindset needed to map the journey ahead. [Register here](#).

IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 29 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**.

5TH AFRICA WOMEN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM (AWIEF) | 29 to 30 October 2019 | Cape Town International Conference Centre | Join us for the annual AWIEF conference, exhibition and awards, a unique platform where our community of women entrepreneurs and innovators from across the African continent and its diaspora, global partners, thought leaders, industry experts, policy makers, investors, academics, development organisations, and the media, gather together over two days for invaluable dialogue and learning, impactful networking and relationship-building opportunities. [Website](#).

IN CONVERSATION WITH NOLITHA FAKUDE | 30 October 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | Anglo American appointed Nolitha Fakude as chair of its management board with effect from September. She joined the group management committee of Anglo American as Group Director – South Africa. Nolitha has also just published a book, *Boardroom Dancing*, she chats to Professor Nicola Kleyn, dean of GIBS, about her new role, career and book. [GIBS Website](#).

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**.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CONVENTION | 14 to 15 November 2019 | Indaba Hotel, Fourways | The 3-day conference aims to get industry stakeholders in one room, to continue the conversation on challenging the deeply ingrained societal biases against women being in technical roles. Furthermore, to inspire women to choose engineering as a career of choice and establishing ways in retaining them in the industry. [Engineering News, 9 October 2019](#).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

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](#).

GREENBIZ WEBCAST: KEY ACCELERATORS TO ACHIEVING A ZERO-CARBON FUTURE | 15 October 2019 | The universal, heightened focus on Climate Action has businesses and governments splashing our social feeds with their promise to evolve to carbon neutrality. [Register for webcast here](#).

ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP (AWS) WEBINARS FOR AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST | 15 & 31 October 2019 | Please join us to learn about the application of the AWS Standard Version 2.0. Register for either one of the webinars or both, to learn the full scope of the Standard and how to practically apply it. The AWS Standard is the only comprehensive global benchmark for responsible water stewardship which provides guidance to major water users seeking to assure responsible water governance, balance, quality, and healthy water-related sites and values. The Standard can be implemented by water users whether industrial, agricultural or commercial business as a framework to evaluate water-

related risk and implement effective water stewardship practices. [Register here for both.](#)

VERGE: THE PLATFORM FOR ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ECONOMY | 22 to 24 October 2019 | California, US |

The VERGE 19 conference and expo is the platform for companies, cities and communities accelerating the clean economy. Join more than 3,000 leaders — from the private and public sectors, utilities, solution providers, NGOs and start-ups — to explore scalable, cross-cutting solutions and to advance the most dynamic and influential markets driving a sustainable future. [GreenBiz Website.](#)

COP25 | Santiago de Chile, Chile | 2 to 13 December 2019 | The Santiago Climate Change Conference will take place in Parque Bicentenario Cerrillos in Santiago de Chile, Chile from 2 to 13 December. [Official website.](#)



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