

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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## NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

**NBI'S INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19** It is with great pleasure that we share with you the release of the National Business Initiative's (NBI) eighth Integrated Annual Report, which covers the financial year ended June 2019. Celebrating our 25th anniversary this year, we are particularly proud of the milestones we have achieved with and through our members, who remain committed to working collectively towards economic and social transformation in South Africa.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**GENDER PARITY IN THE BOARDROOM WON'T HAPPEN ON ITS OWN** We're making progress, but it is too slow. That's the key finding of the sixth edition of **Deloitte Global's Women in the Boardroom report**, which found that women hold just 16.9% of board seats globally. *Sharon Thorne and Dan Konigsberg, HBR, 12 February 2020.*

**TO PROTECT TRUST IN THE 4IR, WE NEED TO BECOME EXPERTS IN DISTRUST** Building trust has always been a fundamental imperative for any organization. This need, as well as the associated responsibility for fostering the mechanisms that promote trust, will grow more challenging as the scope of digital transformation extends. *Bill Fryberger, Kai Hermsen, and Daniel Dobrygowski, The European Sting/WEF, 11 February 2020.*

**MAINSTREAMING BLUE CARBON TO FINANCE COASTAL RESILIENCE** Oceans and coastal plant species such as mangroves and seagrasses cover only a small fraction of the earth, but are responsible for sequestering over half of all the carbon captured by living organisms. *Shimul Bijoor, GreenBiz, 12 February 2020.*

**DOMESTIC WATER USE GREW 600% OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS** Humanity's thirst for freshwater has more than doubled since the 1960s, keeping pace with growing populations and economies. [Betsy Otto and Leah Schleifer, WRI, 10 February 2020.](#)

**5 STRATEGIES THAT ACHIEVE CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION SIMULTANEOUSLY** Climate actions have often fallen into one of two strategies: mitigation efforts to lower or remove greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere, and adaptation efforts to adjust systems and societies to withstand the impacts of climate change. [Isabella Suarez, WRI, 10 February 2020.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**ANGLO AMERICAN HELPS COMMUNITIES AROUND THEIR MINES TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT** Mining giant Anglo American is passionate about the communities surrounding their operations, and, as a result, is focusing on skills development beyond the mining industry. [IOL, 13 February 2020.](#)

**INVESTEC UPS CLIMATE INVESTMENT** Investec is increasing its focus on environmental, social and governance issues to bolster its profit and address concerns raised by investors over climate change. [BusinessTech, 12 February 2020.](#)

**SAB EMPOWERMENT SCHEME GENERATES ALMOST R14BN IN DECADE-LONG RUN** When the South African Breweries (SAB) Zenzele broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) scheme winds down in April 2020, it will have generated almost R14-billion in value for South Africa, the beermaker said in a statement on Wednesday. [Engineering News, 12 February 2020.](#)

**MTN TO POST DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH IN FULL-YEAR EARNINGS** JSE-listed MTN expects to report double-digit growth in headline earnings per share (HEPS) for the year ended December 31. [Engineering News, 12 February 2020.](#)

**SANTAM, SANLAM DONATE R3M TO ALLEVIATE IMPACT OF DROUGHT ON FARMING COMMUNITIES** Santam, South Africa's largest short-term insurer, and Sanlam, Africa's largest non-banking financial services business, have collectively donated R3 million towards aid relief for farming communities. [BizCommunity, 11 February 2020.](#)

**ABB HELPS MAXIMIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT FUTURE FOSSIL-FREE STEEL PILOT** Technology leader ABB has been selected to supply a full electrification and automation package for the unique HYBRIT pilot plant in Luleå, northern Sweden, whose main energy source is fossil-free electricity. [Engineering News, 11 February 2020.](#)

**STANDARD BANK GALLERY TO SHOWCASE 54 UNIQUE ARTWORKS FROM THE CONTINENT** *Lumières d'Afriques* will open at the Standard Bank Gallery in Johannesburg on 21 February 2020. The group exhibition will showcase the work of 54 artists from across the African continent. [BizCommunity, 10 February 2020.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**EMPOWERING SA WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE** Research shows that women's involvement in African agriculture can significantly improve efficiency. These were the findings of a 2018 [study](#) using information from the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index. [BizCommunity, 12 February 2020.](#)

**THE 2020 EV100 PROGRESS AND INSIGHTS ANNUAL REPORT** from **The Climate Group** recently released, tracks the progress of more than 60 global companies as they transition from using gasoline vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs). For deeper insight into the full report, click [here](#).

