

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) fully supports the national effort to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in South Africa. We stand behind the message delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa on Sunday, 15 March 2020. We also entirely support organised business in its commitment to support the Government at this critical time. Connecting and engaging with our members, partners and other stakeholders and undertaking impactful collective action is a key part of our ethos. We will endeavour to find ways to maintain this under the current circumstances, and we are confident that we will continue to deliver value to you during this unprecedented time. [NBI COVID-19 Communication.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

HOW TO HARNESS YOUR CHILD'S LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL Developing young and influential leaders is not simply about individual success but, very crucially, about the positive impact effective leadership has on the communities and countries which are home to these game-changers. Having innovative, inspirational and solutions-driven leaders passionate about addressing sociopolitical challenges is vital for Africa. [Faith Abiodun, BizCommunity, 18 March 2020.](#)

NERSA FINALLY INITIATES PUBLIC PROCESS FOR CONCURRING WITH MANTASHE'S POWER DETERMINATIONS The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) published two consultation papers on Wednesday for two separate Ministerial determinations submitted by Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe in February for the regulator's concurrence as required under Section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 18 March 2020.](#)

SMALL-SCALE FISHING 'KEY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION' The story of transformation in SA cannot be fully told without acknowledging small-scale fishers' struggle to be recognised as a formal sector. [Musa Ndlangamandla, TimesLIVE, 18 March 2020.](#)

4IR – DON'T LET DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CONFUSE YOU The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) has brought with it so many fundamental changes in the way we do business that enterprises cannot ignore the digital transformation necessary to keep up and stay competitive. [BusinessTech, 17 March 2020.](#)

3 LEADERS ON CREATING A PIPELINE FOR FEMALE TALENT IN BUSINESS According to Global Gender Gap Report 2020, only 36% of senior roles and 18.2% of top managers are women, and the World Economic Forum believes we should aim to achieve gender parity in leadership by 2030. What role do businesses play in achieving this goal? [Geraldine Matchett, The European Sting/WEF, 16 March 2020.](#)

WILL GOVERNMENTS PASS THE FIRST TEST OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT IN 2020? This year will test governments' willingness to step up action to cut greenhouse emissions at the first five-year milestone of the 2015 Paris climate agreement. [Alister Doyle, Climate Change News, 12 March 2020.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

BCG: LEADERSHIP, RESILIENCE, AND THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK As the world mobilizes to contain the impact of the coronavirus, uncertainty abounds. One thing is clear, however: the COVID-19 outbreak underscores the need for business and society to be resilient and prepared—qualities that will be in demand long after public health has been restored. [BCG, March 2020.](#)

DISCOVERY RISES TO SUPPORT SAVE THE CHILDREN SA Discovery Inc has launched an initiative called Rise (Reducing Inequality and Supporting Empowerment), which will see them partnering with Save the Children South Africa (SCSA), an entity established in 2013 to fight for children's rights. [BizCommunity, 18 March 2020.](#)

AFRICAN BANK RANKED NUMBER ONE IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION – SURVEY In the 2019 South African Customer Satisfaction Index (SA-csi) report, African Bank was rated number one in customer satisfaction, outshining all other banks. [IOL Business, 18 March 2020.](#)

BALWIN AND ABSA PARTNER TO LAUNCH SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST GREEN HOME LOAN JSE-listed real estate investment trust Balwin Properties has, together with financial services provider Absa, launched South Africa's first green home loan – the Absa Eco Home Loan. [Sarooling Online, 18 March 2020](#)

PPC SAYS BUSINESS IS PICKING UP, WHILE INTENSIVE DRC RESTRUCTURE TALKS CONTINUE JSE-listed cement manufacturer PPC on Wednesday said its trading performance in Southern African is starting to stabilise. [Engineering News, 18 March 2020.](#)

PICK N PAY LAUNCHES SPECIAL SHOPPING HOUR FOR PENSIONERS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS Pick n Pay will open all its supermarkets and hypermarkets an hour earlier every Wednesday for elderly customers to shop for their groceries and essentials. [BusinessTech, 17 March 2020.](#)

SUN INTERNATIONAL HAS SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR GUESTS AND STAFF Sun International has said that it was taking necessary precautions to ensure a safe and healthy environment for its guests and staff should the coronavirus pose a threat for its business in the future. [IOL Business, 17 March 2020.](#)

FNB CUSTOMERS CAN NOW EARN AND SPEND EBUCKS WITH MR D FNB customers can now earn and spend eBucks when ordering from the Mr D Food app with their qualifying FNB/RMB Private Bank Accounts. [BusinessTech, 16 March 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ON SATURDAY, 21 MARCH 2020 is commemorated in March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa. The theme for this year being:

“The year of unity, socio-economic renewal and nation-building.” Our **Constitution** is hailed as one of the most progressive in the world and is the ultimate protector of our Human Rights, which were previously denied to the majority of our people under Apartheid. We commemorate Human Rights Day to reinforce our commitment to the **Bill of Rights** as enshrined in our Constitution.

