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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

The role and contribution of business in society is visible with the NBI's identity embedded in our membership, actively supporting and being involved within our work. **NBI'S CEO, JOANNE YAWITCH** lays the foundation for this journey:

[#NBIMemberMonday](#)

ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION | MEASURING THE IMPACT View NBI's latest video [here](#).

NBI AND ITS IRM GREEN SKILLS IN TVETS PARTNERS, HOST AN EVENING WITH PLUMBING EMPLOYERS The National Business Initiative (NBI), Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, Institute of Plumbing South Africa and GIZ this week held an information session with plumbing employers who will be hosting Installation Repair and Maintenance (IRM) plumbing candidates for their 6-month workplace-based learning component of the programme. Discussions focused mainly on

the role of in-company mentors, and the support companies would be getting from the programme. Employers highlighted the importance of candidates having the right attitude and the significance of this as a central feature of work-readiness training. The evening concluded with employers reiterating their support and commitment to the programme, some even announcing that they would place more candidates than they had initially agreed to. For more information on the IRM Green Skills in TVETs Programme contact: [Cecil Macheke](#).

THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS INDABA which focussed on “Skills for a Changing World”, took place this week on Tuesday in Johannesburg. **Dr Anthony Gewer, NBI’s Social Sustainability Programme Manager** presented at this session on “*Building Pathways: Attracting Industry Support: Building Alternative Pathways to Artisanal Trades*”. Download a copy of his presentation [here](#). Dr Gewer is also presenting today in Cape Town at the **10th PAN AFRICAN TVET COLLEGES CONFERENCE** on *Expanding Artisanal Pathways through TVET into the Green Economy*.

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](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



SA CABINET APPROVES POWER PLAN South Africa has approved the promulgation of its long-delayed plan for electricity generation until 2030, a cabinet statement said. The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) must still be publicly gazetted, it said.

[Moneyweb, 17 October 2019.](#)

WIND POWER IS FAR MORE THAN JUST ENERGY Energy security remains a challenge in the continent, with the average electrification rate in Africa at only about 43%. Wind power therefore could be a game changer. [BizCommunity, 17 October 2019.](#)

PANEL SAYS GENDER EQUALITY STILL A BIG CHALLENGE IN THE WORKPLACE While corporate is making strides in making sure the workplace is more inclusive, gender equality is still lagging behind. [CFO South Africa, 16 October 2019.](#)

BUSINESS NETWORKS IN 24 COUNTRIES PLEDGE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HALT THE DETERIORATION OF NATURE

AND THE LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY On Tuesday during the annual Council Meeting of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), 24 CEO-led business organizations, and Global Network partners of WBCSD, representing about 2,000 companies, have launched the [Lisbon Declaration](#), a joint initiative to support business action and commitment at scale towards addressing the challenges biodiversity faces today. [WBCSD, 15 October 2019.](#)

MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CALL ON BUSINESSES TO LEAD ON CLIMATE POLICY Consensus statement raises the bar for corporate leadership on climate change. [WRI, 15 October 2019.](#)

THE 5 LESSONS FROM NEW YORK CLIMATE WEEK TO HELP US COMBAT DEFORESTATION Post-New York Climate Week and the Sustainable Development Impact Summit running alongside the UN General Assembly, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the climate crisis and deforestation's role in it. [Justin Adams, WEF, 15 October 2019.](#)

BUSINESS PUSHES FOR GREATER JOB CREATION IN SOUTH AFRICA Business is pushing the government to develop specific interventions that will enable greater job creation in specific sectors of the economy and fast-track the implementation of the Jobs Summit resolutions amid high unemployment. [Siphelele Dlodla, IOL Business, 11 October 2019.](#)

PRECOP25 IN COSTA RICA SERVES AS SPRINGBOARD FOR CLIMATE AMBITION TOWARDS COP25 IN CHILE After three days of panels, high-level discussions and exchanging best practices for climate action, PreCOP25 in San José concluded today with calls for more climate ambition. [Press release issued jointly by the UNFCCC Secretariat and Costa Rica as the host of PreCOP25, 10 October 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



MTN TO RELAUNCH MOBILE MONEY SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA MTN will launch a new mobile money service before the end of the quarter says MTN South Africa CEO Godfrey Motsa. [BusinessTech, 17 October 2019.](#)

FNB LAUNCHES LEARNING PROGRAMME, NEW ACCOUNT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES First National Bank said on Tuesday it had launched a new digital app-based entrepreneurship learning programme and a non-fee bank account in response to the barriers faced by small and medium-sized businesses in South Africa. [IOL Business, 15 October 2019.](#)

USB TACKLES DEARTH OF WOMEN ON SA'S BOARDS The University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) recently

hosted a special business breakfast addressing the current state of boardroom gender diversity in South Africa.

