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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

RUTH TROSKIE NBI's recently appointed Programme Manager introduces **TAMDEV** and highlights the opportunities that this Initiative will create: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

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](#)

TODAY THE NBI HOSTED THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GAUTENG WATER ALLIANCE 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. [#GautengWaterAlliance](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS



COMPANIES WITH MORE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAN FRANCE AND SPAIN COMBINED REDUCING EMISSIONS BY 35, IN LINE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT As world leaders meet in Madrid this week, with one year left until countries are expected to submit enhanced climate targets to keep the Paris Agreement on track, a significant portion of the private sector is already delivering on the 2015 global climate accord. [Science Based Targets, 4 December 2019.](#)

RESEARCH: HOW TECHNOLOGY COULD PROMOTE GROWTH IN 6 AFRICAN COUNTRIES Africa is closely watched as the next big growth market – a description that has persisted for a while. There are many reasons for optimism: the African continent is home to some of the youngest populations in the world, it promises to be a major consumption market over the next three decades, and it is increasingly mobile phone-enabled. [Bhaskar Chakravorti and Ravi Shankar Chaturvedi, HBR, 4 December 2019.](#)

LESOTHO HIGHLANDS WATER PROJECT TUNNEL REOPENED The Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) tunnel has been reopened, with water having reached the Saulspoort dam, in Bethlehem, in the Free State, the Department of Water and Sanitation announced on Wednesday. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 4 December 2019.](#)

COP25: LET'S TALK ABOUT AMBITION Global businesses are showing considerable climate ambition. But we need to go further and faster. [Peter Bakker, WBCSD, 2 December 2019.](#)

GENDER DIVERSITY IN THE TELECOMS INDUSTRY MAKES SOLID BUSINESS SENSE Time and again it has been proven that companies that foster gender diversity at board, executive and employee levels outperform and produce greater value for their shareholders than homogeneous companies. [Sonwabise Sebata, BizCommunity, 3 December 2019.](#)

WATER-STRESSED SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS ACTION WWF welcomes the formal launch of the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan by Human Settlements, Sanitation and Water Minister Lindiwe Sisulu in Pretoria today as an important step towards more urgent action in the water sector. [WWF-SA, 28 November 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



BIDVEST BANK APPOINTS MULTINATIONAL HAVAS AS LEAD AGENCY IN SA Bidvest Bank has appointed Havas South Africa as its lead agency in South Africa, handling creative and internal communications, after a four-way pitch process. [IOL, 4 December 2019.](#)

PICK N PAY LAUNCHES NEW 'NO PACKAGING' ZONE Pick n Pay is piloting a new packaging-free zone at its Constantia store in Cape Town. [BusinessTech, 3 December 2019.](#)

NEDBANK GOES BEYOND BANKING TO HELP ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S AGRICULTURE SECTOR Given the significant challenges that agri-businesses face today, it is no longer sufficient for banks to merely be funding producers, agri businesses and service providers to South Africa's agriculture sector. [Agri News, 28 November 2019.](#)

MTN FOUNDATION RECOGNISES NON-PROFITS FOR GOOD M&E PRACTICE IN SECTOR This year, to encourage and reward good monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practice in the non-profit sector, MTN Foundation, in partnership with Trialogue, launched the MTN Awards for Social Change. [BizCommunity, 28 November 2019.](#)

ABB COP25 POSITIONING PAPER Technology leader ABB will have a significant presence at the COP25 climate conference, which runs from December 2-13, 2019, in Madrid, Spain. ABB will share expertise and ideas on transitioning to a low-carbon

energy system, on improving industrial efficiency and productivity, and on developing sustainable cities and transport systems.

[ABB, December 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



GLOBAL CARBON PROJECT'S ANNUAL REPORT tracking carbon emissions was released yesterday. Despite a decline in coal use, emissions are rising thanks to big growth in natural gas and oil. Current government emissions policies are too weak to achieve the "well below 2°C" global warming limit set out in Paris. [Download the report.](#)

TWELVE WAYS TO ACCELERATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT GLOBAL SCALE The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) has released a new report with recommendations on how the adoption of energy efficiency technologies can be accelerated globally. [Smart Energy International, 4 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.](#)

THE INCUBATION NETWORK LAUNCHES THE PLASTICS DATA CHALLENGE The Incubation Network powered by The Circulate Initiative and SecondMuse announced today at The Responsible Business Forum: Circularity 2030 the launch of its first innovation program, The Plastics Data Challenge. [Responsible Business, 29 November 2019.](#)

PARIS AGREEMENT, 1.5°C LIMIT NEEDS 5X COMMITMENT SAYS UN REPORT As we near the start 2020, during which nations are due to strengthen their Paris climate pledges, a new UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report warns that unless global greenhouse gas emissions fall by 7.6% each year between 2020 and 2030, the world will miss the opportunity to get on track towards the 1.5°C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. [Smart Energy International, 28 November 2018.](#)

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) last week 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.

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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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 **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. 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 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 latest publication, entitled: **“India Business Guide to EV Adoption”**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

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

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019/2020



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

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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