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

LAUNCH OF THE RACE TO ZERO CAMPAIGN HELD ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY The 5th of June 2020 simultaneously marked World Environment Day and the launch of the Race to Zero Campaign, uniting leading climate action networks on the delivery of structured net-zero greenhouse-gas emission pledges by the COP26 UN Climate Conference in 2021. **Read NBI's latest NewsFlash, [here.](#)**

RESPONDING TO COVID-19: USING SIMPLE INNOVATIONS TO SAVE LIVES Across South Africa, millions of people live in impoverished conditions in informal settlements, without access to adequate water, sanitation and hygiene. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here.](#)**

INDUSTRY NEWS

HOW THE WORLD VIEWS BUSINESS IN THE AGE OF COVID The world is enduring the same pandemic, but its impacts differ vastly between nations and populations. Nevertheless, people across countries and cultures have a remarkable consistency of vision when it comes to what the coronavirus recovery should look like. *Helena Wayth, GreenBiz, 2 July 2020.*

GLOBAL EFFORTS NEEDED TO FAST-TRACK CLEAN ENERGY INNOVATION A significant and concerted global push to accelerate innovation will be needed to pave the way to the energy sector reaching net-zero emissions, according to International Energy Agency's (IEA's) Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP) Special Report on Clean Energy Innovation. *Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 2 July 2020.*

SDG INDEX MEASURES ALL COUNTRIES' PROGRESS SINCE 2015 The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has released the 2020 edition of the Sustainable Development Report, focusing on 'The Sustainable Development Goals and Covid-19.' [Faye Leone, IISD, 30 June 2020.](#)

BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE DIGITAL POWER AND INFORMATION DIVIDES The COVID-19 pandemic offers the opportunity to build a positive, equitable future by bridging the digital divide. [Tom Baruch, GreenBiz, 30 June 2020.](#)

THIS IS HOW WE CAN MAKE A GLOBAL GREEN RECOVERY – THAT ALSO BOOSTS THE ECONOMY Targeted policies and investment in renewables and energy efficiency could boost the global economy by 1.1%, according to a report from the IEA. [Charlotte Edmond, The European Sting/WEF, 26 June 2020.](#)

SA WATER LEVELS ON THE DECLINE South Africans have been encouraged to save water, as water resources and dam levels across the country, with the exception of the Western Cape, continue to decline consistently week-on-week. [BizCommunity, 26 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.](#)

ENGEN CONTRIBUTES FURTHER TO FIGHTING COVID-19, PLEDGING R1M TO FOODFORWARD SA Engen late last month announced its partnership with FoodForward SA, donating R1m in fuel to help the organisation carry out its food delivery aid in vulnerable communities. [BizCommunity, 1 July 2020.](#)

HYDROGEN TO FUEL GIANT MINING TRUCKS IN GREEN SHIFT BY ANGLO Anglo American is advancing plans to convert its fleet of giant diesel-fueled mine trucks to hydrogen power as the company seeks to burnish its green credentials. [Engineering News, 1 July 2020.](#)

BMW PARTNERS WITH SA, GERMAN GOVTS IN R76M PROJECT TO UPGRADE HOSPITALS German car maker BMW and the German government will assist in upgrading eight South African hospitals and four clinics in the fight against Covid-19, in a project valued at R76-million. [Engineering News, 29 June 2020.](#)

EXXARO'S JOURNEY TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE, LOW CARBON FUTURE The Covid-19 pandemic has taken us back to a time where the world didn't have poor air quality and greenhouse gases. As countries worldwide went into lockdown, a noticeable difference in our environment began to emerge. [IOL Business, 28 June 2020.](#)

SASOL OPENS SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE IN SECUNDA Sasol is opening a small business centre in Secunda to support emerging small, micro and medium enterprises (SMMEs) in the region. [Ridge Times, 27 June 2020.](#)

DEEP APPRECIATION FOR MONDI'S COVID 19 SUPPORT Mondi South Africa donated 100 000 medical grade N95 face masks on 15 June 2020 to protect healthcare workers in KwaZulu Natal. [Engineering News, 26 June 2020.](#)

