

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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## NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (TAMDEV)** is a Jobs Summit Business intervention whereby experienced retired and/or semi-retired individuals from the private sector support Government in the improvement of service delivery through the offering of technical assistance and mentorship. The importance of the TAMDEV programme was recently highlighted by the President at the BUSA Business Economic Indaba held last week, where he prioritised the need to strengthen the “*capacity and capability of the State*”. NBI’s previous call for Business to support this much needed programme resulted in a number of our members volunteering their time and resources to assist municipalities becoming functional. Companies who rely strongly on a functional municipality have incorporated the TAMDEV programme in their upliftment projects to ensure sustainability and a return on their efforts. TAMDEV is committed to partner with you in turning around our municipalities. To get involved, please contact: **Ruth Troskie**.

**SIBANYE-STILLWATER**, a local corporate was rated among the 179 leading companies that made this year's prestigious **A list** for corporate transparency and action on climate change. The A list comprises the top 2% of corporates participating in the @CDP, a partner to the NBI and represent the world's most pioneering companies trailblazing the way to a truly sustainable economy. We would not only like to commend Sibanye-Stillwater on this achievement, but congratulate the other local companies that attained an A- climate change score for their noteworthy demonstration of climate transparency and action best practice including **Pick n Pay Stores Ltd, Mondi Limited, FirstRand Limited** and **Clicks Group Ltd**, and all participating NBI members. Read NBI’s latest Quick Brief, **here**.

**JOANNE YAWITCH, NBI’S CEO** on Tuesday, with the start of the World Economic Forum (WEF) participated in a panel discussion on Classic Business along with **Isaah Mhlanga**: Group Chief Economist, Alexander Forbes and **Dr Adrian Saville**: Chief Executive, Cannon Asset Managers. The discussion focussed on how business in SA is responding to the challenges of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the role of PPPs in the water sector; and

how business can play a catalytic role in helping government overcome some of the challenges in the area. Steve Nicholls, NBI's Head of Environmental Sustainability, last night was invited as a guest on the **John Maytham's Cape Talk Show** where he discussed voluntary corporate commitments and their contribution to fighting climate change. This was triggered by Microsoft's announcement of going net carbon negative. Podcasts will be available shortly.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**DAVOS: SIPHO PIYANA FOR AFRICA** Chair of Business Unity and AngloGold Ashanti, Sipho Pityana, has been given a thumping new responsibility by the World Economic Forum — to deliver on the Africa Growth Platform, which was launched at the World Economic Forum on Africa 2019 in Cape Town. [\*Tim Cohen, Business Maverick, 23 January 2020.\*](#)

**ENTERING A DECADE OF ACTION: MAKING THE SDGS A MATTER OF PRIORITY** As we enter 2020 the clock is ticking louder than ever before when it comes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [\*James Gomme, WBCSD, 22 January 2020.\*](#)

**TO ACHIEVE NET-ZERO CARBON CITIES AND BUILDINGS WE NEED SYSTEMIC EFFICIENCY** We cannot solve climate change without transforming our cities and buildings. This requires massive efforts from the private and public sectors, but it is possible with today's technologies. [\*Francesco Starace & Jean-Pascal Tricoire, WEF/European Sting, 22 January 2020.\*](#)

**OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR WOMEN IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR** In a time when climate change and the environmental effects of our actions are (or should be) at the forefront of everyone's minds, the global coal industry is fast losing investment support. [\*Darren Rolls, Top Women, 21 January 2020.\*](#)

**AT WEF LEADERS MUST FACE CLIMATE RISKS AND HARNESS BOLD ACTION** As business and government leaders gather for the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland (21-24 January, 2020), the urgent need to tackle climate change will be top of the agenda. This year's annual **WEF Global Risks Report** sees environmental concerns dominating the top spots, amid the backdrop of ongoing wildfires in Australia and recent flooding in Indonesia. [\*We Mean Business Coalition, 16 January 2020.\*](#)

**A NET-ZERO ECONOMY REQUIRES RADICAL COLLABORATION** It's clear that the climate crisis can no longer be tackled in silos. To accelerate action toward a future that protects our planet and all people, all of us—including business—must work together. [\*The B Team, 15 January 2020.\*](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**WOOLWORTHS INTRODUCES COFFEE CUP RECYCLING INITIATIVE IN WESTERN CAPE** After successful trials at the Woolworths Head Office and Garden Centre store, Woolworths has rolled out its new coffee cup recycling initiative to all Western Cape stores with cafés, coffee carts or pods. [\*BizCommunity, 22 January 2020.\*](#)

**BUSINESSES STILL ON STARTING BLOCKS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** An analysis by **PwC** of over 1000 published reports from listed, private and public sector organisations (including 48 from South Africa), highlights that with only 10 years to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), there is a great deal of work to be done if business is to contribute meaningfully to national efforts. [\*IT-Online, 22 January 2020.\*](#)

**GENDER EQUITY IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT** At the core, gender equity is not about what it means to be a man or a woman; it's a fundamental human right. We as **Standard Bank** are helping to shape the narrative on gender equity. In September 2018, we became a Thematic Champion of the HeForShe movement, which is a United Nations (UN) Women's initiative aimed at creating a gender-equal world. [\*Top Women, 21 January 2020.\*](#)

**GOLDMAN GETS SOUTH AFRICAN BANK LICENSE IN EXPANSION DRIVE** Goldman Sachs Group. got approval from South African regulators to operate a bank, as the Wall Street firm seeks to tap into fast-growing economies on the continent. [Moneyweb, 20 January 2020.](#)

