

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.](#)

ETHICAL LEADERSHIP: REMEMBERING MANDELA AS WE NAVIGATE COVID-19 *"A real leader uses every issue, no matter how serious and sensitive, to ensure that at the end of the debate we should emerge stronger and more united than ever before."* ~ Nelson Mandela. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).

THE NBI'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MENTORSHIP & DEVELOPMENT (TAMDEV) programme utilises skilled retirees as mentors with the overall aim of strengthening State capacity by improving service delivery and enhancing job creation. View our updated TAMDEV webpage: [here](#).

THE NBI IS HIRING: Project Manager: Climate Change and Energy, **Project Coordinator:** Climate Change and Energy and Water and **Appointment of a Consulting Panel.** Please click [here](#) to view full details of these current vacancies on our LinkedIn page

INDUSTRY NEWS

C40 CITIES LAUNCHES MAYORS AGENDA FOR A GREEN AND JUST RECOVERY POST-COVID-19 C40 Cities has released its C40 Mayors Agenda for a Green and Just Recovery. The plan seeks to create a 'new normal', which will identify, contain and proactively prepare cities for future pandemics, while addressing systemic injustices and keeping global warming below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement. [BizCommunity, 23 July 2020.](#)

PAUL POLMAN: 'BUSINESSES CANNOT SUCCEED IN SOCIETIES THAT FAIL' As people across the United States and the world grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic and calls for racial justice, the business community has an integral role to play in both the dialogue and the solutions to these social issues. [Deonna Anderson, GreenBiz, 22 July 2020.](#)

HOW TO ENSURE OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY STAYS “GREEN” AND INCLUSIVE As countries around the world continue to battle the spread of Covid-19, economic forecasts remain grim. The World Bank estimates a 5.2% contraction in our global GDP for 2020. [Pratima Divgi, CDP, 22 July 2020.](#)

LEARN UNLEARN RELEARN - LIFELONG LEARNING FOR THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION The idea of a fourth industrial revolution (4IR) builds on how various stages of the industrialisation of labour have been categorised. [Professor Wendy R. Kilfoil, BizCommunity, 22 July 2020.](#)

VAAL WATER LEVELS CONTINUE TO DROP The average water levels of the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) have continued to decrease, with levels this week dropping to 63.7% from 64.2% last week and 69.9% during the same time in the preceding year. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News, 22 July 2020.](#)

COVID-19 CRISIS HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR FLEXIBLE ENERGY SYSTEMS, BIGGER ROLE FOR RENEWABLE The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the need for Africa to develop flexible energy systems in which renewables and decentralised technologies play a far larger role, according to Standard Bank Group. [Africa.com, 22 July 2020.](#)

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SA BACKS B4SA PLAN TO CREATE MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION JOBS Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) has thrown its weight behind Business for South Africa’s (B4SA) economic recovery plan that will create more than 1.5 million jobs and increase tax revenue by R100 billion a year. [Sandile Mchunu, IOL Business, 19 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 TECH TRENDS 2020 REPORT DIVES INTO THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES RESHAPING THE MODERN ENTERPRISE The convergence of enterprise technology trends will continue to profoundly transform all businesses and unlock potential for innovation, Deloitte’s 2020 Tech Trends report reveals. [BUSINESSTECH, 21 July 2020.](#)

STANDARD BANK SA BOSS, LUNGISA FUZILE, ON LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA RIGHT NOW Standard Bank South Africa chief executive officer, Lungisa Fuzile, says that South Africa already faced a ‘near crisis’ prior to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, which has seen the country buckle, both socially, and economically. [BUSINESSTECH, 21 July 2020.](#)

VODACOM DURBAN JULY GOES ONLINE FOR 2020 EDITION For the first time in the event’s 124-year history, the prestigious Vodacom Durban July will be held behind closed doors, with eager punters able to get in on the equine action by betting online through sites like Sportingbet. [IOL Business, 21 July 2020.](#)

