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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**NELISWA FENTE, CHAIR OF THE NBI CULTURE OF INCLUSION WORKING GROUP** shares what she believes to be a unique value add of the NBI for its members: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

**STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI'S HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT** took part in a panel discussion at a side event of the **South Africa Investment Conference 2019** in Sandton, on Tuesday. The discussion, '**Addressing perceived and real risk in impact investing**' focussed on managing perceived and real risks from early stage to bankable business in developmental sectors. [Conference Website.](#)

**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 15 November 2019. Please contact: [Shavilla Harpal](#) should you wish to hear more about this Initiative.

**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** Last 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

## INDUSTRY NEWS



**UNFCCC COP 25** As announced by the UNFCCC Secretariat on 1 November 2019, the COP Bureau agreed that COP 25 will take place from 2-13 December, in Madrid, Spain. [IISD, November 2019.](#)

**SA INVESTMENT DRIVE: RAMAPHOSA'S CLAIMED PLEDGES NOW STAND AT R663BN** President says the SA Investment Conference is no talk shop, as the half-way mark of his investment target of R1.2trn is surpassed. [Suren Naidoo, Moneyweb, 7 November 2019.](#)

**GAUTENG DAM LEVELS DROP FURTHER** High temperatures and a lack of rainfall have continued to put pressure on

dwindling dam levels across the country and especially within the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS). [Marleny Arnoldi, 6 November 2019.](#)

**FROM START-UP TO SCALE: THIS IS HOW GOVERNMENTS CAN ACCELERATE INNOVATION AND BUILD INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES** Innovation is at the heart of economic growth and job creation. It can transform productivity and efficiency and address many of the world's longstanding and emerging challenges, such as climate change, health, education and social inclusiveness. [Charlotte Edmond, WRI, 4 November 2019.](#)

**MADRID TO ORGANIZE UN COP25 IN RECORD TIME** Madrid will host the 25th United Nations Climate Change summit (COP25) from December 2 to 13 after Chile's resignation. The Spanish capital has four weeks to face the logistical challenge of the most important event of the year to provide solutions to the global climate crisis. [Ana Garcia Valdivia, Forbes, 4 November 2019.](#)

**WITHDRAWING FROM PARIS AGREEMENT WILL HURT U.S. ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD** The Trump administration formally set in motion its plans to officially withdraw from the Paris Agreement today, a step that is in stark contrast to the interests of thousands of investors and companies that have called for the U.S. to remain in the landmark accord and one that puts the U.S. at a significant disadvantage as the only country in the world not participating in the global pact, said the sustainability non-profit organization Ceres. [Ceres, 4 November 2019.](#)

**BUILDINGS ARE AN IDEAL BUT OVERLOOKED CLIMATE SOLUTION** In her speech before the United Nations in September 2019, Greta Thunberg called out the assembled world leaders for their stubborn adherence to the status quo in the face of an escalating climate crisis. "How dare you pretend that this can be solved with just business as usual?" she said. [Emma Stewart, Graham Pugh and Matt Jordan, WRI, 4 November 2019.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



**FIFTEEN SA BUSINESSES TO VIE FOR FNB INNOVATION AWARDS** Fifteen of the most innovative and dynamic businesses in South Africa have been shortlisted to contend for First National Bank's annual business innovation accolades later this month, the bank said on Wednesday. [IOL Business, 6 November 2019.](#)

**WOOLIES TO EXPAND FOODFORWARD SA PARTNERSHIP OVER FESTIVE PERIOD** Woolworths will be expanding

its partnership with food redistribution organisation FoodForward SA over the festive period, this year. [BizCommunity, 6 November 2019.](#)

**MTN TO INVEST R50BN IN SOUTH AFRICA OVER COMING FIVE YEARS** Telecommunications group MTN announced on Wednesday that it would be investing R10-billion a year into its South African operations over the coming five-year – a period which coincides with government’s goal of attracting more than R1-trillion of fixed investment into the underperforming economy. [Engineering News, 6 November 2019.](#)

**GOLDMAN SACHS' CEO IN SA STEPS DOWN AFTER 20 YEARS** CEO of Goldman Sachs in sub-Saharan Africa, Colin Coleman (57), will retire at the end of the year. [FIN24, 5 November 2019.](#)

**STANDARD BANK PREPARES TO DOMINATE AFRICA-CHINA TRADE FLOW** In a move that is set to significantly boost the export of African products to China, Standard Bank, Africa’s largest financial services organisation, has launched a new export proposition that eases challenges and supports exporters in accessing the Chinese market. [IOL Business, 5 November 2010.](#)

**SASOL SETS OUT PLAN TO CUT EMISSIONS BY 10% BY 2030** Petrochemicals giant Sasol is targeting a 10% reduction in its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030, bringing the current 56-million tonnes a year of emissions down to 50-million tonnes. [Engineering News, 5 November 2019.](#)

**DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF** [November 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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



**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.](#)

**WBCSD CAMPAIGN: MOBILIZING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** Every year in November, the attention of the global human rights community turns to Geneva for the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. [WBCSD, 31 October 2019.](#)

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

**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.](#)

## **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 **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 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: “**Collaborative work on ERM-ESG alignment earns UN ISAR Honors promoting sustainability**”, [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: [Geeta Morar](#) for further details or kindly click [here](#) to RSVP for this event.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019/2020



**LANDFILL MANAGEMENT COURSE| 11 to 12 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.

**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 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.](#)

**FROM FAILURE TO FLOURISHING: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEYS | 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](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 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](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za) or call us on 011 214 0660.

**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.](#)

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