

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.](#)

PORTABLE HAND WASHING FACILITY PROJECT LAUNCH IN DAVEYTON Yesterday, 10 June 2020 was the official launch of the Portable Hand Washing Facility Project in Qalabosha Informal Settlement (Daveyton) with The City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) & MMC for Water and Sanitation, Cllr Tiisetso Nketle. The initiative is a public private partnership in conjunction with the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and **Business for South Africa (B4SA)** to combat the spread of COVID-19. Rollout of the foot-operated hand washing facilities was sponsored by NBI member company **AECI**. **Read NBI's latest NewsFlash, [here](#).** Companies wishing to sponsor hygienic water access through these hand washing units, please contact [Mmaphefo Thwala](#).

TRIALOGUE'S STRATEGIC CSI AWARD: NBI'S GUGU MCLAREN-USHEWOKUNZE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A JUDGE FOR THE 2020 TRIALOGUE STRATEGIC CSI AWARD: The award recognises a single corporate social investment (CSI) project that delivers significant social benefits as well as competitive business benefits. The winner receives a double-page feature in the 2020 Trialogue Business in Society Handbook, as well as extensive media coverage. If you think that your company has a CSI project worth entering, download the application form [here](#). The deadline for entries is 30 June 2020.

PUBLIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION INCREASES INVESTMENT IN EXXARO The Public Investment Corporation (PIC) has increased its shareholding in coal and renewable energy company Exxaro Resources to just over 15%, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed Exxaro stated in a stock exchange news service announcement on Monday. [Engineering News, 8 June 2020.](#)

THE NBI TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING BOTH FAMOUS BRANDS AND SEA HARVEST AS NEW NBI MEMBER COMPANIES At the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, we believe in making change happen. And we believe our member companies are crucial implementation and collaboration partners. This requires courage, driving change through bold thought leadership, capacity building and collective action. That is why we are delighted to have both these leading companies join us on this journey. Both **Famous Brands** and **Sea Harvest** join a collective of businesses

who are committed, determined and courageous in tackling the most pressing issues facing South Africa today. Please contact [Gillian Hutchings](#) should your company wish to join the NBI.

INDUSTRY NEWS

BLSA: IT'S STILL ABOUT STRUCTURAL REFORM If getting the South African economy growing was a national crisis before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March, it has now become the greatest emergency that faces this economy in almost 100 years. [Busi Mavuso, IOL Business, 11 June 2020.](#)

TRANSLATING INSIGHTS INTO IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES: THE ROLE OF SDG SECTOR ROADMAPS This year kicked-off with a call for 2020 to usher in a “Decade of Action” to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 to accelerate the speed and scale of solutions, including from business. [Uta Jungermann, WBCSD, 10 June 2020.](#)

VAAL DAM WATER LEVELS HIT CRITICALLY LOW LEVELS The average water levels across 11 of the Integrated Vaal River System’s (IVRS’s) 14 dams have dropped during the past week, with the Vaal dam hitting a three-year low. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 10 June 2020.](#)

COMPANIES' ESG SCORES IMPROVE COUNTRIES' MACROECONOMIC GROWTH, REPORT FINDS Private sector companies' environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance can improve countries' economic growth, according to landmark research published last week that contains major implications for policymakers and central banks plotting how to best resuscitate coronavirus-stricken economies. [Cecilia Keating, GreenBiz, 9 June 2020.](#)

CAPE TOWN DAM LEVELS DIP TO 54.6% OF CAPACITY Water levels at dams supplying the Cape Town metropolitan area have decreased by 0.5 percent over the past week to 54.6 percent of total capacity, the city council said on Tuesday. [Engineering News, 9 June 2020.](#)

ECONOMIC RENEWAL MUST CATALYZE THE TRANSITION TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – WE MUST BUILD BACK BETTER We are in the midst of an extraordinary crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic is primarily a health crisis – but one that has morphed into a burgeoning economic crisis, shining a light on inequalities and vulnerability in society. [Paul Simpson, CEO CDP, 8 June 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](#).

WOOLWORTHS DONATES R700,000 WORTH OF PRODUCT TO HEALTHCARE FACILITIES Woolworths has announced its donation of R700,000 worth of bedding and towels to public healthcare facilities in South Africa. [BizCommunity, 10 June 2020.](#)

SANLAM LAUNCHES URGENT JOB-PRESERVATION INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 Sanlam Investments is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through large-scale support of the recovery of South African companies, from small enterprises to corporates that employ a large number of people. [Risk Africa Magazine, 10 June 2020.](#)

STRENGTHENING THE CASE FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTING – LESSONS FROM COVID-19 The current Covid-19 crisis has many important lessons that strengthens the case for responsible investing. [Old Mutual Investment Group, Daily Maverick, 9 June 2020.](#)