**BANK 2030: ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO A LOW CARBON ECONOMY** A report authored by the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's (CISL) Banking Environment Initiative (BEI) highlights the need for banks to develop an 'active mindset' in order to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. [Download the report.](#)

**2020 ECO-LOGIC AWARDS CALLING SA'S GREENEST** South Africans can look forward to the 9th annual Eco-Logic Awards which will take place 05 June 2020 (World Environment Day). Hosted by the Enviropaedia, entries are now open for individuals, organisations and communities who are making a difference through environmentally sustainable initiatives. [Further information.](#)

## 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 19 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **News Article** entitled, **"Your journey to environmental leadership depends on your suppliers"**, [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 **January 2020 News Update**, [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. Watch their latest **video**, from COP25: ABB Group's Roland Dubois on enabling solutions, [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 **News Article** entitled, **"Indian businesses can lead global action on sustainability"**, [here.](#)

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2020

**NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR'S OUTLOOK ON BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN | Thursday, 27 February 2020 | The Westin, Cape Town** | What can the South African economy learn about South African brands? According to the latest Brand Finance South Africa annual report, the growth of South African brands consistently outpace the South African GDP. It is a fascinating phenomenon that needs further analysis. Join us for this engagement as we explore and take stock of the economy through the eyes of the investor, whilst also exchanging information on the on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. [RSVP here.](#)

**ADAPTATION FINANCE EVENTS 2020 "Unlocking Private Sector Involvement in the Green Climate Fund Projects in South Africa" | Event 3: Adaptation Finance: Tuesday, 3 March 2020 | FutureSpace, Sandton** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) are hosting a series of events towards building a pipeline

of adaptation and biodiversity-based adaptation projects to alleviate the acute shortage of adaptation projects locally; and to attract up to US\$50 million from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). View further details on the series of events, [here](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2020

**THE GIBS/NEDBANK BIG TRENDS 2020 BREAKFAST | 18 February 2020 | GIBS, Illovo** | 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](#).

**BIODIVERSITY AND BUSINESS INDABA | 18 February 2020 | Gallagher Conference Centre, Midrand** | The EWT's National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) recognises the importance of biodiversity to business and aims to build the capacity of business to act as a positive force for the conservation of biodiversity in South Africa. [Details here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE | 21 February 2020** | The Minister for Environmental Affairs, Minister Barbara Creecy, is hosting a National Climate Change Stakeholder Dialogue which will focus on feedback from the Madrid Climate Change Conference 2019. You are requested to [RSVP here](#) as soon as possible to. [View here](#).

**CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 24 to 27 February 2020 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: 24 February; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: 25 February; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): 26 to 27 February.** Offered jointly by ESS and Water Energy Carbon Consulting. 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**.

**ENERGY WATER AND WASTE FORUM TO ADDRESS THE JOURNEY TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL CAPE TOWN | 27 February 2020 | Old Mutual, Pinelands** | We are just two weeks away from one of the most important Energy, Water and Waste engagement session for this year. We will be covering carbon neutral commitments, how to design carbon neutral buildings from the ground up, review spatial planning examples that optimise resource efficiency and look at precincts and portfolios that are going green. Following the forum meeting will be a short workshop on Cape Town's climate action and how businesses can thrive in a carbon neutral future. We will unpack, the challenges and opportunities as well as how companies can be part of this journey. There is no charge for attendance, but seats are limited. [Book online](#) or contact: [Pholela Mcata](#).

**AFRICA ENERGY INDABA: 2020 Theme: "African Energy – Catalysing Investment and Business Opportunities" | 3 to 4 March 2020 | CTICC** | The Africa Energy Indaba is the continent's definitive energy event, providing an agenda that influences energy policy for Africa. Attended by Ministers and decision-makers, the prestigious event serves as the ideal platform for achieving Africa's energy vision for a sustainable energy future and keeping abreast of global energy competitors in this dynamic landscape. [Website and further details](#).

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**THE EVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS LEGAL LANDSCAPE: A 2020 UPDATE AND FORECAST | 19 February 2020 | Copenhagen, Denmark** | The UN Global Compact Network Denmark and BSR are hosting a session on human rights legal developments. This event will share with members and stakeholders at large the implications of national mandatory due diligence laws and what it means for a company's management of its human rights responsibility. [BSR Website](#).

**WBCSD's SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINAR: Maximizing SDG impact in the Forest Sector | 20 February 2020** | Learn more about how the forest sector interacts with the **SDGs** and develop a common vision to make the SDG Agenda a reality by 2030.

Two sessions will be offered on this day to ensure maximum participation: [Register here](#) for **Session 1: 10:00-11:00 CET // 16:00-17:00 JST (UTC +8)** or [Register here](#) for **Session 2: 15:00-16:00 CET // 09:00-10:00 EST (UTC -5)**.

**WORLD BIODIVERSITY FORUM - Exploring the Future of Biodiversity | 23 to 28 February 2020 | Davos, Switzerland** | The Forum will provide a platform for exchange, covering a wide range of perspectives, and capturing a diversity of visions. [Website and further details.](#)

**CLIMATE CHANGE: SOLUTIONS FOR A CHANGING PLANET | 24 to 28 February 2020 | Dubai, UAE** | Harmful emissions, the degradation of the earth's resources and global warming have loomed large for decades. But how do we turn our commitments into action? [More information.](#)

**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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