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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

Please note that this will be the last edition of On A Clear Day published in 2019. We would like to wish our readers a wonderful and relaxing festive season and a prosperous 2020.

JOIN THE CONSULTATION ON THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PROTOCOL The National Business Initiative (NBI) co-hosted an interactive workshop on the Biological Diversity Protocol in November 2019, with the Endangered Wildlife Trust

(EWT). Managing biodiversity is a key part to any effective business. The impacts of our dependence on failing natural assets is becoming clearer and is exacerbated by climate change. [Read here](#).

THE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP WE NEED REQUIRES THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO INTROSPECT AND ACT The National Business Initiative (NBI) hosted a Thought Leadership Series (TLS) last week in Sandton to constructively reflect on the private sector's role in urgently and systemically addressing one of South Africa's biggest and most complex challenges - corruption. Read NBI's latest Newsflash, [here](#).

NBI'S HEAD OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION, GUGU MCLAREN-USHEWOKUNZE, participated on a panel exploring Strengthening prevention responses: partnerships with private and public sector and philanthropy organisations at the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern African regional conference held in Johannesburg from 4 to 5 December 2019. Gugu highlighted that multisectoral partnerships to deal with pressing social issues are not only essential, but can successfully be achieved where there are shared visions and objectives. She also shared that partnerships between the private sector and civil society need to go beyond funding and work towards collaborative systemic solutions. For further information on NBI's Social Transformation programme, kindly contact: [Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze](#).

MINISTER BARBARA CREECY LEADS SOUTH AFRICA'S DELEGATION TO UNFCCC COP25 IN SPAIN, 2 TO 13 DEC Minister Barbara Creecy leads South Africa's delegation during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP25 in Spain. [All Africa, 8 December 2019](#).

NBI@COP25: The National Business initiative (NBI) is currently 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 and to request a copy of the **NBI's COP25 Events programme**. [#COP25](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS



BETTER TOGETHER Government and the private sector ARE leading partners in raising investment and implementing the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 [Vision 2030, December 2019](#).

A UNIQUE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT APPROACH The National Development Plan (NDP) envisages that by 2030, South Africans should have access to education and training of the highest quality to produce highly skilled individuals. [Vision 2030, December 2019.](#)

RAINFALL LIFTS GAUTENG DAM LEVELS Gauteng's dam levels have increased following days of persistent rainfall, leaving some dams above the 100% level. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 12 December 2019.](#)

EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITIES 4IR USHERS IN The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is already having a hugely disruptive effect on all aspects of our lives, but will arguably have the most profound impact on how we work, where we work from and the type of work we do. [BizCommunity, 11 December 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA TO INTRODUCE NEW CLIMATE CHANGE LAW South Africa is at an advanced stage with formulating its national policy on mitigating the effects of climate change. [BusinessTech, 11 December 2019.](#)

A RECORD 631 INVESTORS MANAGING OVER US \$37 TRILLION SIGNED THE GLOBAL INVESTOR STATEMENT TO GOVERNMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE 631 institutional investors with millions of beneficiaries and managing \$37 trillion in assets strongly support the Paris Agreement & urge all governments to step up their ambition and take urgent action to achieve its goals. [The Investment Agenda, 10 December 2019](#)

UK SETS NEW WIND POWER RECORD The UK set a new renewable energy record this week, with wind generating more than 16 gigawatts (GW) of electricity. [Rachel Cooper, Climate Action, 10 December 2019.](#)

HERE'S HOW TECH CAN HELP GOVERNMENTS FIGHT CORRUPTION Technology is changing and challenging governments around the world. With data analytics and artificial intelligence, new technologies present governments with tremendous opportunities to improve public services, get better value-for-money, and curb corruption. [WEF, 9 December 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



WOOLWORTHS EXPANDS PAPER SHOPPING BAGS TRIAL TO KZN Woolworths has rolled out the second phase of its trial of specially-designed recycled paper bags for fashion, beauty and homeware purchases, in line with its vision to phase out single-use plastic shopping bags by 2020. [BizCommunity, 11 December 2019.](#)

ABSA APPOINTS NEW INTERNATIONAL HEAD South African lender Absa said on Wednesday it had appointed Cheryl Buss as CEO of its international division, to lead its expansion outside of its home market. [Moneyweb, 11 December 2019.](#)

