

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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

**TACKLING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE THIS WOMEN'S MONTH: THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR** South Africa is currently being devastated by numerous pandemics, with gender-based violence (GBV) as one of the worst. While this is not a new pandemic for South Africa, it has been severely exacerbated by COVID-19. **Read NBI's latest Thought Leadership article, [here.](#)**

**NBI'S WOMEN'S MONTH CAMPAIGN: AUGUST 2020** During this month, the NBI is profiling what our member companies are doing to tackle the systemic issues of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and gender inequality. Please contact: [Gillian Hutchings](#) should your company wish to feature in this campaign. [View here.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**GREEN ECONOMY RECOVERY: WOMEN LEADING THEIR EMANCIPATION** On the 9th of August 1956, courageous women of South Africa decided they had experienced enough oppression and exclusion in the economy, which subjected them to living in abject poverty. [Bonani Madikizela, BizCommunity, 13 August 2020.](#)

**CALL FOR ACCELERATED SDG FUNDING** In a report released by the UN on Tuesday, 30 CEOs from prominent corporations around the globe, including Dr Leila Fourie, group CEO of the JSE, who make up the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD) – identify more than 60 concrete measures to accelerate and scale up funding for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [IT-ONLINE, 12 August 2020.](#)

**COVID-19: THE 4 BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE GREAT RESET** The World Economic Forum's Great Reset initiative seeks new ideas in order to use this unique moment in history provided by the disruption to economics, politics and our everyday life to catalyze a new approach to how our societies are run. [Hilary Sutcliffe, WEF, 11 August 2020.](#)

**BLSA'S MAVUSO LAMENTS LACK OF INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA** While there are talks of mobilising more investment to kickstart the South African economy post-Covid-19, Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) CEO Busi Mavuso laments

that current developments are showing the opposite, as projects and investments have either been cancelled or delayed. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 11 August 2020.](#)

**BUSA CALLS FOR SWIFT ACTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, THEFT** Crime and corruption harm vulnerable citizens the most, says Business Unity South Africa (BUSA). It, therefore, calls for swift action against corruption and theft. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 11 August 2020.](#)

**HOW TO BUILD A CIRCULAR ECONOMY** We have a waste problem. The world threw away around 300 million tons of plastic in 2019, nearly equivalent to the weight of the human population. [David McGinty, WRI, 6 August 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.](#)

**EVS OF ALL KINDS TO OVERTAKE ICES BY 2030, SAYS KPMG SURVEY** For the first time in the history of the KPMG Global Automotive Executive Survey, executives think that by 2030 the largest share of vehicles will not be powered by an internal combustion engine (ICE). [Engineering News, 13 August 2020.](#)

**PWC AND UNICEF TO BOOST YOUTH SKILLS AND WORK MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA** PwC and UNICEF South Africa announced the details of local collaboration, on International Youth Day, to help prepare young people with relevant skills to enter the workforce. [UNICEF, 12 August 2020.](#)

**OVERCOMING GENDER INEQUALITY IS A PRIORITY** While gender inequality in the workplace continues to be of concern in South Africa (and the rest of the world), businesses like Exxaro have been looking for ways to bridge the gap. [Mining Review Africa, 12 August 2020.](#)

**MONDI ACHIEVES PLATINUM STATUS IN ECOVADIS CSR RATINGS** The platinum rating is a new category rating for CSR performance and this award puts Mondi in the top 1% of companies in its industry, a position it has held since 2015. [Africa Print, 12 August 2020.](#)

**DISTELL PARTNERS WITH TAVERNERS TO TACKLE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** Distell in partnership with the National Liquor Traders Council (NLTC) has launched the Tavern Dialogues, an initiative which seeks to bring the issue of gender-based violence and femicide (GBV&F) to the fore within township communities and empower both men and women to address GBV&F within their communities. [Distell, 11 August 2020.](#)