EXXARO, SBI PARTNER AGAIN ON SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVES JSE-listed diversified miner Exxaro and the Small Business Institute (SBI) have announced they will collaborate to promote the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in South Africa. [Engineering News, 20 July 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

GSB: POWER SECTOR INVESTMENT AND MARKET TRANSITIONS IN AFRICA PHD SCHOLARSHIP 2021 Applications are invited for the above scholarship for PhD students in the Power Futures Lab at the Graduate School of Business (GSB) to conduct full-time research in one of the following areas: Chinese investments in the power sector in Africa; or Distributed energy resources and power market transitions in Africa. Please note that the closing date for applications is 30 August 2020. [Full details here.](#)

COVID-19 INFRASTRUCTURE RESPONSE SHOULD FOCUS ON WATER AND SANITATION Water and sanitation infrastructure should be a top priority as South Africa recovers from the devastation of the Covid-19-pandemic-guided restrictions. [Engineering News, 21 July 2020.](#)

WBCSD LEADING WOMEN AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR 2020 NOMINATIONS The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is pleased to announce the fourth edition of the Leading Women Awards (LWA), designed to recognize

outstanding female leaders and to showcase their work in sustainability towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [WBCSD, 16 July 2020](#).

BLUEPRINT FOR RESPONSIBLE POLICY ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE The Ceres Blueprint for Responsible Policy Engagement on Climate Change offers concrete recommendations on how companies can establish systems that address climate change as a systemic risk and integrate this understanding into their direct and indirect lobbying on climate policies. [Ceres Website, 16 July 2020](#).

ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM REPORT – JULY 2020 [View here](#).

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](#).

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 **News Article** entitled: “How can we build back better post-COVID? A Q&A with CDP’s experts”, [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 **News Article**, written by CEO, María Mendiluce, entitled: “Picking Up the Pace: Accelerating Business Action to Net-Zero by 2040”, [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

ONLINE LAUNCH OF THE NBI JUST TRANSITIONS PATHWAYS PROJECT | Tuesday, 28 July 2020 | 09:00 to 11:00 | The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with Business Unity South Africa (BUSAs) and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) is leading work that will support sectors and companies to develop long-term low-carbon pathways and identify ways

to finance and implement them. Please join leading South African CEOs including **Andre de Ruyter of Eskom, Fleetwood Grobler of Sasol, Cas Coovadia of BUSA and Joanne Yawitch of the NBI** as we launch this project. | [Detailed information and RSVP link.](#)

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.](#)

ACA SA - INNOVATIVE COLLABORATIONS TO DRIVE OUR CLIMATE-SMART ECONOMIC RECOVERY | Thursday, 13 August 2020 | 11:30 to 13:00 | This event, hosted by the Alliances for Climate Action South Africa (a partnership Initiative convened by C40, NBI and WWF), aims to build the capacity of city representatives as well as private sector stakeholders to engage on what a post-COVID green economic recovery could look like for South Africa and to share insight into what different stakeholders are doing in the space. | [Detailed information and RSVP link.](#)

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2020 BBB FORUM ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY | 28 July 2020 | 13:30 BST | The BBB Forum 2020 will feature key corporate responsibility insights for business and community leaders about: **Diversity and Inclusion**: how leaders can think and plan to take effective action steps, **Corporate Responsibility Trends**: a look at next steps for CSR and **Workplace Health and Safety**: what has changed with the pandemic. [WMB Website.](#)

SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION WEBINAR: "SWIMMING UPSTREAM" WITH PROF. SHIRLEY ZINN | 29 July 2020 | 15:00 | Join us to learn, grow and be inspired by this remarkable woman! [Book your ticket.](#)

STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN MASTERCLASS | 30 July 2020 | 11:00 | How to Accelerate Economic Growth in Africa through Gender Empowerment - Strategies for Success. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

ONLINE EVENT ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 25 to 27 August 2020 | This time of unprecedented challenges requires systemic solutions and radical new ways of doing business. Join industry-leading speakers and more than 10,000 professionals participating from around the world to learn, connect and accelerate the circular economy. [GreenBiz Website.](#)



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