**SAB LAUNCHES ‘FIRST ELECTRIC TRUCKS IN SOUTH AFRICA’ – IN NEW PUSH TO GO OFF-GRID** SAB and AB InBev Africa’s breweries across South Africa will have on-site solar facilities by the end of January 2020, as part of a new multi-billion rand energy project. [BUSINESSTECH, 17 January 2020.](#)

**MTN APPOINTS NEW CEO FOR SOUTH SUDAN BUSINESS** JSE-listed MTN Group has appointed Gordian Kyomukama as the new CEO of MTN South Sudan, effective January 21. [Engineering News, 17 January 2020.](#)

**SAB, AB INBEV AHEAD OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET FOR 2020** Beer maker South African Breweries (SAB) and its parent company AB InBev Africa have announced that its breweries across South Africa will have on site solar facilities by the end of this month. [Engineering News, 16 January 2020.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY** A strategic review of the industries, institutions and initiatives driving systemic change. This panel looks at how the competitive landscape changed since a year ago and the key business challenges and opportunities in 2020. [CNBC Africa, 22 January 2020.](#)

**DYNAMIC, INCLUSIVE GLOBAL ECONOMY ESSENTIAL TO MEETING 2030 AGENDA – UN** The broad-based deterioration of global economic prospects may cause setbacks in the pursuit of the United Nation’s (UN’s) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UN’s ‘World Economic Situation and Prospects’ report has found. [Engineering News, 22 January 2020](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA IMPROVES IN CORRUPTION INDEX BUT STILL HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS – REPORT** Despite its score advancing a notch in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), from 43 to 44, South Africa still ranks among countries that are deemed to have a serious corruption problem. **The 2019 CPI report**, a leading global indicator of public sector corruption, was released on Thursday by global civil society organisation Transparency International. [Click here to download a copy of the report.](#)

**PODCAST: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS** The landscape of business and human rights is changing rapidly, with CEO’s taking a stand for respecting human rights and encouraging their colleagues to do the same. At the same time, stakeholders such as investors are requiring evidence of the work done. But human rights work takes time and the indicators can be challenging to quantify. How can companies and stakeholders have a meaningful and long-term dialogue on these topics? To find out more, [listen to this podcast](#) developed by Stora Enso, featuring insights from Kitrhona Cerri, Director of Social Impact at WBCSD, Elena Espinoza, Manager of Social Issues at PRI, and Ylva Stiller, Director of Human Rights at Stora Enso.

**FIRST SELF-ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK TO MEASURE BUSINESS’ CIRCULAR PERFORMANCE** WBCSD and 26 companies launch the Circular Transition Indicators, a transparent and objective circularity framework and tool. [WBCSD, 21 January 2020.](#)

## 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. **CDP's annual A List names** the world's most pioneering companies leading on environmental transparency and performance. This year, we recognize more than 170 corporates as the leaders acting to address climate risks and build our future zero-carbon economy - one that works for both people and planet. [CDP Website](#).

**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 **2019 Annual Report**, [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 **blog article** entitled, "**Major Companies Join New Alliance To Accelerate Transition To Evs**", [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 **news article**, entitled, "**Best of the year – 2019**", [here](#).

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2020

**BUILDING LEADERSHIP AND MOMENTUM AROUND CLIMATE ACTION IN THE LEAD UP TO THE 26TH UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES - NOVEMBER 2020 (COP26) | Thursday, 30 November 2020 | FutureSpace, Sandton** | The United Kingdom Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, **Nick Bridge** and Chief Executive Officer of the National Business Initiative, **Joanne Yawitch** are hosting a discussion on building climate ambition and private sector leadership in the lead up to COP26 which is to be held in Glasgow, Scotland in November 2020. The session will include a presentation from the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, covering climate risks, climate imperatives and the UK approach to COP26, a presentation and reflections on South Africa's climate transition. Please contact [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for further details on this engagement.

**EXPANDING PROSPECTS FOR YOUTH IN THE GREEN ECONOMY – CAPE TOWN | Friday, 7 February 2020 | The Westin Hotel** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) manages the implementation of the **Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative**, a national programme to expand artisanal learning and employment pathways for young people, with a particular focus on the Green Economy. The IRM Initiative forms part of the Presidential Job Summit agreement and seeks to create a minimum 7,500 jobs and self-employment over the next 2 years. In partnership with **GreenCape, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator** and **TVET Colleges**, the IRM Initiative will implement a series of programmes to grow economic opportunities for young people, which are demand-driven, responding to the demand for skills in the local economy, and therefore depend on strong involvement and buy-in from industry. The partners are convening an industry information session to introduce IRM and highlight the practical opportunities and benefits for companies to participate. Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to attend this session.

## 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.**

**2020 MINING INDABA: The World's Largest Mining Investment Event | 3 to 6 February 2020 | CTICC, Cape Town** | This year's programme and discussions will focus on forging the future direction of the African Mining industry. Under the theme 'Optimising Growth and Investment in the Digitised Mining Economy', key topics include green and sustainable technology, investment opportunities in African mining, resource nationalism, climate change and youth challenges. Register **here.**

**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.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**GREENBIZ 20: The Premier Annual Event for Sustainable Business Leaders | 4 to 6 February 2020 | Phoenix, US** | The sustainability profession is evolving, with new concerns and concepts emerging faster than ever. Join the powerful GreenBiz 20 community — more than 1,500 sustainability leaders from business, government, academia and NGOs — to explore the latest sustainable business trends and form valuable connections. **GreenBiz Website.**

**WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING | Montreux, Switzerland | 20 to 23 April 2020** | **Register here** (password: montreux2020) to join 400 global sustainability professionals from all sectors at our traditional Liaison Delegate meeting in lovely Montreux, Switzerland. Please note that our Global Network session will take place on Monday 20 April morning.

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