

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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

ETHICAL RETURN ON INVESTMENTS: COVID-19 PANDEMIC VS. CORPORATE SOUTH AFRICA As the COVID-19 Pandemic fundamentally challenges Corporate South Africa, ethical leadership will yield a valuable return on investment. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here.](#)**

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP: CLIMATE LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 CRISIS: (PART 1) While the current COVID-19 pandemic and climate change differ as disasters, they share commonalities. Both crises are the result of historical and on-going widespread ecological degradation. **[Read here.](#)**

NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP: CLIMATE LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 CRISIS: FORGING A NEW FUTURE (PART 2) The Power of Good Governance: In times of crisis, it is imperative to reflect on both the precipitating and perpetuating factors leading up to a catastrophe, in order to find viable solutions and to prevent a repeat event. **[Read here.](#)**

WOMEN YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DWPD SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER 08 JUL 2020 [View here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

A BLUEPRINT FOR BUSINESS TO TRANSITION TO A NATURE-POSITIVE FUTURE A new World Economic Forum report, The Future of Nature and Business, provides a blueprint for business action to safeguard nature. [Akanksha Khatri and Dominic Kailash Nath Waughray, WEF, 15 July 2020.](#)

WORLD ECONOMY POST COVID-19 TO SEE GREATER FOCUS ON RESILIENCE, SUSTAINABILITY The world economy will, post the Covid-19 pandemic, see significant changes to its structure in order to improve its resilience and sustainability, with a much more pronounced focus on environmental, societal and good governance metrics in public and private projects to help businesses, economies and societies transition to new ways of working. [Schalk Burger, Engineering News, 14 July 2020.](#)

'WOMEN RISE FOR ALL' TO SHAPE LEADERSHIP IN PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY Although the COVID-19 pandemic has generated an unprecedented global health, humanitarian and development crisis, it has also revealed the power of women's leadership, according to the UN Deputy Secretary-General. [UN News, 14 July 2020.](#)

THE ROLE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN A POST COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY For the past few months, the world has been feeling the impact of Covid-19 and, with many countries under lockdown, the economic ramifications have already been serious. [Boitumelo Kiepile, BizCommunity, 13 July 2020.](#)

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT, CONFIDENCE 'THE ONLY WAY' OUT OF COVID-19 CRISIS, SAYS BLSA'S MAVUSO Driving private sector investment and confidence has been touted as "the only way" out of the Covid-19 crisis, following the release of Business for South Africa's (B4SA's) proposals for an accelerated economic recovery for South Africa. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 13 July 2020.](#)

B4SA IDENTIFIES INITIATIVES THAT COULD GROW GDP BY R1TRN Business for South Africa (B4SA) has identified 12 key initiatives that will accelerate the country's economic recovery and could grow its gross domestic product by R1 trillion, generate 1.5 million jobs and increase tax revenues by R100 billion per year. [Moneyweb, 10 July 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.](#)

DELOITTE SAYS COVID-19 HAS SHOWN THE NECESSARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN HUMANS, TECH Consultancy Deloitte in its latest 'Human Capital Trends' report says the "social enterprise" which it first introduced in its 2018 'Human Capital Trends' report, has gone to work, with technology and human collaboration at the forefront of discussions. [Engineering News, 15 July 2020.](#)

PICK N PAY WILL MATCH TILL POINT DONATIONS THIS MANDELA DAY Pick n Pay's Feed the Nation campaign will match all customer cash donations made at till points on Mandela Day, 18 July 2020, to help feed more people left vulnerable to hunger. [IOL Business, 15 July 2020.](#)

SAPPI DEVELOPS NEW, SKIN-FRIENDLY HAND-SANITISER INGREDIENT Dissolving pulp and paper-based solutions company Sappi has launched a skin- and planet-friendly hand hygiene ingredient – Valida – which is based on cellulose and is intended to be used by hygiene product manufacturers in products like hand sanitisers. [Engineering News, 15 July 2020.](#)

TIGER BRANDS APPOINTS NEW CFO Packaged foods and goods company Tiger Brands has announced the appointment of Deepa Sita as CFO and executive director from October 1. [Engineering News, 15 July 2020.](#)

NEDBANK SCORES MULTIPLE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY A slew of industry accolades has once again reinforced Nedbank Group's position as a South African, African and global leader in innovative banking solutions delivered on world-class technology platforms. [IOL Business, 14 July 2020.](#)

FNB, THE UNLIMITED CHILD PARTNER IN DISTRIBUTING MASKS IN KZN As part of the KZN Maskathon initiative, FNB and RMB are facilitating the donation of masks to 80,000 families from vulnerable communities of the province. [BizCommunity, 8 July 2020.](#)

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP (BCG) FEATURED INSIGHTS [BCG, 8 July 2020](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

THE CEO WATER MANDATE SECRETARIAT is pleased to launch "[A Business Framework for Water & COVID-19,](#)" a new web-based resource that helps companies take action on the water- and handwashing-related aspects of the global pandemic. [CEO Water Mandate Website.](#)

LOCAL FISHERS CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS LANDMARK SOUTH AFRICAN SHARK STUDY In a first for local fishers, the fishing community of the Kogelberg, supported by WWF South Africa, has contributed towards the recent publication of two

scientific papers on the status and diversity of smaller endemic shark species in South African waters. [WWF-SA, 14 July 2020](#).