**BOSTON CONSULTANCY GROUP (BCG)** Featured Insights August 2020 [View here.](#)

**PNP CLOTHING'S NEW COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATES SA DESIGN** Pick n Pay Clothing is launching limited, exclusive collections in collaboration with promising young South African designers. [BizCommunity, 11 August 2020.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**2020 ECO-LOGIC AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED** The finalists in the 2020 Eco-Logic Awards hosted by the Enviropaedia across 12 categories have been announced. [BizCommunity, 12 August 2020.](#)

**CDP REPORT: THE CO-BENEFITS OF CLIMATE ACTION - ACCELERATING CITY-LEVEL AMBITION** Cities are at the forefront of the climate emergency. Home to over half the world's population and accounting for up to 70% of global emissions, cities have a vital role to play in the transition to a resilient and low carbon future. [Download Report.](#)

**BOARDROOMS NEED MORE GENDER DIVERSITY AND END TO UNFAIR PAY GAP** Corporate South Africa has more work to do to transform boardrooms and end the gender pay gap, despite the strides being made towards gender equality at the workplace. [IOL Business, 7 August 2020.](#)

**UN CLIMATE CHANGE LAUNCHES NEW PUBLICATIONS TO BOOST CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY** The UN Climate Change Secretariat has presented three new climate technology publications that document the climate technology “journey” - the pathway from the identification of technology needs to the full implementation of technologies that are required for countries to green their economies and build resilience to climate change. [UN Climate Change News, 30 July 2020.](#)

**NEDBANK SMART LIVING GUIDE** Our A-Z handbook for sustainable living empowers you to implement sustainable practices in all areas of your home life. By implementing simple changes, you will be contributing to a sustainable future and saving money! [Download here.](#)

**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.](#)

## 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 latest **Blog Article** entitled, “*Greater bank transparency is key to stop funding dangerous deforestation*”, [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** just published, [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 **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: “*BEC releases its 2019 sustainability report*”, [here.](#)

## WEBINARS | 2020

**GIBS: ONLINE MASTERCLASS: USING DESIGN THINKING TO RE-IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS BEYOND COVID-19 | 18 August 2020** | Mastering Design Thinking will give you the insights and the tools you need to work with your team to reimagine and pivot your business model and future proof your organisation into the future. Four hours completed at your own pace. [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.](#)

**USB ALUMNI WEBINAR: IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 ON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE IN AFRICA | 21 August 2020** | There is a significant infrastructure finance gap in Africa that is likely to widen due to COVID-19 unless countries consider

alternative financing techniques. Join this Alumni Webinar with Dr Ashenafi Fanta and host Shayo Imologome of the West Africa Chapter, in their search for solutions to these issues. [Register here.](#)

**WWWEEKATHOME | 24 to 28 August 2020** | The annual World Water Week in Stockholm has been cancelled this year and in its place [WWWeekAtHome](#), a series of online sessions will be organised during the week of 24-28 August. The **World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)** will be participating in the WWWeekAtHome through co-organised sessions and contributing to other sessions. View programme [here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT WEBINAR ON ISO 50001 ENERGY MANAGEMENT STANDARD | 25 August 2020 | 09:00 to 11:00** | The webinar will discuss how the NCPC-SA, through the Industrial Energy Efficiency (IEE) Project, can assist companies on their EnMS journey and how the SABS can facilitate a smooth certification process. Our aim is to dramatically increase the number of certified companies in South Africa, leading to sustained and meaningful energy savings for industry and the country. Details to follow shortly. [NCPC-SA Website.](#)

**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.](#)

**CLIMATE WEEK NYC | 21 to 27 September 2020** | Run in coordination with the United Nations and the City of New York, Climate Week NYC continues to grow as the time and place for the world to showcase amazing climate action and discuss how to do more. The number of events is increasing, and Climate Week NYC 2020 is on track to surpass last year's record of 150 events. Find out more about [Climate Week 2020](#).

**CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SA | ONLINE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 5 to 8 October 2020** | This programme is designed for middle to senior managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of role of sustainability in future proofing their organisations. Sustainability rests on a simple premise - the inter-connectedness of all things. It requires re-generative thinking. It is something that must become deeply embedded in the day-to-day operations of an organisation to guide it to a different future, particularly in a developing world context. Apply [here](#) or email: [Alice Cropper](#) for more information.



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