

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

THE NBI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 [View here](#). If you are an NBI member company and would like to be profiled on this website page, please contact: [Gillian Hutchings](#).

WASH (WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE) IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS The Business for South Africa (B4SA) COVID-19 Working Group on Water and Sanitation (B4SA Water), in collaboration with the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is supporting the COVID-19 response efforts of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and of local municipalities. [BSA Media Release, 16 April 2020](#).

COVID-19: A BLUEPRINT FOR COLLABORATION ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE It is in times of crisis that we are asked to question the accepted *status quo* and seek solutions outside the normal ambit of business as usual. In this vein, the COVID-19 pandemic poses a unique challenge to both business and government to do things differently, with both parties already rising to the occasion. [Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, here](#).

CEO INITIATIVE The Steering Committee of the CEO Initiative met on Monday to discuss how best to support national efforts on COVID-19. The CEO Initiative Steering Committee **Statement on COVID-19** is a clear response to the call by the President & a call to action by other CEOs. [Access here](#).

BUSINESS FOR SOUTH AFRICA (BSA) has called on all businesses to pay their outstanding SME creditors by Monday the 20th of April 2020: [BSA Media Release](#). The CEO Initiative Steering Committee fully supports the BSA call: [view here](#).

THE NBI HAS ADOPTED THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AS A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE WORK FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. The potential value of the SDGs can be unlocked in two ways. Read about unlocking this potential in the full case study on the World Business Council for Sustainable Development's SDG Business Hub, [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

ALL REGIONAL CLIMATE WEEKS IN 2020 ARE POSTPONED All Regional Climate Weeks in 2020 are postponed. Host Governments are in the process of confirming their commitment to host the events in 2021. [UNFCCC, April 2020.](#)

ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL IMPACTS OF OUR FOOD SYSTEM The events of the past month have given many of us a newfound appreciation for our global food system. [Mike Hower, GreenBiz, 16 April 2020.](#)

KEY INVESTMENTS CAN BUILD RESILIENCE TO PANDEMICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE As the coronavirus pandemic continues to wreak havoc, the world's energies are rightly focused on efforts to contain the virus and manage the economic fallout. Yet, in the background, the climate emergency remains as urgent as ever. [Leonardo Martinez-Diaz and Lauren Sidner, WRI, 15 April 2020.](#)

LOCKDOWN LEADS TO INCREASE IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE The lockdown has resulted in restricted public movement and alcohol consumption which may have reduced certain types of crime and violence, but increased others. [Tania Coetzee, The South African, 15 April 2020.](#)

WATER RELIEF EFFORTS GAIN MOMENTUM IN GAUTENG The number of water tanks distributed across water-deprived regions in Gauteng has increased to 1 785, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) says. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 14 April 2020.](#)

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC COULD GIVE BUSINESS LEADERS A BROADER MANDATE FOR SUSTAINABILITY As the world braces for what could be the worst of the coronavirus pandemic, we need to also think about how we come out the other end of this. [Kevin Moss, WRI, 9 April 2020.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

WHAT NBI MEMBER COMPANIES ARE DOING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 [View here.](#) If you are an NBI member company and would like to be profiled on this website page, please contact: [Gillian Hutchings.](#)

SHELL COMMITS TO ACHIEVING NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050 Steps to reduce emissions include an ambition to make the manufacture of all its products net zero by 2050 [Energy Live News, 16 April 2020.](#)

SAPPI SYMBIO BIO-COMPOSITE SOLUTION CHOSEN TO HELP REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MOTOR VEHICLES Sappi is proud to announce that its Symbio bio-composite cellulose fibre - which is derived from responsibly-managed, renewable forests - has been chosen as feedstock for the development of lightweight bio-composite materials for the Life Biobcompo project. [BizCommunity, 15 April 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

CAPE TOWN EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR CARBON-NEUTRAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS Given the current lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19, the City of Cape Town has extended the date for submissions for four underutilised city-owned sites that have been made available for carbon-neutral, mixed-use development. [Engineering News, 16 April 2020.](#)

WBCSD BRIEFING NOTE: PRODUCT LOSS AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY - CHALLENGES AND TRENDS OF QUANTIFYING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE Understanding the concept of food loss and waste (FLW) is straightforward: FLW is food that is not consumed. However, complexities come into play when trying to quantify, monitor and evaluate progress related to the current state of food loss and waste both within individual companies at different points in the value-chain as well as globally. [WBCSD, 14 April 2020.](#)

