

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE'S RESPONSE (NBI'S) RESPONSE TO COVID-19 [View here.](#)

UPDATE ON THE NBI AND BUSINESS FOR SOUTH AFRICA COVID-19 WORKING GROUP ON WATER AND SANITATION
The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Business for South Africa (B4SA) COVID-19 Working Group on Water and Sanitation (B4SA Water) have launched an emergency water response in recognition that **WASH** (water, sanitation and hygiene) is the first line of defence against the coronavirus. **Read NBI's latest NewsFlash, [here.](#)**

HOW BUSINESS IS RESPONDING TO COVID-19 IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POOREST URBAN COMMUNITIES As COVID-19 takes hold in countries around the world, we are being challenged to respond to a global pandemic in poorer urban communities already facing multiple risks. **[CDKN, Lisa McNamara, 20 April 2020.](#)**

TRANSPARENCY IN CORPORATE REPORTING 2020 The National Business Initiative (NBI) would like to inform our members of an interesting benchmarking project that we will be embarking on this year, which is an update to the **Transparency in Corporate Reporting 2016 Report**. This work will be undertaken by Corruption Watch (the South African chapter of Transparency International) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), in partnership with the NBI, under the NBI's Ethical Leadership and Anti-Corruption Programme. **[NBI, 17 April 2020.](#)**

INDUSTRY NEWS

BLSA: WE ARE IN LAST CHANCE SALOON What was needed from government was decisive intervention in the face of an economy that is set to reel from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was delivered. **[Busi Mavuso, IOL, 23 April 2020.](#)**

COVID-19 | INCLUSIVITY MUST NOT BE IGNORED DESPITE BUSINESS PRESSURES Diversity must remain on the agenda despite the suspension of the gender pay gap reporting this year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, says gender balance campaign group WISE. **[New Civil Engineer, Claire Smith, 23 April 2020.](#)**

COVID-19 CRISIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE CHANGE South Africa has a better chance to correct the missed opportunities for economic transformation that have been a sore point for the country's black majority since the dawn of the democratic dispensation. [Mills Soko and Mzukisi Qobo, Daily Maverick, 23 April 2020.](#)

CARBON TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED DUE TO COVID-19 President Cyril Ramaphosa, on Tuesday night, announced a three-month delay in first carbon tax payments as part of an extensive set of financial measures worth R500 billion to help companies deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. [Carbon Neutral Group, 22 April 2020.](#)

COMMITTEES WELCOME ADDITIONAL R20BN WATER FUNDING The additional R20-billion allocation promised by President Cyril Ramaphosa to fund emergency water and sanitation provision during the state of national disaster has been welcomed by the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation and the Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Water and Sanitation and Human Settlements. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 21 April 2020.](#)

HOW WE CAN ALL COME BACK BETTER – AND GREENER – AFTER COVID-19 Pairing action on the pandemic and on climate change will ensure that economies end up stronger than before. [María Mendiluce, The Telegraph, 21 April 2020.](#)

EARTH DAY TURNS 50 ONLINE AS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GOES DIGITAL Organisers and environmentalists are pushing ahead with celebrations using low-carbon digital tools. [Thin Lei Win, BusinessLIVE, 20 April 2020.](#)

THE POWERFUL LINK BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPARENCY AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE The major disruptions and urgent challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic highlight the global interconnection of buyers, suppliers and capital providers. [Dexter Galvin and Emily Kreps, CDP, 17 April 2020.](#)

THE BUSINESSES URGING GOVERNMENTS TO BUILD BACK BETTER FROM COVID-19 The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause devastation around the world. Businesses are dealing with unprecedented impacts that, for some, have thrown their very future into question. [We Mean Business, 17 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.](#)

EVERY DAY IS #EARTHDAY AT SAPPI Sappi joins the world in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and in honouring the theme of climate action. [BizCommunity, 22 April 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

EARTH DAY 2020 – A MOMENT TO PAIR CLIMATE ACTION WITH OUR COVID RECOVERY Yesterday's 50th Earth Day has given us a lot to think about. Commemorating this landmark day -- 50 years since the first Earth Day brought 20 million people to the streets in the US to demand environmental protections; and the four year anniversary of countries' signing the Paris Agreement – most of us feel very far from that world. [WBCSD, 22 April 2020.](#)

ESKOM CEO ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE JUST ENERGY TRANSITION With Eskom being the country's largest emitter of CO₂ through the burning of coal for power generation, what is it doing to reduce its carbon footprint? What are the key ingredients for unlocking a just energy transition in South Africa, and what role should Eskom be playing in this transition? [Moneyweb, 21 April 2020.](#)

GREEN RECOVERY ALLIANCE: REBOOT AND REBOOST OUR ECONOMIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WBCSD joined the Call to Action of the Green Recovery Alliance calling for an EU-wide green recovery strategy focused on sustainability after COVID-19. [WBCSD, 16 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.](#)

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** 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 just published **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** entitled: **"Zero-Carbon Transition: Latest signals of change"**, [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. **Listen to their CEO, Peter Bakker, sharing his thoughts on the COVID-19 crisis**, [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.

CDE: COVID-19: WHAT DOES THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND LOCKDOWN MEAN FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S PUBLIC FINANCES? | 24 April 2020 | 11:30 | CDE is hosting a virtual discussion on our public finances both during and after the lockdown. [Further information and registration link](#).

THE INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT: BEING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE: ALIGNING VALUES | 27 April 2020 | 14:00 SAST | The Fourth Industrial Revolution and globalisation have impacted how we connect and interact with our employees and other organisations. Recent events have tested the authenticity of many organisation's values. This webinar explores whether organisational values can be a genuine reflection of the individual values of the people who work there. [Speaker information and registration link](#).

WHO/UNICEF WEBINAR TRAINING ON WASH FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES | 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](#).

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](#).

LIMITING TEMPERATURE RISE TO 1.5 DEGREES: ROLES FOR INVESTORS, COMPANIES, AND POLICYMAKERS | 5 May 2020 | 12:00 EST | Ceres 2020 in New York will mobilize the world's most influential capital market leaders to accelerate and scale up solutions to the most pressing global sustainability challenges. [Details and registration here](#).

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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