

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) HAS COMMENCED WITH THE GENDER PAY GAP PILOT, in partnership with the **Southern Centre for Inequality Studies** at the University of Witwatersrand, to develop a standardized methodology to calculate the gender pay-gap in South African companies. Understanding income disparities in South Africa requires applying economic models which reflect the gendered and racial aspects of the pay-gap. In addition to the NBI's published report on ***Gender Equity in the Workplace***, this pilot project will serve as a basis for the development of an online platform which will assist companies in assessing the extent of their income disparities. A report on key findings and insights of the pilot is set to be launched in July 2020. Companies interested in participating in this project are encouraged to contact: **Khanyisa Nomoyi**.

EXPANDING PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN THE WESTERN CAPE'S BOOMING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND GREEN ECONOMY 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 in the city of **Cape Town**, with an initial focus on the Atlantis SEZ and all the opportunities this SEZ offers business to tap into the \$3-trillion global clean technology market. These programmes are demand-driven, responding to the demand for skills in the local economy, and therefore depend on strong involvement and buy-in from industry; and which will enable the economic opportunities to be realized. Please contact: **Antony Gewer** for more detailed information on this Initiative or should you wish to attend the **information session** taking place in **Cape Town** next week on **Friday, 7 February 2020**.

THE NBI IS RECRUITING FOR POSITION OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR RECEPTIONIST The incumbent will provide administrative support to the CEO and senior managers including monitoring and management of diaries, all meetings and travel arrangements. Kindly click **here** to view a detailed job description. Interested persons should please forward their detailed CVs to Renee Singh via e-mail: **ReneeS@nbi.org.za**.

INDUSTRY NEWS

MARKETS CAN ACCELERATE THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY The World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos is changing. After the financial crisis in 2008, the event was dominated by the urgent need to stabilize the global economy, with a focus on the immediate future. [Mario Greco, WEF/The European Sting, 30 January 2020.](#)

NEW UN GLOBAL COMPACT INITIATIVE AIMS TO SPUR PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SDGS United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres last week launched a new initiative designed to help the world's corporations put their weight behind efforts to achieve the 17 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the 2030 deadline. [Toby Hill, GreenBiz, 29 January 2020.](#)

TIME FOR SA TO JOIN THE SMART CITIES REVOLUTION Smart cities use information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance liveability, workability and sustainability, thereby improving the life of its residents. [BizCommunity, 28 January 2020.](#)

SDGS CREATE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA There is a \$197bn opportunity for private-sector investors in five high-growth markets in Africa to help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with improving digital access making up \$74.5bn of that total. [BizCommunity, 24 January 2020.](#)

THE WORLD NEEDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY. HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN As policy-makers worldwide respond to a rising tide of climate activism and extreme weather events, the concept of the circular economy has become a key lever in the climate action tool kit. [Frans van Houten, Royal Philips & Naoko Ishii, WEF/The European Sting, 22 January 2020.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

SHELL POWERS PROGRESS THROUGH NATION BUILDING Nation-building lies at the core of what energy giant, Shell, believes will enable progress in South Africa. [IOL Business, 30 January 2020.](#)

MTN LAUNCHES MOBILE MONEY IN SOUTH AFRICA MTN has launched its Mobile Money (MoMo) services in South Africa in partnership with Ubank. [BusinessTech, 30 January 2020.](#)

TIGER BRANDS CEO TO RETIRE, CFO TAKES HELM Tiger Brands CEO Lawrence Mac Dougall will retire on January 31, having reached the company's mandatory retirement age of 63, South Africa's leading food producer said on Wednesday. [Moneyweb, 29 January 2020.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM TO POST BUMPER R19BN EARNING Anglo American Platinum, (Amplats) is set to post bumper earnings of up to R19 billion for the full year ended in December as the upswing in the commodity price cycle has seen new records for rhodium and palladium. [IOL Business, 29 January 2020.](#)

FNB ADDS MORE FEATURES TO CELLPHONE BANKING FNB cellphone banking customers can now track their spending activities, view available funds and their FNB credit status. [IOL Business, 28 January 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

THE HEART OF GIVING: MINDING THE GENDER GAP IN CSI The United Nations' [State of the World's Volunteerism Report](#), focusing on the role of gender in volunteerism for community resilience, found that women globally volunteer more than their male counterparts – 57% as opposed to 43%. [BizCommunity, 30 January 2020.](#)

NEWS FROM THE WBCSD: Last week, more than 2,800 leaders from around the world were brought together by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** in Davos. The theme - "*Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World*" - gave a clear sign that sustainability has now made it firmly to the centre of the debates among world leaders in this snowy mountain village, and sessions were held on nature, climate change, food systems, ESGs, TCFD and circular economy. None of the CEOs in Davos will have missed the urgency of the challenges, supported by the **Global Risk Report** in which environmental risks dominate the top 5 most likely and impactful risks for the first time in its 15 years of publication, as well as the **Edelman Trust Barometer** that clearly added the social dimension of inequity and the fears surrounding the future of work causing trust being under pressure.

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. **Getaway Magazine, 29 January 2020.**

WE NEED NATURAL SOLUTIONS TO FIGHT OCEAN AND CLIMATE RISK For the first time, environmental concerns are the top five global risks in the **World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report**. The health of the ocean - or lack of it - is everywhere. 2019 was the hottest year ever recorded for the ocean, capping the hottest decade on record for the planet. **Richard Branson, WEF, 27 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.**

SUPPORTING YOUR JOURNEY TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP Looking for help in taking measurable environmental action? CDP's accredited solutions providers are on hand, offering a range of services across a variety of sustainability issues. Amongst them are providers of independent, third-party verification services, sustainability software platforms, science-based target setting services, renewable energy solutions and more. **CDP, 17 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 **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. Read their **News Article written by CEO, Nigel Topping**, entitled, "**COP25: A missed opportunity, but business continues to drive ambition**", **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 Insider Perspective**, entitled, “**A post-Davos forethought - Getting sustainability done**”, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2020

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 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 engagement.

ADAPTATION FINANCE EVENTS 2020 “Unlocking Private Sector Involvement in the Green Climate Fund Projects in South Africa” | Event 2: Climate Finance: Wednesday, 12 February 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](#).

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR’S OUTLOOK ON BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN | Thursday, 27 February 2020 | Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel | 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](#).

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.](#)

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2020 CONFERENCE | 20 February 2020 | GIBS, Illovo | Having narrowly missed a Moody's downgrade, the Rand has rebounded, and local equity markets took a collective sigh of relief. The country has retained its last investment grade credit rating, but only for now. Click [here](#) to download the conference programme. [Gibs Website.](#)

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, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

SAVE THE DATE: ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM FOR 2020 | 27 February 2020 | Old Mutual, Pinelands | The first Energy Water Waste Forum for 2020 will focus on the following topics: Businesses' carbon neutral commitments: What does it mean and how do we do it? Designing a carbon neutral building from the ground up, finding spatial planning examples that optimise resource efficiency, looking at precincts and portfolios that are going green and workshopping Cape Town's climate action plan and how businesses can thrive in a carbon neutral future. A detailed programme will follow shortly.

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.](#)

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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