

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

NBI: SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION The NBI strives to provide relevant, high-value information and content on an on-going basis. In line with our goal of constant innovation, we are delighted to share that our Social Transformation webpage has recently been updated: [View here.](#)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (TAMDEV) The NBI has built partnerships with numerous organisations utilising mentoring as a key asset. This is particularly prevalent in the NBI's capacity-building work with Local Government under our TAMDEV Programme. [Read here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

'BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL': HOW COVID-19 COULD CHANGE THE FUTURE OF WORK Millions of people around the world have been working remotely due to the coronavirus pandemic and now experts are asking whether this "business as unusual" could be the future of work, at least for those people whose job doesn't require them to be tied to a particular location. [UN News, 27 May 2020.](#)

CLIMATE SHOULD NOT BE THE VIRUS'S NEXT VICTIM The COVID-19 pandemic swept the world in just a few months, with immediate and catastrophic consequences: hundreds of thousands of deaths and a global economic standstill. [Patrick Herhold, Veronica Chau, Michel Frédeau, Esben Hegnsholt, Joerg Hildebrandt, Cornelius Pieper and Jens Burchardt, BCG, 27 May 2020.](#)

HOW TO REDUCE PLASTIC AND OTHER OCEAN POLLUTION SIMULTANEOUSLY Plastic has gone from the greatest invention of the modern era to one of the most challenging materials to manage. [Liz Hollaway, Jenna Jambeck, Ellie Moss and Brajesh Dubey, WRI, 26 May 2020.](#)

ENSURING BIODIVERSITY NOW WILL PREVENT PANDEMICS LATER A future repetition of the current COVID-19 pandemic is preventable with massive cooperation on international and local levels and by ensuring biological diversity preservation around the world, experts recently said. *Samira Sadeque, United Nations/Global Issues, 26 May 2020.*

WOMEN EARN 35% LESS THAN MEN; HERE'S WHY TRANSPARENCY ON PAY COULD CLOSE THE GAP FOR WOMEN The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for economic policy reforms to address deep socio-economic inequalities in South Africa, including transparent pay reporting towards closing the persistent gender pay gap which sees South African women still earning up to 35% less than men for doing the same work. *After 12 Magazine, 26 May 2020.*

COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA'S WATER SECTOR The Covid-19 pandemic has magnified the deficits in the water and sanitation sectors in South Africa, Water Research Commission (WRC) CEO Dr Dhesigan Naidoo said during a webinar on May 22. *Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 22 May 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.](#)

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP Featured Insights [May 2020.](#)

OLD MUTUAL PROVIDES ISOLATION FACILITY FOR WESTERN CAPE COVID-19 EFFORTS Old Mutual has handed over a fully refurbished quarantine and self-isolation facility to Premier Alan Winde and Transport and Public Works Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela today, which will be used in the Western Cape's fight against Covid-19. [BizCommunity, 27 May 2020.](#)

USB LATEST NEWS [27 May 2020.](#)

MONDI APPOINTS NEW CFO Packaging and paper manufacturer Mondi has appointed Mike Powell as its new CFO and executive director with an effective date yet to be announced. [Engineering News, 26 May 2020.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA APPOINTS INTERIM DEAN FOR GIBS The University of Pretoria (UP) has appointed senior lecturer and executive director of faculty Dr Morris Mthombeni as interim dean of the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), effective July 1. [Engineering News, 22 May 2020.](#)

NEDBANK PASSES CLIMATE RESOLUTIONS IN SA FIRST The Nedbank Group has become the first South African company to have climate-related resolutions it tabled itself passed by its shareholders [FIN24, 22 May 2020.](#)

FNB IS LEVERAGING AI TO REDEFINE RISK MANAGEMENT AND WAYS OF WORKING FNB has been harnessing artificial intelligence (AI) to reimagine risk management and forensic due diligence processes. [IOL Business, 21 May 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

OPENING THE ECONOMY: HUMAN WELL-BEING IS PARAMOUNT We need to centre the strategies for combating Covid-19 and resumption of economic activities on human welfare in a total sense rather than to simply pander to the urges of business. *Mzukisi Qobo and Khwezi Mabasa, Daily Maverick, 28 May 2020.*

WE CAN GO GREEN IF WE DON'T LET THE CRISIS GO TO WASTE Covid-19 crisis offers an opportunity to reset our unsustainable development pathway and tackle climate change and injustice *Gaylor Montmasson-Clair and Jesse Burton, BusinessLIVE, 26 May 2020.*

SDG SETBACK 'TREMENDOUS' AS COVID-19 ACCELERATES SLIDE Crucial global goals to reduce hunger and poverty and curb climate change have gone backwards or stalled, the United Nations Secretary-General warns in a new report, as the COVID-19 outbreak moves from being a health crisis to becoming the "worst human and economic crisis of our lifetimes". *Gareth Willmer and Fiona Broom, Global Issues, 26 May 2020.*

CDE INSIGHT: GLOBAL LESSONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROMOTION Small business promotion is essential for achieving inclusive growth in South Africa. This CDE reports sets out global lessons highlighted by Dr Ross Brown, a leading expert based at the School of Management, University of St Andrews, Scotland. [Download Full Report.](#)

NEDBANK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WWF, RECENTLY LAUNCHED ITS WATER SAVINGS GUIDE. The guide contains information that is geared at creating awareness around South Africa's dire water situation and equipping the public with easy tips to save water. [Download a copy here](#) and please share the link with your communities. When we reach 10 000 downloads of the guide, we will rehabilitate a spring in a rural community so kindly spread the word.