WHY REALIZING THE SDGS IS MORE URGENT THAN EVER BEFORE Between 7 and 16 July 2020 the United Nations is convening its annual [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#) – its core platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [WBCSD, 7 July 2020](#).

WBCSD'S NEW GUIDELINES HELP COMPANIES MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released its [latest guidelines to help energy consumers develop and implement a sustainable energy strategy](#).

A NEW LGBTQ WORKFORCE HAS ARRIVED—INCLUSIVE CULTURES MUST FOLLOW Today's LGBTQ workforce has undergone a fundamental, generational shift, both in how it defines itself and what it expects of workplace inclusion. [BCG, 23 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 Trialogue 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 31 July 2020. **NBI's Head of Social Transformation, Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze** has been appointed as a judge for the 2020 Trialogue Strategic CSI Award.

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 **News Article** entitled: "CDP joins We Mean Business coalition call for governments to pair economic recovery with ambitious climate action.", [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 - July 2020**, [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. Read their **News Article**, entitled: "New framework launched to help align company actions towards a net-zero built environment", [here](#).

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

NBI ONLINE EVENT: ENERGY MANAGEMENT, CRISES AND COMPETITIVENESS | Wednesday, 5 August 2020 | 14:00 to 15:30 | Energy efficiency is the basis for competitiveness, long-term resilience and a vital part of a business' crisis management toolkit. Integrating ambitious energy targets into a business strategy therefore allows leading companies to drive innovation in energy efficiency; achieving significant long-term value and increased reliability | [Detailed information and RSVP link.](#)

ONLINE EVENT: NBI'S SDGS ROADSHOW 2020 | Thursday, 6 to Friday, 7 August 2020 | 12:00 to 15:00 | The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a global framework for sustainable development that call for business involvement in their implementation at global, national and local scales. This year, the NBI will again team up with DI to hold the SDGs Roadshow 2020 online. Join us for two engaging sessions designed to help you take your company's SDGs process to the next level, with key insights provided from experts in the field and case studies presented by other leading companies, who have made significant progress. | [Detailed information and RSVP link.](#)

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.

BEGINNERS' GUIDE TO CDP CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING | 20 July 2020 | 10:00 SAST | CSRWorks, in collaboration with CDP, will be hosting a webinar help CDP-invited companies in Southeast Asia to respond to the 2020 climate change questionnaire. The Webinar is aimed at beginners who are responding to the CDP Climate Change Questionnaire for the first time or are new to the assessment. [Details here.](#)

SDG AMBITION: SCALING BUSINESS IMPACT FOR THE DECADE OF ACTION | 21 July 2020 | 13:00 ET | Now more than ever, companies everywhere must unite in the business of a more resilient, sustainable world. Despite progress made in many areas, we are not on track to deliver on the SDGs by 2030. [GreenBiz Website.](#)

GIBS: ONLINE POWER WORKSHOP - DISRUPTION AMPLIFIED: RESET, REWIRE AND RE-IMAGINE EVERYTHING | 21 July 2020 | The year 2020 can be classified as the most disruptive in the last 50 years. COVID-19 has impacted every facet of society. | [Further details and registration.](#)

CLIMATE AND URBAN HEALTH: FEEDING HEALTHY AND RESILIENT CITIES | 22 July 2020 | 16:00 GMT | With most of the world's food consumed in cities and with food accounting for the largest portion of cities' consumption-based emissions, city governments have a leading role to play in ensuring a resilient and sustainable food system. [CDP Website.](#)

USB: COVID-19: WINS, LOSSES AND OPPORTUNITY | 23 July 2020 | 18:30 CAT | Join us for this Alumni Webinar, where USB's Prof Arnold Smit and Mr Maarten Ackerman from Citadel Investment Services help us deal with our losses, and explore how to capitalise on opportunities that have come from the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will be facilitated by Dr Xolani Nocanda of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Chapter. [Book now.](#)

GIBS ONLINE: WOMEN IN BUSINESS BREAKFAST | 11 August 2020 | The session is an opportunity to find inspiration and celebration in the stories of successful women, discuss challenges and to share lessons learned along the journey. [GIBS Website.](#)

CEO WATER MANDATE WEBINAR: LESSONS FROM INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA: SETTING SITE WATER TARGETS TO DRIVE ACTION | 18 August 2020 | 17:00 SAST | This webinar will showcase lessons learned piloting the site water targets guide in India and South Africa. The project team will share insights and companies will discuss their experience setting site water targets collectively, how site water targets fit into their water stewardship strategy, and how this work drives action in the long-term. [Register here.](#)



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