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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**KATHLEEN EBERSOHN-KHUVUTLU, SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY SPECIALIST AT DISCOVERY**, shares her view on the important role that the NBI's Transformation & Social Cohesion Programme is playing to assist business in building an equitable & inclusive society: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

**THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE'S (NBI'S) SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME** in partnership with **Growthpoint** hosted two dialogues in Johannesburg and Cape Town on Enabling Economic Inclusion which explored measuring the macro-economic impact of support for entrepreneurs and small and medium size

businesses (SMEs). **Read NBI's latest Newsflash, [here](#).**

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS ARE ACCELERATING** This week the National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted sessions in Johannesburg, KwaZulu-Natal and Cape Town on Global Insights for Strengthened Climate and Water Action. Key issues raised at three major global dialogues on sustainability held during 2019 and attended by the NBI - World Water Week, Climate Week New York and the United Nations Secretary General's (UNSG) Summit on Climate Change - were discussed as well as their relevance for company practice and the strengthening of local action. The issues and opportunities relating to just socio-economic transition and climate resilient development, which have vital implications for the South African business landscape were also raised. Please contact: [Steve Nicholls](#), [Alex McNamara](#) or [Geeta Morar](#) for further information.

**NEW PATHWAY INTO THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH** For the past year, the National Business Initiative (NBI) has been working with the Institute of Plumbing (IOPSA), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator to design a solution to grow employment for large number of young people in the plumbing industry. [Read here.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS



**CHILEAN PRESIDENT CANCELS APEC AND CLIMATE SUMMITS AMID WAVE OF UNREST** Sebastián Piñera confirms he will not hold summits in November and December, as government struggles with massive protests. [Tom Phillips, Jonathan Watts and Jonathan Franklin, The Guardian, 30 October 2019.](#)

**CLEAR TARGETS FOR A CLEAN OCEAN** By the time the 2020 UN Ocean Conference takes place in June, we will be well underway to record another 8 million tons of plastic litter entering our ocean. [Lise Kingo, GreenBiz, 30 October 2019.](#)

**EMPOWERMENT - CLOSING IN ON THE FUTURE** The digital economy offers hope for the youth but gender issues must still be addressed. [Leadership, 30 October 2019.](#)

**UN LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON GLOBAL VISION FOR 2045** Beginning in January 2020, the UN will convene dialogues around the world with “all segments and generations of society,” with a particular focus on listening to youth and marginalized groups. [Faye Leone, IISD, 29 October 2019.](#)

**HERE'S HOW A CIRCULAR ECONOMY COULD CHANGE THE WORLD BY 2030** Let me share my vision of 2030. By then, we are living in a global circular economy that has become ‘intentionally transparent’. This open mindset has released a surge in trust throughout the world’s supply chains that encourages higher visibility and greater control over responsible sourcing. [Leanne Kemp, WEF, 29 October 2019.](#)

**HOW THE BEST BOSSES INTERRUPT BIAS ON THEIR TEAMS** Companies spend millions on antibias training each year. The goal is to create workforces that are more inclusive, and thereby more innovative and more effective. [Joan C. Williams and Sky Mihaylo, HBR, November/December 2019.](#)

**UN SUMMIT TACKLES CLIMATE CHANGE-INDUCED THREAT TO MOUNTAIN WATER SUPPLIES** The world’s mountain and glacier regions are facing unprecedented challenges due to climate change, imposing a crippling effect on the people and economies that rely on them, the UN’s weather agency explained on Tuesday, ahead of a summit to address the world’s rapidly-changing water systems. [UN News, 29 October 2019.](#)

**ANGLO, EXXARO, OTHERS PARTNER ON INITIATIVE TO DRIVE SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Diversified miners Anglo American and Exxaro have, alongside the Council for Scientific and industrial Research (CSIR) and World Vision International announced their collaborative partnership to work with the government of the Limpopo province to drive sustainable economic development in the province through a multisector initiative called, the Impact Catalyst. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 29 October 2019.](#)

**RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PREPARING ‘JUST TRANSITION’ ROADMAP** South Africa’s renewable energy sector has revealed that it is preparing a “just transition” roadmap that seeks to speed up and assist the mobilisation of wind and solar energy in regions where gold and coal mining are on the decline. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 28 October 2019.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



#### **DISCOVERY IS PHASING OUT VITALITY REWARD POINTS – HERE'S HOW THE NEW SYSTEM WILL WORK**

Discovery has announced that it will be phasing out its Vitality reward points scheme from January 2020.

