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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

KEVIN CHAPLIN, MANAGING DIRECTOR: THE SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION & NBI WESTERN CAPE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER emphasizes the pivotal role that the NBI plays by building trust between Government & Business: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

TAMDEV: IGNITING ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNITIES BY SUPPORTING SERVICE DELIVERY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT A business-led initiative arising out of the Presidential

Jobs Summit to develop capacity in local government to improve service delivery and create job opportunities within communities. Look out for **NBI's latest News Update** due to be published tomorrow!

SSHAP GRADUATION CEREMONY The Swiss South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme, is a 6-month pilot programme which equips apprentices with the appropriate technical skills and work-readiness to increase their likelihood of success in the identified occupational roles and ultimately enhance their employability. **The Embassy of Switzerland, Hotel and Tourism Management Institute (HTMi) Switzerland** and the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** will host a graduation ceremony for the first cohort of Graduates on this Friday, the 15th of November 2019. Please contact: [Shavilla Harpal](#) should you wish to hear more about this Initiative.

INDUSTRY NEWS



TOP UK FIRMS FALLING FAR SHORT OF GENDER EQUALITY TARGETS Britain's biggest listed companies will miss an official gender equality target unless one in every two senior hires in the next year are women, according to a new study. [Rosa Furneaux, BusinessLIVE, 14 November 2019.](#)

DURBAN CONFERENCE SET TO FOCUS ON AFRICA'S GREEN ECONOMY South Africa is to host the 17th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Durban. The conference will take place on Thursday and Friday, under the theme 'Taking Action for Environmental Sustainability and Prosperity in Africa'. [BizCommunity, 14 November 2019.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE MIGHT HIT THE ECONOMY HARDER AND FASTER THAN THOUGHT The economic effects of global warming may arrive sooner and with a bigger impact than previously thought, according to Oxford Economics in a report that compares recent scientific research with the economic literature on the costs of climate change. [Yuko Takeo, Bloomberg, 13 November 2019.](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES PLUS TECHNOLOGY CREATES SMART CITIES Smart cities use information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance liveability, workability and sustainability, thereby improving the life of its residents. [Alive2Green, 12 November 2019.](#)

NELSON MANDELA BAY WATER SHORTAGE BECOMES CRISIS AS SECOND-LARGEST DAM IS CLOSE TO

RUNNING DRY Nelson Mandela Bay metro is edging closer to being the first SA city to run out of water after the metro's second biggest supply dam has fallen to levels that can no longer be accessed by intake pumps. [Estelle Ellis, Daily Maverick, 11 November 2019.](#)

THE WORLD'S ECONOMY IS ONLY 9% CIRCULAR. WE MUST BE BOLDER ABOUT SAVING RESOURCES

The immense progress in human development over the past century has provided incredible opportunities for many, yet it has been largely fuelled by rapid and accelerating dependency on natural resources – and the extraction and processing of these resources are responsible for about 50% of greenhouse gas emissions. [Janez Potocnik & Antonia Gawel, The European Sting/WEF, 11 November 2019.](#)

THERE'S NO TIME, OR FOOD, TO WASTE

One of the great challenges of the 21st century is how to nutritiously feed nearly 10 billion people by 2050. One key is reducing food loss and waste at a large scale. [Craig Hanson, WRI, 11 November 2019.](#)

WATER DEPT STEPS IN TO EASE FREE STATE SHORTAGES

To augment dwindling water levels in the Free State, the Department of Water and Sanitation has released water from the Saulsport dam to benefit areas such as Frankfort, Tweeling and Reitz. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 11 November 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



SPAR SURPRISE AS PROFIT GROWS BY DOUBLE DIGITS The Spar Group rose more than 7 percent on the JSE on Wednesday after the retailer confounded the country's stagnant economy with double-digit growth in profits for the year to the end of September. [IOL Business, 14 November 2019.](#)

FNB LAUNCHES EASY ZERO, A NO MONTHLY FEE DIGITAL ACCOUNT WITH A CARD FNB has launched its rebranded digital account, Easy Zero, which now includes a debit card. [BusinessTech, 14 November 2019.](#)

NEDBANK TO PAY FOR MORTGAGES UNDER NEW REWARDS SCHEME Nedbank could pay off mortgages or fund holidays for a small number of customers that exhibit good financial behaviour under its revamped rewards programme,

its head of loyalty and rewards Dharmesh Bhana told Reuters. [Moneyweb, 14 November 2019.](#)

MMINELE IS ABSA'S NEW CEO Financial Mail reported on Thursday that the Absa board has approved the appointment of Daniel Mminele as the bank's next CEO, from next year. [FIN24, 14 November 2019.](#)

2019 TSOGO SUN ENTREPRENEUR ANNOUNCED The Tsogo Sun Entrepreneur of 2019 Award was proudly presented to Belinda Francis, owner of Tych Business Solutions on 7 November at a gala banquet, which concluded a two-day conference and exhibition attended by 150 entrepreneurs at Holiday Inn Sandton. [Sandton Tourism Association, 12 November 2019.](#)