[BizCommunity, 15 October 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK BANKS TOP ACCOLADES AT PRIVATE BANKER INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL WEALTH AWARDS

Standard Bank Wealth and Investment has been awarded the Outstanding Global Private Bank in Africa and the Global Best Next-Generation Offering awards at the 29th Private Banker International Global Wealth Awards 2019. [IOL Business, 15 October 2019.](#)

TSGO SUN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR FINALISTS ANNOUNCED Three women-owned businesses from various provinces in South Africa have been selected as finalists for an annual award honouring excellence and high potential in emerging enterprises. [BizCommunity, 14 October 2019.](#)

TOYOTA GIVES R70M ENDOWMENT TOWARDS MANUFACTURING STUDIES The Toyota Wessels Institute for Manufacturing Studies (TWIMS) has received a R70-million endowment from the Toyota South Africa (SA) Educational Trust to create a manufacturing ambassador scholarship to fund promising students who want to complete a manufacturing-focused Master of Business Administration (MBA). [Engineering News, 14 October 2019.](#)

ABSA PLANS OFFICE IN CHINA IN INVESTMENT BANKING ASIA EXPANSION Absa Group's corporate and investment banking unit plans to open an office in China as part of an expansion that will also target other parts of Asia and the Middle East. [Moneyweb, 11 October 2019.](#)

SASOL IN R400M ENTERPRISE AND SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT DEAL WITH NDUNA MARITIME JSE-listed integrated energy and chemicals company Sasol has entered into a R400 million enterprise and supplier development (ESD) funding agreement with Nduna Maritime through Sasol Siyakha Trust to acquire its first tanker vessel, Bow Cecil. [IOL Business, 10 October 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



WORLD FOOD DAY: Time to put a spotlight on the food we produce and consume, as well as business leadership for change in the next years and decades. [WBCSD, 16 October 2019.](#)

GENDER EQUALITY INDEX 2019: STILL FAR FROM THE FINISH LINE The latest Gender Equality Index from the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) shows that the EU's score for gender equality is up just one point to 67.4, since the 2017 edition. [The European Sting, 15 October 2019.](#)

5 TRENDS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY – AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC POLICYMAKERS The [Global Competitiveness Report 2019](#) is a much-needed economic compass, building on 40 years of experience of benchmarking the drivers of long-term competitiveness and integrating the latest learnings about the factors of future productivity. [WEF, 9 October 2019.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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 **Press Release** entitled, “**CDP and Sustainable Infrastructure Foundation announce collaboration to close infrastructure investment gap**”, [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: “**2019 Leading Women celebrated at WBCSD Council Meeting**”, [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. **Please note that this event is fully booked.**

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.

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



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.

A DIALOGUE TO UNLOCK THE ECONOMIC AND HUMAN POTENTIAL OF SOUTH AFRICA | 22 October 2019 | Main Auditorium, Nedbank, Sandton | Flexible power generation: A new paradigm in SA and an alternative to "baseloadism". This seminar explores the role, value, business case and enablers for flexible power generation, including gas-to-power, battery energy storage, pumped water storage, thermal energy storage and other energy storage systems to complement intermittent wind and solar renewable energy sources and to provide much needed auxiliary grid services. [Click here to book your seat.](#)

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 COURSE| 11 to 12 November 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.

RESOURCE EFFICIENT CLEANER PRODUCTION COURSE (NCPC CERTIFIED)| 13 to 14 November 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.

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

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](#).

HBR WEBINAR | LEADING TRANSFORMATION TO THE INTELLIGENT ENTERPRISE | 29 October 2019 | Featuring Jeanne Ross, Principal Research Scientist at the Centre for Information Systems Research for MIT Sloan School of Management. [HBR Website](#).

WEBINAR: PRACTICE GUIDE: HOW TO ALIGN YOUR SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS WITH A 1.5°C FUTURE | 30 October 2019 | Join experts from the Science Based Targets initiative and First Climate for a practical session on 1.5°C aligned science-based target setting and the latest best practices in renewable electricity procurement in a global context and references to a selection of countries and specific procurement options. Learn how to develop your own targets aligned with the Paris Agreement as well as how to effectively decarbonize and report on your scope 2 emissions in order to achieve future-proof renewable electricity targets. [Register for webinar here](#).

ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP (AWS) WEBINAR FOR AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST | 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.](#)

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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