GOLDMAN SACHS NAMES NEW HEAD OF JOHANNESBURG OFFICE U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs has appointed Jonathan Penkin as head of its Johannesburg office, the bank's base for sub-Saharan Africa where the current chief executive is retiring at the end of the year. [Reuters, 11 December 2019.](#)

FNB ROLLS OUT SMART ID AND PASSPORTS SERVICE TO LIMPOPO First National Bank (FNB) on Wednesday announced that its customers in Limpopo can now apply via the online system of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and be able to collect their smart IDs and passports at FNB's Burgersfort branch. [IOL Business, 11 December 2019.](#)

TOPS AT SPAR SEVEN-CITY WINE SHOW DELIVERS RECORD GROWTH Great growth, together with the wholehearted enjoyment of some of South Africa's finest wines, were the main hallmarks of the 2019 Tops at Spar Wine Show, which wound its way to seven cities around the country. [IOL Business, 11 December 2019.](#)

SANLAM INVESTS R540 MILLION INTO SA COMMUNITIES AND IS SET TO CONTINUE Africa's largest financial services group, Sanlam, has invested R540-million into communities in South Africa over the past decade, the third biggest corporate social investment (CSI) by a business in South Africa. [IOL Business, 10 December 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



10 NEW INSIGHTS IN CLIMATE SCIENCE 2019 The 10 New Insights in Climate Science 2019 intends to take up the latest and most essential scientific findings published in an extraordinary year – the climate science year in review. [Access full report here.](#)

CLIMATE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG IS TIME'S 2019 PERSON OF THE YEAR Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenager who became the voice of conscience for a generation facing the climate change emergency, was named Wednesday as *Time* magazine's 2019 Person of the Year. [EWN, 11 December 2019.](#)

INSIDER PERSPECTIVE: THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS 2019 From 25-27 November 2019, Geneva hosted the 8th edition of the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, bringing together around 2,000 representatives of government, business, human rights experts, activists and civil society organizations. [WBSCD, 5 December 2019.](#)

CHANGING THE CHAIN: GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN REPORT The private sector has huge potential to drive environmental action. However, with supply chain emissions on average 5.5 times greater than operational emissions, it's clear that to take meaningful action, companies must leverage their purchasing power, and collaborate with their supply chains. [CDP, December 2019.](#)

GAZETTING OF THE CARBON OFFSET REGULATIONS The long-awaited Carbon Offset Regulations were gazetted by National Treasury on the 29th of November 2019 in terms of section 19(c) of the Carbon Tax Act (Gazette No. 42873). [Carbon Neutral Group, 3 December 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 News Article** just published, entitled: “**COP25 must be the launchpad for enhanced climate ambition**”, [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 **December 2019 Newsletter**, [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 COP25 news article, written by **CEO Nigel Toppings**, entitled: “**Time for governments to harness the zero-carbon future**”, [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: “**Why forward-looking companies need an integrated energy strategy**”, [here.](#)

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2020

NBI's 2020 events will be available on the website in January: www.nbi.org.za.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2020



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.](#)

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) | **10 to 12 February 2020 | 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**.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 13 to 14 February 2020 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

THE BIG TRENDS 2020 BREAKFAST | 18 February 2020 | GIBS, Illovo | Making sense of the noise: The #s that will shift our 2020 and the 'so what?' and 'now what?' This breakfast event provides a powerful look at the political, socio-economic, technological, digital and business trends that will impact our 2020 and beyond. [GIBS Website.](#)

SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 15 to 18 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.

[THE PRINCE OF WALES'S BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME](#) | 7 to 10 July 2020 | Spier Hotel & Conference Centre, Cape Town | 15% 'Early Bird' discount on course fee for applications received by 31 December 2019 | The three-day residential programme has been delivered around the world by the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership on behalf of The Prince of Wales since 1994, and has become a global benchmark for sustainability leadership education. The programme helps senior executives understand the complex global trends and implications that are shaping the future of business, and, through a combination of lectures, case study presentations, group discussions and individual reflection time, develop business strategies to respond to these challenges in a commercially relevant way. 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

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES COP25 | 2 to 13 December 2019 | Madrid, Spain | The UN Climate Change Conference – COP 25 – is currently taking place in Madrid, Spain from 2 to 13 December 2019. Countries will negotiate more ambitious plans to limit global warming to 1.5°C, in line with the Paris Agreement. [UN Climate Summit, December 2019.](#)

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