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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

DR ANTHONY GEWER, NBI'S SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME MANAGER, introduces the **IRM Initiative** to our Members and Stakeholders: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

NBI@COP25: The National Business initiative (NBI) will again be hosting the South African Pavilion with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries at UN Climate Change Conference - COP25, taking place from 2 to 15 December 2018, in Madrid, Spain. Please contact: [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) should you require more information on the COP25

Pavilion. [#COP25](#)

INAUGURAL MEETING OF NBI'S GAUTENG WATER ALLIANCE | 5 DECEMBER 2019 | The time for drought related planning for the Gauteng region, is now. Delays in infrastructure development, operational challenges, recurrent droughts, climate change and rising water demand, all place Gauteng's water security at risk. View [here](#) what the **Gauteng Water Alliance** will focus on.

SA-EU CIRCULAR ECONOMY SYMPOSIUM took place this week (19 to 20 November 2019) at the Department of Science and Innovation in Pretoria. The Symposium which discussed various aspects of the Circular Economy, included a presentation by **Steve Nicholls, NBI's Head of Environment** on understanding the complexity of a transition to a Circular Economy and the risks and opportunities to the South African economy. [#CircularEconomy](#)

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. Read NBI's latest News Update [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



WE NEED A NEW APPROACH TO CUTTING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: AND IT'S ALL ABOUT INNOVATION

Getting on track to limit global temperature increases to 1.5°C requires us to think beyond business as usual. [Robert Andrén, The European Sting/WEF, 20 November 2019.](#)

4 WAYS TO ADDRESS GENDER BIAS IN AI Any examination of bias in AI needs to recognize the fact that these biases mainly stem from humans' inherent biases. The models and systems we create and train are a reflection of ourselves. [Josh Feast, HBR, 20 November 2019.](#)

RENEWABLES COULD CUT POWER GENERATION HEALTH IMPACT BY 80 PERCENT Switching to renewables could cut the health impacts of air pollution from power generation as much as 80% by mid-century, experts said Tuesday 19 November 2019. [The South African, 20 November 2019.](#)

TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS IS CRUCIAL TO THE SDGS. HERE'S WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE BY 2021 If we are to achieve the UN's SDGs by 2030, immediate and urgent action is required to transform how food is produced, accessed, valued and consumed. [Sean de Cleene, WEF, 18 November 2019.](#)

WBCSD RELEASES KEY POLICY ASKS FROM BUSINESS AHEAD OF COP25 IN MADRID A couple of weeks ahead of the opening of COP25 in Madrid, Spain (2-13 December), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released key policy recommendations for COP25 negotiators. [WBCSD, 18 November 2019.](#)

COP25 TO KEEP OCEAN FOCUS DESPITE MOVING TO MADRID Next month's UN climate talks have moved from Chile to Spain but will retain the "blue COP" theme. [Fermin Koop, China Dialogue Ocean, 18 November 2019.](#)

HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS REDEFINING THE ROLE OF MANAGER Artificial intelligence (AI) will impact every job, in every industry and every country. There are significant fears that AI will eliminate jobs altogether. [Dan Schawbel, WEF, 15 November 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



BARLOWORLD'S HEAD OFFICE RECEIVES 5-STAR GREEN STAR SA DESIGN RATING V1.1 Barloworld Automotive and Logistics Head Office, the first building to be completed in the mixed-use Irene Link precinct in Centurion, has recently been awarded a 5-Star Green Star SA Design Rating v1.1. [Asset News Hub, 20 November 2019.](#)

PICK N PAY LAUNCHES NEW PRODUCTS FOR HEALTH FOOD RANGE Pick n Pay will now help customers make more informed choices in a major healthy eating drive to make healthier eating cheaper, easier, and more accessible. [IOL Business, 20 November 2019.](#)

FNB Engages Township Entrepreneurs During #GEW2019 As part of its ongoing commitment to help SMEs in SA, FNB is once again embarking on a series of interactive engagements with entrepreneurs across some of the country's biggest townships during Global Entrepreneurship Week (#GEW2019). [Bizcommunity, 20 November 2019.](#)