MTN MESSAGING PLATFORM REACHES 1 MILLION ACTIVE USERS MTN's instant messaging platform Ayoba has reached one million monthly active users, the mobile communications giant said on Tuesday. [IOL Business, 12 November 2019.](#)

ABB RESEARCH AWARD 2019 GOES TO BATTERY-FREE SENSOR PROJECT ABB has granted the second ABB Research Award in Honor of Hubertus von Grünberg to Dr. Ambuj Varshney for his research into an ultra-low power and long-range communication system (LoRea) for battery-free sensors that harvest small amounts of energy from the ambient environment. [ABB, 12 November 2019.](#)

VODACOM'S INTERIM EARNINGS UP NEARLY 20% Telecommunications giant Vodacom on Monday posted an 18.9% year-on-year increase in headline earnings a share to 460c and a 19.4% year-on-year increase in earnings a share to 461c for the six months ended September 30. [Engineering News, 11 November 2019.](#)

TOYOTA ANNOUNCES \$1.8 BILLION SHARE BUYBACK AFTER STRONG SECOND-QUARTER Toyota Motor Corp plans a \$1.8 billion (R26.5 billion) share buyback, Japan's biggest automaker said on Thursday, after beating quarterly forecasts on higher global vehicle sales and an improved performance in North America. [IOL Business, 7 November 2019.](#)

DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF [November 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



WE MEAN BUSINESS: The energy transition has started - and is happening at pace. Business is demanding #cleanpower. 100+ cities now get +70% of their electricity from #renewables. We need more leading governments to take action NOW. Let's build a [#BetterFutureFaster](#).

NEW GUIDANCE CAN HELP COMPANIES REDUCE WATER RISK, IMPROVE WATERSHEDS Water-related risk is a growing economic threat, [responsible for over \\$36 billion in private sector losses](#) in 2018. [WRI, 11 November 2019](#)

LEADING COMPANIES ENDORSE WBCSD'S CALL FOR A STRONGER CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) launched today the [CEO Guide the Circular Bioeconomy](#), a call for the shift towards a sustainable, low-carbon, circular bioeconomy. The Guide gives business leaders a clear understanding of the topic and the business opportunities it offers to their company. [WBCSD, 7 November 2019](#).

PLASTIC ATLAS HIGHLIGHTS SCALE OF GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS The Heinrich Böll Foundation and the movement Break Free From Plastic have published the international English edition of the [Plastic Atlas](#), a document that contains more than 45 detailed infographics covering a broad range of topics regarding the global plastic pollution crisis, taking into account the value chain of plastic. [BizCommunity, 7 November 2019](#).

GENDER EQUALITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK LAUNCHED Seedstars, SAFEEM and GIZ have joined forces to increase women participation across all levels to achieve an improved gender balance. [BizCommunity, 5 November 2019](#).

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY: NEW GUIDANCE FOR COMPANIES ON SUSTAINABLE WATER USE To succeed and thrive, businesses need a reliable water supply. [CDP, 5 November 2019](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITY: OCEANA - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER POSITION Kindly click [here](#) to view the job description in detail. **Closing date: 19 November 2019.**

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: “**89% of companies reporting deforestation risks, but not enough are committing to sustainable palm oil production in Indonesia**”, [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 **Blog Article** entitled: “**South Africa: A “Rainbow” Array of Stewardship Partnerships Has Led to a Wide Diversity of Lessons**”, [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 tweets & re-tweets, [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 recently published **News Article**, entitled: “**Making the circular economy business case to your CFO**”, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

ROUNDTABLE ON PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO PROMOTE LOW CARBON, CLIMATE RESILIENT GROWTH | Wednesday, 20 November 2019 | Sandton | The Climate Envoy for the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the National Business Initiative are hosting a roundtable lunch discussion on private sector engagement to address climate change and promote low carbon, climate resilient growth. **This is a by invitation only event.** Please contact: [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for details.

SANBI/NBI PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD A PIPELINE FOR GCF ADAPTATION FUNDING | Thursday, 21 November 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | Please join us as we kick off our new partnership to build a pipeline for GCF Adaptation Funding for South Africa with a comprehensive update on the status of climate science with two of South Africa’s leading climate scientists, **Professor Bob Scholes and Professor Francois Engelbrecht**. Please contact: [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for further details or kindly click [here](#) to RSVP for this event if you are an NBI member company.