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 **News Article**, entitled: "Environmental action as key to business resilience: how CDP's accredited solutions providers can help", [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 latest **News Article** entitled: "Water ChangeMaker Awards: Share Your Water and Climate Resilience Journey", [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 **Media Article**, entitled: "More than 330 Major Businesses Call on U.S. Congress to Build Back a More Resilient, Sustainable Economy from 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. Read their **Insight Article** entitled: "Preventing a COVID-19 food crisis – the role and opportunity for multinationals", [here](#).

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

WEBINAR: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR | Friday, 29 May 2020 | 14:00 to 16:00 | The current context of a global COVID-19 pandemic casts a specific lens on what was already a key issue in our society - and renders the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) much more urgent. In a time where business is challenged to look beyond profit as to how it can support broader society through this crisis, it should be borne in mind what business is doing with regards to GBV; particularly when it relates to their work force who will mostly be home-based for the foreseeable future. **Join Shared Value Africa Initiative and the National Business Initiative (NBI)** in a virtual roundtable discussion on gender-based violence and how business and society can collaborate to challenge, capacitate, and co-create solutions towards eradicating GBV. [Register here.](#)

NBI WEBINAR: ADAPTATION FINANCE EVENT 2020 | Wednesday, 10 June 2020 | 13:00 to 15:00 | The NBI and SANBI are hosting a series of events towards building a pipeline of adaptation projects, and in particular biodiversity and ecosystem-based projects, to alleviate the acute shortage of adaption projects locally; and to attract up to US\$50 million

from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The latest event which will take place online, will focus on biodiversity and ecosystem-based adaptation. Kindly register for the webinar, [here](#).

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA WEBINAR: COVID-19 RECOVERY STRATEGY - HOW TO NAVIGATE THE ECONOMIC AND BRAND REPUTATION RISK LANDSCAPE DURING AND AFTER COVID-19 | Friday, 12 June 2020 | 11:00 to 12:30 | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Brand South Africa will be exploring COVID-19 recovery strategies from a brand and reputational risk perspective. This will enable companies to navigate the complex landscape of the current pandemic, recovery phase and new normal post the pandemic. The webinar discussion and stakeholder engagement session will cover how to deal with brand reputational risk as well as priority recovery strategies in times of volatility. [Register here](#).

WEBINARS | 2020

CERES 2020 DIGITAL PROGRAMME | 7 April to 18 June 2020 | We are very excited to announce the virtual sessions within our reimagined Ceres 2020 digital programme! | View full details [here](#).

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@wbcسد.org.

JHB BUSINESS SCHOOL: THE FUTURE SERIES | 29 May 2020 | 11:00 | The JBS Future Of: is a series of lively and engaging masterclasses that will be hosted each Friday throughout the month of May. The series explores the many ways in which certain sectors will be transformed through the passage of time. Each week will focus on one out of the four industries which were chosen for their commercial importance and for the critical role that each plays in supporting the economic inclusion and well-being of people across the world. [View details here](#).

UNFCCC JUNE MOMENTUM FOR CLIMATE CHANGE | 1 to 10 June 2020 | A series of online events will be conducted under the guidance of the chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI and with the support of the UNFCCC secretariat, offering an opportunity for Parties and other stakeholders to continue exchanging views and sharing information in order to maintain momentum in the UNFCCC process and to showcase how climate action is progressing under the special circumstances the world is currently facing. [View list of events here](#).

AFRICA SHARED VALUE LEADERSHIP ESUMMIT | 2 to 5 June 2020 | This year, Africa's Shared Value conversation goes virtual with online sessions live streamed and is aimed at creating a platform for business leaders, young and old, to openly share their experiences and tough decisions made during COVID-19. The purpose of the eSummit is to continue the Shared Value conversation and look at how we can change the way business is done post-crisis. We hope to inspire companies to think differently about their approach to social and environmental issues. [Further details](#).

HBR WEBINAR: WHAT RESILIENT COMPANIES DO DIFFERENTLY | 11 June 2020 | 12:00 EDT | [Register here](#).

WEBINAR: 8TH WORLD CONGRESS AND EXPO ON GREEN ENERGY | 15 to 16 June 2020 | Green Energy Webinar 2020 is the integration of new technologies in the field of environmental science to help Environmental Professionals harness the full potential of their practice. It involves the use of tools and technologies to achieve a certain degree of publicity and broaden the reach of the practice and the practitioner. For more information click [here](#).



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