

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](#).

TURBULENCE AS THE NEW NORMAL The decisive and collaborative approach shown by the South African Government, organised business and broader society in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic is extremely encouraging. While the current focus is squarely on managing the spread and short-term health impacts of the disease, rebuilding the South Africa economy after an extended shutdown will require an 'all hands-on deck' attitude from all parties. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [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](#).

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP: WATER QUALITY, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 Water Research Commission (WRC) dialogue on water quality, sanitation and hygiene in light of COVID-19 [NBI, 3 April 2020](#).

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN A TIME OF COVID-19 In the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, various organisations that work towards eradicating Gender-Based Violence have spoken out on the possibility of increased rates of domestic violence. **Read NBI's latest NewsFlash, [here](#).**

INDUSTRY NEWS

COMPANIES CAN'T IGNORE SHIFTING GENDER NORMS You've probably noticed that the conversation around gender is changing. A drastic reimagining of gender identity is underway, one that will reshape our future. [Lisa Kenney, HBR, 8 April 2020](#).

COMBATING THE CORONAVIRUS WITHOUT CLEAN WATER As the coronavirus crisis spreads throughout the world, it is increasingly clear that people with the least access to essential services like water will feel the most dramatic effects. *Betsy Otto, Samantha Kuzma, Colin Strong and Marlena Chertock, WRI, 8 April 2020.*

CAN WE FLATTEN THE CURVE ON CLIMATE? It's contextual: Experiential learning enables us to figure out what to do with the knowledge we acquire. And it's additive: The more we experience, the more we can learn. There's no practical limit to the amount or kind of information that is possible to absorb and internalize. *Joel Makower, GreenBiz, 7 April 2020.*

WORLD WATER WEEK 2020 IS CANCELLED After a great deal of discussion and with much sadness, we have decided to cancel **World Water Week 2020** scheduled to take place in Stockholm 23-28 August. This was not an easy decision to make, nor is it one we have taken lightly. This year would have been the 30th anniversary of World Water Week – but instead it has been cancelled for the first time ever. *SIWI, 6 April 2020.*

WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A YEAR WITHOUT CLIMATE DIPLOMACY A delay to the pivotal COP26 meeting doesn't mean the pandemic has wrecked global climate action. *Laura Millan Lombrana, Bloomberg Green, 6 April 2020.*

THE RISE OF THE AI-POWERED COMPANY IN THE POSTCRISIS WORLD For some companies, global shocks have historically brought moments of truth. They can rapidly alter the business landscape and the terms of competition, often in ways that aren't immediately apparent. But companies that make bold moves during challenging times can turn adversity into advantage. *François Candelon, Tom Reichert, Sylvain Duranton, Rodolphe Charme di Carlo and Midas De Bondt, BCG, 2 April 2020.*

SAPS RECEIVED 87 000 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CALLS DURING FIRST WEEK OF LOCKDOWN – CELE Police Minister Bheki Cele says police have received more than 87 000 gender-based violence complaints during the first week of the 21-day national lockdown. *Sihle Mlambo, IOL, 2 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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WBCSD: DISCLOSURE IN A TIME OF SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION: CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCTS COMPANIES The production, transformation and distribution of food, agriculture and forest products are routine and essential aspects of global society. These sectors are critical for people's health, survival and well-being, providing food, buildings, packaging and infrastructure. They also support the livelihoods of millions of people through their multi-tiered and complex value chains. [WBCSD, 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.](#)

PARTICIPATE IN KANTAR'S BIZ IMPACT SURVEY | COVID-19'S IMPACT ON SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE BUSINESS IN SA You're invited to take part in the Biz Impact Survey which aims to shed light on how businesses across South Africa are pivoting to respond to the crisis situation at hand. [BizCommunity, 8 April 2020.](#)

5 COMMUNICATIONS TIPS TO MARKET SUSTAINABILITY Top insights derived from The Conference Board's recently published [global survey](#) of 32,000 consumers in 64 countries. [GreenBiz, 7 April 2020.](#)

WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION (WRC): Water quality, sanitation and hygiene management in light of Corona virus disease (COVID-19) [View here.](#)

THE GREEN BOOK PROVIDES ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE COVID-19 RESPONSE In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa, the Green Book is providing access to information to assist with risk and vulnerability mapping and analysis. The team has created vulnerability indicators in support of identifying high-risk areas in our country, considering health susceptibility and transmission potential. [Further information.](#)

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

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 Insights** just 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 about 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.

BCG WEBINAR: HOW TO DEVELOP SCENARIOS IN THESE COVID TIMES? | 14 April 2020 | 07:00 | We will discuss how to create CV-19 scenarios; both in theory and practice. BCG's Dr. Nikolaus Lang will present how to create economic recovery scenarios and derive the impact of these scenarios on an industry and a company. Bongani Nqwababa, the former joint-Chief Executive Officer and Joint-President at Sasol Ltd., will then discuss how to use these scenarios in steering your company through a crisis from a South African perspective. [Register here.](#)

GIBS FLASH FORUM: STRATEGIC THINKING IN A CRISIS | 14 April 2020 | 14:00 | [Register here.](#)

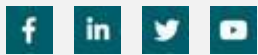
MELTWATER WEBINAR: HOW TO SCALE POSITIVE IMPACT: LEADERSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS | 15 April 2020 | 11:00 CET | When a crisis hits, when business is threatened, when communities are scared and when lives are at stake, powerful leadership is crucial. As a leader, now is the time you will need to make some of the most important business decisions of your career. You will also need to be there for your team, while staying open to innovation and scaling positivity. [Details and registration.](#)

EDUCATION DISRUPTED, EDUCATION REIMAGINED | 15 to 16 April 2020 | A virtual conference in four parts looking at the impact of COVID-19 on education systems now and in the future. [Further information.](#)

GIBS FLASH FORUM - UNDER THREAT: THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SOUND DECISIONS IN CRITICAL TIMES | 16 April 2020 | 14:00 | [Register here.](#)

BSR WEBINAR: REDUCING VALUE CHAIN EMISSIONS TO ACHIEVE SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS | 22 April 2020 | 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.](#)

GREENBIZ WEBINAR | STATE OF THE PROFESSION 2020 | 28 April 2020 | 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.](#)



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