[BusinessTech, 31 October 2019.](#)

#### **SAPPI SOUTHERN AFRICA AWARDED FOR EXPORT AND INVESTMENT IN KZN**

Sappi Southern Africa has been recognised for their contribution to promoting export competitiveness, having taken top honours at the 2019 KZN Exporter of the Year Awards held at the ICC in Durban on Thursday, 17 October. [BizCommunity, 30 October 2019.](#)

#### **MTN TEAMS UP WITH SANLAM FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES**

MTN South Africa says that Sanlam Indie's InsurTech offering is now available to its customers. [BusinessTech, 30 October 2019.](#)

#### **INVESTEC FUND EYES FURTHER ACQUISITIONS AFTER AUSTRALIAN LISTING**

Investec Australia Property Fund, which recently listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), said on Wednesday the financial boost from that listing meant it was now well positioned to make further acquisitions. [BusinessLIVE, 30 October 2019.](#)

#### **ANGLO IMPLEMENTING 'GREEN' WORKER TRANSPORT IN CHILE**

In the context of efforts to have more sustainable and efficient operations and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses, Anglo American is implementing electromobility for the transport of its workers to and from work in Chile. [Engineering News, 29 October 2019.](#)

#### **RMB PARTNERS WITH ACCELERATE IN R3BN REDEVELOPMENT OF FOURWAYS MALL**

RMB real estate investment banking acts as large-scale partner in the mega-mall redevelopment project. [BusinessLIVE, 28 October 2019.](#)

#### **STRONG PROFIT GROWTH FOR CLICKS, AS MORE THAN HALF OF SA NOW LIVES WITHIN 5KM OF ITS STORES**

Clicks reported strong profit growth in the year to end-August, as the group expands its network to more than 700 stores, with 545 pharmacies. [FIN24, 24 October 2019.](#)

#### **AFRICAN BANK LAUNCHES NEW FLAGSHIP BRANCH IN SANDTON**

African Bank has opened its new flagship branch in Sandton City. [BusinessTech, 24 October 2019.](#)

#### **NEDBANK CIB CONCLUDES MAJOR DEAL IN GHANA**

Nedbank CIB Property Finance Africa has concluded a \$37.5-million transaction in Accra, Ghana, for the Actis Africa Real Estate Fund. [Engineering News, 24 October 2019.](#)

**NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS**



**WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS LTD** has published its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Good Business Journey Report. In this latest version Woolworths provides an update on performance against its sustainability goals over the past twelve months. To read more, please [download the report here](#).

**THE FUTURE OF WORK** Stephen Timm investigates Artificial Intelligence and its possible impact on job security. [TOP500, October 2019](#).

**TIPS FOR OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS TO A ZERO-CARBON FUTURE** Companies and cities across the globe are aligning to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees Celsius above today's temperatures by 2050. [GreenBiz, 30 October 2019](#).

**REPORT FINDS EARLY PROGRESS ON NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY COMMITMENTS** The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and UN Environment Programme (UNEP) published a review of progress on global efforts to prevent plastic pollution and move towards a circular economy for plastics. [IISD, 29 October 2019](#).

**CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE ELEARNING COURSES NOW AVAILABLE IN 3 LANGUAGES** CBC and PSP (eLearning team) are extremely pleased to inform you that the Climate Smart Agriculture courses developed jointly with the World Bank, Italian Ministry of Environment and FAO, and a number of FAO technical divisions (AGA, CBC, CBL, ESA), are now available through the FAO eLearning Center in English, French and Spanish. Please explore the FAO eLearning Center Digital Catalogue including the CSA courses, [here](#).

**PROGRESS ON CLIMATE ACTION STALLS, HINDERING PARIS AGREEMENT GOALS – PWC REPORT** The rate of global decarbonisation has slowed to its lowest level since 2011 after four years of moderate progress, PwC UK's latest Low Carbon Economy Index (LCEI) shows. [Engineering News, 18 October 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 insights** just published, [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 **latest 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: "A race to the top", [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: "Measuring and monitoring food waste for healthy people and a healthy planet", [here](#).

## NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

Please contact the [NBI Website](#) for future NBI Events.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



**SOUTH AFRICA INVESTMENT CONFERENCE 2019 | 5 to 7 November 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre**  
Building on the success of the inaugural conference, it will provide an opportunity to find out about the country's abundant investment opportunities in a host of dynamic sectors, and to engage directly with the country's business and political leaders. [Conference Website](#).

**LANDFILL MANAGEMENT COURSE | 11 to 12 November 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg**  
more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: 08 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](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: 082 395 7582.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CONVENTION | 14 to 15 November 2019 | Indaba H Fourways** | The 3-day conference aims to get industry stakeholders in one room, to continue the conversation 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.](#)

**WATER UPDATE AT EWW FORUM AND 'WATER STARS' TO BE RECOGNISED | 19 November 2019 | M Park, Pinelands** |  
Joins 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 practice in water management, conservation and pollution control, and you'll hear from those rated highest. [Click here](#) register, and for more details email: [eww.forum@capetown.gov.za](mailto: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 point) and will cover the key developments in environmental legislation in 2018 and 2019, including amendments and new regulations promulgated. To book, email the booking form to [lulu@imbewu.co.za](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za) or call us on 011 2 0660.

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019**

**UN CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT ON COP25: [30 October 2019.](#)**

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