

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 THOUGHT LEADERSHIP: COVID-19: INEQUALITY EXPOSED On a trip to Denmark to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the National Business Initiative's (NBI's) counterparts there, the one issue on which we struggled to connect was inequality. **Read NBI's Latest Thought Leadership article, [here.](#)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: FINDING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is being felt across a variety of key economic sectors in South Africa, with an anticipated loss of over 1 million jobs and the unemployment rate potentially rising to above 50%. Young South Africans are particularly vulnerable to the aftershocks of the pandemic. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here.](#)**

CITY ENSURES INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS HAVE ENOUGH WATER The City of Ekurhuleni is working hard to ensure enough water is available in informal settlements. MMC for Water and Sanitation Clr Tiisetso Nketele, together with representatives of the business alliance Business for South Africa and the National Business Initiative, donated hand washing units to families of Qalabosha Informal Settlement in Daveyton on June 10. **[Kempton Express, 15 June 2020.](#)**

INDUSTRY NEWS

IEA MAKES CASE FOR \$3-TRILLION GLOBAL CLEAN-ENERGY STIMULUS PLAN The International Energy Agency (IEA) released a 'Sustainable Recovery Plan' on June 18 that outlines the case for a \$3-trillion global clean-energy stimulus plan over the coming three years to help repair the economic and employment damage caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. *Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 18 June 2020.*

WORLD HAS SIX MONTHS TO AVERT CLIMATE CRISIS, SAYS ENERGY EXPERT The world has only six months in which to change the course of the climate crisis and prevent a post-lockdown rebound in greenhouse gas emissions that would

overwhelm efforts to stave off climate catastrophe, one of the world's foremost energy experts has warned. [*Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, 18 June 2020.*](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTHS CALL FOR A JUST AND GREEN RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 South African youth from various formations have called on the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Ms Barbara Creecy, to ensure that economic recovery from Covid-19 is just, green, inclusive and youth and gender-responsive. [*Department: Environment, Forestry & Fisheries, 16 June 2020.*](#)

OCEAN WARMING SPURS MARINE LIFE TO RAPID MIGRATION Scientists have taken the temperature of the deep seas and found alarming signs of change: ocean warming is prompting many creatures to migrate fast. [*Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 15 June 2020.*](#)

BUSINESS LEADERS MUST NOW TURN POSITIVE ESG TALK INTO LONG-TERM RESULTS ESG funds are outperforming the broader market during the COVID-19 crisis. [*Claire Skinner, The European Sting/WEF, 12 June 2020.*](#)

RESPONDING TO THE ANGER The anger generated by the murder of George Floyd has brought forth once more demands for real civil rights and an end to the racism that scars societies, not just in the United States but also around the world. [*Klaus Schwab, WEF, 10 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.](#)

UNITED COVID RESPONSE WILL SET STAGE FOR NEXT PHASE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE – ANGLO The stage for the next phase of South Africa's future will be set by all South Africans pulling together in one direction to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. [*Mining Weekly, 18 June 2020.*](#)

THE DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF [Latest Newsletter, 18 June 2020.](#)

MONDI DONATES 100 000 MEDICAL GRADE MASKS TO FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS Global packaging and paper group Mondi has donated 100 000 FFP3/N95 medical grade masks to protect frontline healthcare workers in KwaZulu-Natal from Covid-19. [*Engineering News, 15 June 2020.*](#)

YOUTH MONTH: PWC HOSTS BOOTCAMP TO DEVELOP SKILLS OF YOUNG PEOPLE In a bid to upskill and prepare young people for the future workforce, PwC through their corporate social responsibility unit, recently hosted a skills development bootcamp in Johannesburg. [*PwC, June 2020.*](#)

HOW NEDBANK BUSINESS BANKING HELPS COMPANIES TAKE ON THE COVID-19 CHALLENGE The COVID-19 pandemic presents major challenges for many South African businesses. [*BUSINESSTECH, 15 June 2020.*](#)

BCG: HOW CEOS CAN WIN THE FIGHT AND TRANSFORM TO WIN THE FUTURE [Latest Featured Insights, June 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

PARLIAMENT MAY EXTEND TERM FOR URGENT DEBATE ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE Speaker Thandi Modise told today's National Assembly programming committee meeting that she'd received a request for an urgent debate on gender-based violence and it had been agreed that a date for this should be found. [*EWN, 18 June 2020.*](#)

ANNOUNCING CDP'S 2020 DATA COMPETITION SERIES & OUR FIRST-EVER HACKATHON WINNERS To prevent dangerous climate change and environmental destruction, the world needs quality data to inform and drive action. [*CDP, 16 June 2020.*](#)

WBCSD COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE FOR CORPORATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEET ADOPTION RELEASED TO HELP COMPANIES TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) today

launched a new comprehensive guide for corporate electric vehicle (EV) fleet adoption, to help companies accelerate their transition to sustainable, electric mobility. [WBCSD, 15 June 2020.](#)

CDE'S 7TH REPORT: COVID-19: ARE WE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ABOUT... YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT? Bold reforms will be required if we are to deal with a much-weakened economy and build a country where millions of young people can be hopeful about the future. [Download report here.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE MOMENTUM FOR CLIMATE CHANGE A series of virtual events took place 1 to 10 June to maintain momentum in the UN Climate Change process and showcase progress in climate action despite the COVID-19 pandemic. [UN Climate Change News, 12 June 2020.](#)

WBCSD RELEASES EXPLORATION INTO SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR BUSINESS The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) [released its latest Vision 2050 issue brief](#) which draws upon a broad range of expert opinion and research to present a concise overview of how systems transformation occurs. [WBCSD, 11 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 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 30 June 2020.

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 recently published [Press Release](#) entitled: "105 investors press for environmental disclosure from 1000+ high-impact firms", [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 latest [Member Spotlight Article](#), entitled: "Natura & Co unveils its Commitment to Life for 2030", [here](#).

UWASP - VIRTUAL PARTNERS PLATFORM MEETING | 8 July 2020 | The uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership (UWASP) serves as a coordination hub for collective action on water security across the uMhlathuze region. UWASP's approach is collaborative, with all partners working collectively to identify focus areas and implement projects across industry, agriculture and communities. Please note that this meeting is by invitation only. Please contact [Mmaphefo Thwala](#) for further details.

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.](#)

GREENBIZ: HOW TO GET YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN TO EMBRACE CIRCULARITY | 23 June 2020 | 13:00 ET | Companies can make progress toward building a circular system only so far on their own. To change your entire system, you need to engage your whole value chain and beyond to create a truly circular model. [Further information.](#)

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. [Register here.](#)

WBCSD: CTI WEBINAR FOR GLOBAL NETWORK PARTNERS | 1 July 2020 | 14:00 CET | This Session is for Global Network Partners to introduce the WBCSD Circular Transition Indicators v1.0 - Metrics for business, by business. [Registration link.](#)



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