BMW UNVEILS I4 ELECTRIC CAR WITH 600KM DRIVING RANGE The new BMW i4 will be able to achieve 600km driving range on a single charge, according to specifications for its new all-electric gran coupé released on Tuesday. [The Driven, 19 November 2019.](#)

THREE SAPPI PULP PRODUCTION FACILITIES COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Paper and pulp producer Sappi's three dissolving wood pulp (DWP) production facilities – Cloquet, Ngodwana and Saiccor – have completed the Higg Facility Environmental Module (Higg FEM) self-assessment via the Sustainable Apparel Coalition's (SAC's) online portal. [Engineering News, 18 November 2019.](#)

ANDRE DE RUYTER APPOINTED AS ESKOM CEO FROM JANUARY 15 Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan announced on Monday that Andre de Ruyter had been appointed as the new CEO of Eskom and that he would commence duties on January 15, 2020, at a salary below that of the current compensation package. [Engineering News, 18 November 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



WATER-WISE STARS ON THE RISE The City of Cape Town today, 19 November 2019, awarded its Water Star Rating Certification to 23 organisations, recognising their innovative water-saving efforts. [Knowledge Bylanes, 19 November 2019.](#)

LATEST CDP REPORT: NO WOOD FOR THE TREES As the deadline set by the Consumer Goods Forum's resolution to achieve zero net deforestation by 2020 approaches, it seems particularly timely to initiate on CDP's first Investor Research report on deforestation. [Download here.](#)

FEEDBACK REQUESTED: HELP US STRENGTHEN OUR ONLINE E-LEARNING SERIES, THE WATER STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY The CEO Water Mandate Secretariat is delighted to launch a beta version of the [Water Stewardship University](#) – an online e-learning series designed to introduce businesses and others to core water stewardship concepts in an accessible and concise manner. The University is free of charge and available to everyone in the world. It was made possible through a generous grant from GIZ's NatuReS programme. [Click here.](#)

2018 - 2019 INYATHELO ANNUAL REPORT [View here.](#)

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.](#)

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: "Leading consumer goods companies directly linked to deforestation: soybean, cattle, paper & palm oil risks potential threat to global supply chains", [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 the following article entitled: "Putting the Water Action Hub into Action in the Apparel Sector", [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 latest **Insider Perspective**, entitled: "SUN Global Gathering", [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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 uMhlathuze 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.](#)

THE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP WE NEED REQUIRES THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO INTROSPECT AND ACT | Tuesday, 3

December 2019 | FutureSpace, Sandton | One of South Africa's biggest and most complex challenges is corruption. The real cost of corruption is not just financial loss and reputational damage, but also includes the loss of jobs that would have otherwise been created, the loss of tax income due to illegal cash outflows, the negative impact on socio-economic growth, the loss to citizens that are forced to pay more for goods and services; and corruption stunts competitiveness and dynamism in the country. Further details and link to RSVP, [here.](#)

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GAUTENG WATER ALLIANCE | Thursday, 5 December 2019 | FutureSpace,

Sandton | Join us as we work to understand the water risks facing Gauteng, what plans and initiatives are underway; and map out the role of the private sector in the year ahead. Kindly click [here](#) to view full details of the event.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019/20



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**.

NEXT GENERATION 2020 RESEARCH REPORT LAUNCH | 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](#).

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](#).

W12 CONGRESS | 27 to 31 January 2020 | CTICC, Cape Town | The City of Cape Town would like to invite you and your colleagues to the W12 Congress, an International Conference and Expo that seeks to create the world's first Major City Best Practice Water Protocol and strengthen the citizen-driven governance of alternative sustainable water solutions. [Further information](#).

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

COP25 | 2 to 13 December 2019 | Madrid, Spain | Madrid to host Cop25 climate talks in December after Chile withdraws.
[Climate Change News, 1 November 2019.](#)

WEBINAR: INTRODUCING THE CEO WATER MANDATE'S WATER SECURITY THROUGH STEWARDSHIP ACTION PLATFORM | 3 December 2019 | The CEO Water Mandate Secretariat is delighted to invite your business to a one-hour webinar introducing the UN Global Compact's Water Security through Stewardship Action Platform – developed and implemented by the Mandate. We will hold two separate calls (featuring the same content) to accommodate different time zones. [Register here.](#)

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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