WORLD WATER DAY 2020, ON 22 MARCH is about water and climate change – and how the two are inextricably linked. Adapting to the water effects of climate change will protect health and save lives. Using water more efficiently will reduce greenhouse gases. We cannot afford to wait - everyone has a role to play. The NBI’s water programme is focussed on building the capacity of South Africa to respond to water risk. Read about it [in the NBI's latest IAR 2019](#).

WBCSD: GUIDE TO CORPORATE RENEWABLE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (PPAS) IN BRAZIL Companies worldwide are seeking new ways to reduce the environmental impact of their energy consumption and lower their energy costs. While reducing energy use through energy efficiency is crucial to achieving this goal, companies need to maintain their operations. Purchasing electricity from renewable sources is an increasingly popular means for commercial and industrial companies to manage energy costs and reduce their carbon footprint. [WBCSD Website, 19 March 2020](#).

WOMEN ON SOUTH AFRICAN BOARDS – FACTS, FICTION AND FORWARD-THINKING Women make up 51% of the South African population. Yet, only 20,7% of directors of JSE-listed companies are female. **So, there is work to be done.** This report aims to help board members, management teams and the public to understand how South Africa got to this point, and what we can do to change it. [USB Website](#).

HOOT is a South African start-up business offering creative projects for Independent Power Producers and mining companies to expand and enrich their socio-economic development activities, specifically aimed at the youth in rural communities. HOOT teaches children to build solar-powered mobile phone chargers partly from recycled materials. Learn about HOOT and what we do [here](#).

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON THIS EARTH HOUR WWF South Africa is turning this year’s Earth Hour (**Saturday, 28 March**) celebration upside down by urging its supporters to “shine a light” on the issue of the day – how to keep our lights on in a way that is good for both people and the planet. [WWF-SA, 4 March 2020](#).

JOIN SOUTH AFRICA’S TOP GENDER EMPOWERED NETWORK Nominations for the 17th annual Standard Bank Top Women awards celebration are now open. [Further information](#).

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 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **press release** entitled: “**Companies in Asia Pacific show high awareness of climate-related issues, but more actions needed to achieve Paris agreement targets**”, [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 **March 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 latest **Blog Article**, entitled: "New interim CEO takes the helm at the We Mean Business coalition", [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, "WBCSD and the International Transport Forum to collaborate on emerging mobility trends and Mobility as a Service", [here](#).

NBI EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2020

Due to concerns of COVID-19 the NBI has taken the decision to postpone our Thought Leadership Dialogues and Events, while simultaneously ascertaining which can be run remotely. Details will be communicated in due course.

INTERNATIONAL WEBINARS | 2020

GREENBIZ WEBINAR: HOW RETAILERS CAN EMBRACE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 24 March 2020 | This hour-long webcast will build on the basics of zero-waste operations and explore how retailers are turning to innovative business models such as rental and resale, swapping single-use packaging for reusables and establishing product take-back programs — all while strengthening consumer relationships. [GreenBiz Website](#).

WRI WEBINAR: ENHANCING NDCs IN 2020: OPPORTUNITIES IN THE POWER SECTOR | 25 March 2020 | Taking stock of progress in the power sector since the first NDCs were developed reveals that while moving toward zero-carbon energy is fundamental, increasing ambition in the power sector requires more than merely increasing renewable energy targets. [Register here](#).

WRI WEBINAR: PUBLIC WATER MANAGEMENT FORUM | 26 March 2020 | World Resources Institute, Pacific Institute, and the UN Global Compact CEO Water Mandate are working with businesses to develop a database on public water management in the U.S. and Mexico. [Register here](#).

GREENBIZ WEBINAR: ENSURING RELIABLE POWER & WATER TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OPERATIONS | 31 March 2020 | Managers of industrial operations – plants that generate mission-critical power and manage water systems supporting industrial processes – face numerous challenges, including aging infrastructure, fluctuating commodity costs, narrowing profit margins, and a shrinking pool of veterans to manage these systems and processes. [Details here](#).



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