TOYOTA STARTS CONSTRUCTION ON R365M PARTS WAREHOUSE Work has begun in earnest at the Toyota Parts Distribution Warehouse in Atlas Road, East Rand, where Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) is doubling the facility's size from 40 000 m² to 80 000 m². [Engineering News, 26 June 2020.](#)

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP (BCG) Featured Insights [June 2020](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

TALKING ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE As investors are increasingly led by their social values, more listed companies have been incorporating ESG principles. [TOPCO Media, 2 July 2020](#)

WBCSD: NEW GUIDE FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES TO SET SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS On Tuesday, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) released its new guide to help electric utility companies set science-based targets and reduce emissions in line with 1.5°C. [Setting science-based targets: A guide for electric utilities](#) supports more

electric utility companies to overcome the challenges they face and set their own science-based targets (SBTs) to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon economy. [WBCSD, 30 June 2020.](#)

CAPE TOWN FUTURE ENERGY FESTIVAL Hosted by The City of Cape Town, the Festival is a celebration of innovation in climate change, energy efficiency, solar and wind power, water saving, waste reduction, smart transport and sustainable living. Click [here](#) to see how you can get involved.

CDP: View the latest insights from the global environmental disclosure system, [here](#).

NEDBANK CIB GRADUATE PROGRAMME SEEKS YOUNG ACHIEVERS The changing world requires dynamic young people with the ability to carve out their own niche, while making a real, positive difference as they adapt to fast-changing environments. With this in mind, Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) is looking for young difference-makers to join its ranks through its Nedbank CIB Graduate Programme. [BizCommunity, 25 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.

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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 **Press Release** entitled: "Chinese companies urged to ramp up actions to decouple deforestation risks across the palm oil value chains", [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 **June 2020 Newsletter**, recently published , [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 **News Article** just published, entitled: "Soft Commodities Forum reports significant progress in sustainable soy efforts in the Brazilian Cerrado", [here](#).

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

ONLINE EVENT: SDG REPORTING - CORE INDICATORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) | Friday, 3 July 2020 | 15:00 to 16:00 | You are invited to join the NBI and the UNCTAD webinar if you are interested to learn more about the core indicators and discover insights into how they align with what South African companies already report on. In addition, we will cover how standardised data from the private sector can benefit national level reporting of the private sector contribution towards the implementation of the SDGs. [Detailed information and RSVP link.](#)

UWASP - VIRTUAL PARTNERS PLATFORM MEETING | Wednesday, 8 July 2020 | 09:30 to 12:00 | 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.

NBI ONLINE EVENT: GREEN RECOVERY - STIMULATING POST-COVID ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS IN SOUTH AFRICA | Thursday, 9 July 2020 | 14:00 to 15:30 | Join expert speakers from National Treasury, IFC/World Bank, the Climate Bonds Initiative and local financial sector practitioners, to discuss the opportunities and priorities for a green stimulus response to COVID-19, and help inform the development of a South African Green Finance Taxonomy. [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.

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.](#)

HBR WEBCAST: AB INBEV CEO ON ADAPTING IN THE FACE OF CRISIS [Listen here.](#)

WEBINAR: BUILD BACK BETTER: HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING CLIMATE DISRUPTION | 7 July 2020 | 10:00 | WRI is convening experts across sectors and geographies to provide insights about how to shift to a more sustainable and equitable model after COVID-19. Tune in to an upcoming webinar to engage in a conversation about the pandemic's long-term implications and how recovery can support a range of environmental, economic, social and health benefits. Recorded webinars, slides and podcasts are also available. [WRI Website.](#)

WEF: VIRTUAL INDUSTRY TRANSITION DAY | 7 July 2020 | The Industry Transition Day will convene leaders, communities and the general public online from across the global industry transition and climate space, and will raise ambition for the industry transition towards net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This one-day virtual event is curated by The World Economic Forum, in collaboration with LeadIT and Mission Innovation. [Read more.](#)

REPLAY WEBINAR WITH BONANG MOHALE: "RECOVERING FROM A PANDEMIC" | 9 July 2020 | 08:00 | Bonang is a powerhouse and leadership guru behind the growth of some major multinational companies. He is currently Chancellor of the University of the Free State, Professor of Practice in the Johannesburg Business School College of Business and Economics and Chairman of The Bidvest Group Limited and author of the best-selling book, "Lift As You Rise". [Details and registration.](#)

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.](#)



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