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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

NBI'S HEAD OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION, GUGU MCLAREN-USHEWOKUNZE shares the importance of collective action in addressing social cohesion within the SA business context; & working towards social transformation:

[#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](#)

MMAPHEFO THWALA, NBI'S PROJECT MANAGER: WATER is currently participating in the **SA-EU Circular Economy Study Tour**, taking place in Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands, this week. [#SACircularEconomy](#)

SSHAP MOVES FORWARD – SWISS SOUTH AFRICAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME – SOUTH AFRICA H.E. Swiss Ambassador to South Africa, Dr. Nicolas Bruehl, presented the HTMi Certificates to the first cohort of Apprentices, who successfully completed the dual system apprenticeship programme in leading hotels in Johannesburg. [HTMi, November 2019.](#)

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.

INDUSTRY NEWS



2019 GLOBAL GENDER SUMMIT TO ACHIEVE NEW IMPETUS TOWARDS GENDER PARITY, ALL STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO ACT IN FIVE PRIORITY AREAS Africa needs new impetus in its journey towards gender parity. [AllAfrica, 26 November 2019.](#)

THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IS REDEFINING THE ECONOMY AS WE KNOW IT The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) upends current economic frameworks. Who makes money - and how - has changed. Demographics have changed. Even the skills that brought our society to where we are today have changed. [Katica Roy, WEF, 26 November 2019.](#)

FIVE THINGS COMPANIES NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR A NET ZERO FUTURE As the conversations around climate change evolve at pace, what foundations do companies need to transition to net zero? [EcoAct UK/CDP, 26 November 2019.](#)

ICC IS TAKING A CLEAR MESSAGE TO COP25: WE NEED MORE AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION NOW The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) will join world leaders at the 25th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 25) to advocate for higher climate ambition. [ICC, 26 November 2019.](#)

TUGELA–STERKFORTEIN WATER TRANSFERS TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) expects to start the transfer of water from the Tugela river to the Sterkfontein dam on or around December 2, after resolving challenges that delayed the initiative for months. [Engineering News, 25 November 2019.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO TACKLE PLASTIC WASTE – CREECY A comprehensive plan is needed to tackle the plastic waste problem countrywide and to reach the ideal of a plastic-waste-free South Africa by 2030, Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Barbara Creecy said on Friday. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 22 November 2019.](#)

GAUTENG OUTLINES AMBITIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION After two years of development, gathering input, undertaking consultations and further refinements, the Gauteng City Region (GCR) is preparing to implement an overarching Climate Change Response Strategy and Action Plan. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 21 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.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



SASOL PLEDGES MORE CLIMATE ACTION Company says its long-term strategy will be released next year. [Moneyweb, 27 November 2019.](#)

BARLOWORLD HQ IN IRENE LINK PRECINCT AWARDED 5-STAR GREEN STAR RATING The first building to be completed in the mixed-use Irene Link precinct in Centurion, the Barloworld Automotive and Logistics head office has been

awarded a five-star Green Star SA Design Rating v1.1. [BizCommunity, 27 November 2019.](#)

SANLAM CERTIFIED AS TOP EMPLOYER FOR FIFTH YEAR RUNNING Sanlam has been awarded the Top Employers certification for the fifth consecutive year by the Top Employers Institute. The award is testimony to Sanlam's ongoing commitment to enhance its employee value proposition (EVP), people practices, and workplace to meet the shifting demands of work and our people. [TimesLive, 22 November 2019.](#)

VODACOM LAUNCHES VODALEND FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS Vodacom has launched its new business financing product for small to medium sized businesses, called VodaLend Business Advance. [BusinessTech, 21 November 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK WINS COMPANY OF THE YEAR AT ISLE OF MAN AWARDS Standard Bank has been named the 2019 Company of the Year at the prestigious Isle of Man Awards For Excellence. [IOL Business, 21 November 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



GLOBAL GENDER SUMMIT: HOW TO BRIDGE GENDER INEQUALITY IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS Can real gender equality ever come about without more women in decision making positions? [CNBC Africa, 27 November 2019.](#)

A NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR LEADING WOMEN AND SUSTAINABILITY The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) today announced the launch of LEAP, a new education project building on the strong foundations of the [WBCSD Leading Women Awards](#), now in their fourth year.

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.](#)

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](#).

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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**, [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. Sign up to their **mailing list**, [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 **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 publication, entitled: "**New guidance brings clarity on non-financial assurance**", [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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 | 2019/2020



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.](#)

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.

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

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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