UN POLICY BRIEF: THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON WOMEN The year 2020, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, was intended to be ground-breaking for gender equality. Instead, with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic even the limited gains made in the past decades are at risk of being rolled back. The pandemic is

deepening pre-existing inequalities, exposing vulnerabilities in social, political and economic systems which are in turn amplifying the impacts of the pandemic. [United Nations, 9 April 2020.](#)

THULI MADONSELA LAUNCHES DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE Former public protector Prof Thuli Madonsela has launched an "action-oriented digital platform" for social justice. [TimesLIVE, 8 April 2020.](#)

WE ARE JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS AWAY FROM THE 17TH ANNUAL STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS This collaborative platform is dedicated to recognising organisations and individuals who are shaping women's roles in the private and public sectors. With these awards, we honour those with unfailing vision and whose innovative leadership has had a significant impact in their communities and broader society. [Enter now.](#)

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. [More information.](#)

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 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their **latest Insights** recently published, [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 **April 2020 Latest 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** from interim CEO, Dr María Mendiluce, entitled: "**How to build back better after COVID-19**", [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. [View their COVID-19 Response Programme, 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.

WEBINARS | 2020

WBCSD: JOIN OUR NEW VIRTUAL MEETING SERIES: BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL, RESHAPING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Fully complimentary and held from April through July, these meetings will highlight innovative and collaborative solutions to face current and future challenges. Consult our [virtual meeting calendar](#) and register to the desired session to access the latest insights, exchange with leaders and actively engage. For any inquiries, please contact: events@wbcsd.org.

GIBS FLASH FORUM: REMOTE COLLABORATION AND SCALE FOR HIGH GROWTH VENTURES: Dr Jonathan Marks | 17 April 2020 | 14:00 | [Register here.](#)

TRIALOGUE: THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SOCIAL INVESTMENTS | 21 April 2020 | 09:30 | Join Trialogue for the first-ever free online (via Zoom) Trialogue CSI forum which will explore the impact of COVID-19 on social investments, with emphasis on how to maintain or adjust existing CSI projects and funding, and how to respond directly to the crisis through new investments. [Register here.](#)

WHO/UNICEF WEBINAR TRAINING ON WASH FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES | 21, 23, 28 and 30 April 2020 | 13:00 CEST | The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are currently organizing a mini training series through webinars to help increase capacity related to water, sanitation and hygiene interventions (WASH) for health care facilities (HCF) as guidance for COVID-19. [Register here.](#)

BSR WEBINAR: REDUCING VALUE CHAIN EMISSIONS TO ACHIEVE SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS | 22 April 2020 | 08:00 PT | Business has a vital role to play in the effort to limit global warming to 1.5°C in line with the Paris Agreement targets—and ambition is rising. To date, more than 1,200 companies, with a market capitalization of more than USD\$20 trillion, have committed to setting science-based targets (SBTs) to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in line with climate science. [Further details.](#)

GIBS FLASH FORUM: MAINTAINING PROFITABLE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY INTO THE FUTURE: Prof. Deva Rangarajan | 22 April 2020 | 14:00 | [Register here.](#)

GREENBIZ WEBINAR | STATE OF THE PROFESSION 2020 | 28 April 2020 | 13:00 EST | GreenBiz Group's sixth State of the Profession report once again takes a look at the evolution of the role of the sustainability leader in today's business world. [Register here.](#)

ABSOLUTE ZERO: A CLIMATE STRATEGY FOR BUSINESS RESILIENCE | 5 May 2020 | 11:00 EST | Net Zero Goals and Science-Based Targets are exciting starting points for science-driven climate strategies. Scientists and business leaders understand that we can and should go beyond them to implement effective strategies for long-term change. [GreenBiz Website.](#)

BUSINESS STRATEGY AND SCENARIO ANALYSIS WITHIN CDP DISCLOSURE | 7 May 2020 | 16:00 SAST | This webinar should give an in-depth overview of how Scenario Analysis can be used within CSR disclosure. For this matter the webinar describes what the purpose of scenario analysis is, why it is important to include when developing and maintaining a company's strategy and how companies can get started with developing and using scenario analysis. Further in this context the recommendations of the TCFD will be discussed. [Register here.](#)

GREENBIZ: HOW TO TRANSITION FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS FROM EXTRACTIVE TO REGENERATIVE | 12 May 2020 | 13:00 EST | In this webcast, you will hear from the pioneering company leaders, entrepreneurs and policymakers who are transforming food industry supply chains so that the industry can feed more people while also protecting our wild places and fighting climate change. [Further information and registration.](#)



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