UWASP PARTNERS PLATFORM MEETING: RICHARDS BAY | Friday, 22 November 2019 | Premier Hotel The Richards, Richards Bay | The uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership (UWASP) serves as a coordination hub for collective action on water security across the uMhlathuze region. UWASP’s approach is collaborative, with all partners working collectively to identify focus areas and implement projects across industry, agriculture and communities. As the year draws to an end, it is opportune to meet and reflect on the progress made thus far and plan for the year ahead. As such, this Partners Platform meeting will focus on: An overview of UWASP’s progress during the year and current

transitional arrangements, an update on the current status of the uMhlatuze catchment, UWASP's envisaged plan for 2020; and opportunities for collaboration with UWASP in the year ahead. Kindly contact: [Mmaphefo Thwala](#) for further details.

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PROTOCOL | Wednesday, 27 November 2019 |

FutureSpace, Sandton | Companies already use various approaches and tools to measure changes in biodiversity across their value chain, yet they lack a standardised, comparable, credible and unbiased methodology to help them consolidate and report their biodiversity impacts. The Biological Diversity Protocol (BD Protocol) is therefore being developed in close collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders and is designed as a comprehensive biological diversity accounting and reporting framework. This will help you produce the credible and unbiased information needed for various biodiversity-related applications, from management to disclosure. The BD Protocol is an output of the Biodiversity Disclosure Project (BDP), managed by the National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) of South Africa and hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT). [RSVP here.](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019/20



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.](#)

NEXT GENERATION 2020 RESEARCH REPORT LAUNCH | Durban – 19 November 2019, Cape Town – 21

November 2019 and Johannesburg – 26 November 2019 | Next Generation will release their highly anticipated 2020 research report **Disruption with Impact** that takes a close look at disruptive trends that are rocking the investment and development sectors in November. Details and press release [here.](#)

FROM FAILURE TO FLOURISHING: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEYS |

19 November 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | The EDA was launched in 2012 and is the focal point of entrepreneurship education at GIBS. To advance its objective of facilitating thought leadership in entrepreneurship, the EDA has embarked on

developing a series of speaker events targeted at entrepreneurs and other stakeholders in the entrepreneurship ecosystem. [GIBS Website](#).

WATER UPDATE AT EWW FORUM AND 'WATER STARS' TO BE RECOGNISED | 19 November 2019 | Mutual Park, Pinelands |

Join the next Energy Water Waste Forum meeting, where water will be the focus. Find out more about Cape Town's Water Strategy; safe and legal use of alternative water; and get an update on water restrictions, tariffs, quality and pressure. At the Water Star Certification Awards, the City will recognise businesses with best practices in water management, conservation and pollution control, and you'll hear from those rated highest. [Click here](#) to register, and for more details email: eww.forum@capetown.gov.za.

PROCUREMENT TRANSFORMATION - FUELING GROWTH, INNOVATION & JOB CREATION | 25 to 27 November 2019 | ICC Durban | The South African Supplier Diversity Council (SASDC) Synergy Conference and Business Opportunity Fair is a high -impact event targeted at creating a networking platform for knowledge sharing and facilitating genuine linkages between Corporates and Black Owned (BO) and Black Women Owned (BWO) businesses. [Further information](#).

IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 26 November 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**.

WWF SOUTH AFRICA OUR PLANET OUR BUSINESS CONFERENCE | 4 December 2019 | The Venue Green Park, Morningside, Johannesburg | What are the solutions needed to accelerate the implementation of ambitious sustainability strategies which benefit people, business and the planet in 2020 and beyond? Be a part of the conversation at the inaugural WWF South Africa Our Planet Our Business conference taking place on 4 December 2019 in Johannesburg. Tickets are R1999 including VAT. Special discounted rates for bulk bookings available. [Register now](#).

SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION NETWORKING BUSINESS BREAKFAST | 6 December 2019 | Atlantic Beach Links Country Club, Cape Town | Mcebisi Jonas - After Dawn: Hope after state capture: Former deputy Finance Minister and author of 'After Dawn: Hope after state capture'. The book covers events leading up to state capture as well as South Africa's economic and political landscape. Mcebisi was one of the first politicians to blow the whistle on state capture, claiming the Gupta brothers offered him R 600m to take the position of Finance Minister. To book and register, kindly [click here](#).

SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 8 to 11 March 2020 | Diemersfontein Wine Estate, Wellington, Cape Town | The [Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's](#) 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.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

COP 25 | 2 to 13 December 2019 | Madrid, Spain | Madrid to host Cop25 climate talks in December after Chile withdraws. [Climate Change News, 1 November 2019.](#)

WEBCAST: HOW EV CHARGING & FLEET ELECTRIFICATION IS CHANGING THE VALUE CHAIN OF THE GRID | 4 December 2019 | It's clear that the electrification of transportation is the future, but the outlines of that future remain shrouded in a complex, confusing web of uncertainties. This ABB-hosted webcast will offer glimpses into the future of electrified transportation – from individual vehicles to fleets of delivery trucks to rideshare vehicles – through real-world and imminent use cases that illustrate how to optimize EVs' interactions with the grid in ways that benefit owners and operators of both EVs and electric grids – as well as society as a whole. [Register here.](#)



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