ONE DISCOVERY PLACE IN SANDTON ACHIEVES SIX GREEN STAR AS-BUILT RATING The new Discovery head office in Sandton, Johannesburg has achieved a six Green Star As-Built rating from the Green Building Council of South Africa. [BizCommunity, 9 June 2020.](#)

SASOL-SPONSORED STUDY MARKS START OF WASTE ELIMINATION IN TWO CRITICAL KZN RIVERS Petrochemicals giant Sasol on June 9 released a baseline assessment report after it commissioned a study to understand the challenges around

waste pollution at the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast, specifically in the Amanzimtoti and Umbogintwini rivers. [Engineering News, 9 June 2020](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WBCSD JUNE 2020 WATER NEWSLETTER [View here](#).

FORUM FOCUSING ON NETWORKING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SPACE While South Africa has forums and conferences specific to women in energy, WE Connect co-founder Karen De Bruyn laments that there is no platform specifically focused on connecting women in the renewable energy space. [Engineering News, 10 June 2020](#).

GENDER LENS ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESSING LINKED CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY CRISES, URGES JOINT UN REPORT As countries reel from the devastating social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, gender inequality is shaping the experience of crisis, as well as prospects for resilience and recovery. [UN Women, 9 June 2020](#).

TRIALOGUE'S STRATEGIC CSI AWARD recognises a single corporate social investment (CSI) project that delivers significant social benefits as well as competitive business benefits. The winner receives a double-page feature in the 2020 Triologue Business in Society Handbook, worth R89 000, as well as extensive media coverage. If you think that your company has a CSI project worth entering, download the application form [here](#). The deadline for entries is 30 June 2020.

UNLOCKING PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN GREEN CLIMATE FUND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), is an accredited direct access entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries is the National Designated Authority for the GCF in South Africa and provides strategic leadership to GCF programming nationally. [Read here](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR CDP ANNUAL UPDATE ONLINE WORKSHOPS: CDP has announced that its capacity building workshops will be held online between the **9th June and the 10th July 2020**. These are critical workshops to attend, for first time as well as seasoned CDP contributors. [Click HERE](#) for further detailed 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 recently published **News Article** entitled: "Environmental action and racial justice must go hand-in-hand", [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 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 **Newsletter**, [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**, written by CEO Peter Bakker, entitled: “The awakening for systemic change”, [here](#).

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

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

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.

CDP 2020 GLOBAL WORKSHOP SERIES | 9 June to 10 July 2020 | 2020 is a critical year. We are entering a historic decade of urgent climate action. Meanwhile, climate change and environmental challenges already pose major and current global threats and are exacerbating the current economic downturn. It is more essential than ever for companies, cities, states and regions to disclose their environmental data through CDP and take decisive action. As always, our workshops will support you on this journey, this year in an online format. We invite you to join us for a series of virtual events, both global and region-specific, as we drive ambitious sustainability action worldwide. [Register now](#).

TRIALOGUE CSI WEBINAR – SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC | 12 June 2020 | 09:30 | This session will look at how the private sector can help to strengthen municipal capacity. Panellists include Paul Smith (head of local government support at Kagiso Trust) and John Lomberg (stakeholder relations manager at Santam), discussing the support of municipalities well before Covid-19, and continuing to do so through the pandemic. [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](#).

GREENBIZ WEBCAST: REPUTATIONAL RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES: MANAGING THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND CLIMATE CHANGE | 16 June 2020 | 13:00 ET | The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of the global economy and its supply chains. It has also shown that reputational risks and opportunities can become magnified in times of crisis. Across sectors, leading companies have built valuable trust in their brands by taking early and serious action to protect their workers and suppliers—and slow the spread of the virus. In the face of another existential threat—the climate crisis—companies are also finding ways to minimize risk and identify opportunities to lead. [GreenBiz Website](#).

USB ONLINE EVENT: THE SOCIAL IMPACT MINDSET | 17 June 2020 | 13:00 | Motivational speaker Kevin Chaplin has gone from working in corporate industries to a life dedicated towards positive social impact. Join USB's Prof Arnold Smit for this Leader's Angle online event, where we find out more about Kevin's journey, his brand new book and how you can develop a mindset for making a positive impact yourself. [Book now](#).

SOUTH AFRICA UK PACT MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT | 18 June 2020 | 14:00 SAST | Join our webinar to find out how you can participate in the UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) programme and learn what is required to submit a strong application for grant funding as part of our Country Programmes. [Further information and registration link](#).

WBCSD WEBINAR: WASH PLEDGE 2.0 | 24 June 2020 | 13:00 CEST | The session will introduce the updated WBCSD Pledge for access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Additionally, signatories of the original WASH Pledge will share their experience implementing safe WASH access at their workplace. **Please register [here](#).**



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