

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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

THUTHULA NDUNGE, NBI'S PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR: ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP (ELAC), participated in a webinar hosted by Corruption Watch on 26 August 2020: **Corruption through a Gendered Lens.** Thuthula was tasked with unpacking women and whistleblowing in the private sector which she married with the current work that the NBI is doing on corruption. Specifically, the partnership between the Overseas Development Institute, Corruption Watch and the NBI aims to examine corruption in and by corporations and apply a gender lens to the pilot project. The NBI's ELAC Programme also highlighted several insights shared from the **[Benchmark Report | Understanding the Private Sector's Approach to Anti-Corruption](#)** that revealed some retaliations experienced by whistle-blowers in the private sector. Click [here](#) to view the webinar recording.

STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR NEED TO ALIGN ON GREEN GOALS The government is "looking at actions that will build a new, inclusive economy that creates employment and fosters sustainable growth", President Cyril Ramaphosa wrote on Monday. **[Gray Maguire, Business Day, 26 August 2020.](#)**

THE NBI IS HIRING: Project Manager – TAMDEV (Technical Assistance, Mentoring, Development). Details [here.](#)

KEY LESSONS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON HOW TO ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Shared Value Africa Initiative (SVAI) hosted a series of online dialogues, focused on developing sustainable private sector responses to eradicating Gender-Based Violence (GBV). **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [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. **[Click here.](#)**

INDUSTRY NEWS

G20 CALL TO ACTION: THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN ACCELERATING SUSTAINABILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS The COVID-19 pandemic is a wake-up call to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable and inclusive global economy that can achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Charles Tilley and Stathis Gould, IFAC, 26 August 2020.](#)

DIGITAL FINANCE, A LIFELINE DURING COVID-19 CRISIS, CAN DELIVER LONG-TERM FINANCING OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Unleashing potential of digital finance could have transformational impact on sustainable development says group of financial, business, government and development leaders convened by the UN Secretary-General. [UNDP, 26 August 2020.](#)

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IMPACT ON BUSINESSES WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA Digital transformation is changing the ways businesses operate throughout the world. [Retail Brief Africa, 25 August 2020.](#)

SUCCESSFUL FIRST DAY OF WORLD WATER WEEK AT HOME Many people across the world wanted to take part when [World Water Week At Home](#) opened on Monday 24 August. [SIWI, 24 August 2020.](#)

BLSA'S MAVUSO SAYS FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IS 'REAL AND GROWING' The fight against corruption is "real and growing", says Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) CEO Busi Mavuso, who adds that President Cyril Ramaphosa's swift action on the Covid-19-related corruption with the appointment of a multidisciplinary centre to tackle the matter is "an important and appropriate step". [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 24 August 2020.](#)

OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY MUST BE CLIMATE-RESILIENT The climate change adaptation strategy calls for a multisectoral response to climate change that brings together government, the private sector, civil society organisations and communities. [Cyril Ramaphosa, Daily Maverick, 24 August 2020.](#)

CLIMATE FUND FOR POOR NATIONS VOWS TO DRIVE GREEN COVID RECOVERY The Green Climate Fund has promised developing nations it will ramp up efforts to help them tackle climate challenges as they strive to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, approving \$879 million in backing for 15 new projects around the world. [Megan Rowling, Reuters, 22 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.](#)

VODACOM GROUP APPOINTS RAISIBE MORATHI AS GROUP CFO Vodacom Group has announced Raisibe Morathi as its new Group CFO, effective 1 November 2020, when she will also be appointed to the Vodacom Group Board. [Vodacom, 26 August 2020.](#)

ENGEN VOTED SA'S COOLEST PETROL STATION Young South Africans have again hailed Engen as the "Coolest Petrol Station" in the Sunday Times Generation Next awards, reaffirming the company's petroleum brand leadership in the eyes of the nation's youth for the 11th consecutive year. [TimesLIVE, 25 August 2020.](#)

AGILE BUSINESSES MOST LIKELY TO WEATHER PANDEMIC WELL, PWC STUDY SHOWS Respondents believe that taking a strategic approach to resilience and operating sustainably will be key – 81% of agility champions say sustainable business practices are critical for future success. [Engineering News, 25 August 2020.](#)

BMW JOINS GROWING LIST OF AUTOMAKERS COMMITTED TO BOLD CLIMATE ACTION The number of leading automotive companies committed to cutting emissions in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement continued to rise this month, helping to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon transport future. [We Mean Business, 24 August 2020.](#)

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR TOYOTA INVESTMENTS, DESPITE COVID-19, SAYS KIRBY Toyota Motors South Africa (TSAM) is going ahead with its three big investment projects, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, says TSAM president and CEO Andrew Kirby. [Engineering News, 21 August 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

NEW PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO EDUCATE BUSINESSES ON VALUE OF SUSTAINABILITY DATA The World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the PRI hope to improve data sharing between companies and investors. [ESG Clarity, 27 August 2020.](#)

TURNING THE TIDE ON WORKPLACE IMBALANCES A recent UNDP report stated that the Covid-19 crisis was a systemic human development crisis, compounding risks to progress towards gender equality. [IOL Business, 26 August 2020.](#)

WBCSD RELEASES INSIGHTS INTO INNOVATIONS THAT COULD SHAPE AND TRANSFORM THE NEXT DECADE The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has released [an issue brief](#) outlining the business model shifts, emerging technologies and social innovations that could shape the next decade. [WBCSD, 26 August 2020.](#)

YOUTH NGO PANEL DISCUSSION UNPACKS WHAT YOUNG WOMEN OF SA WANT Youth NGO Activate Change Drivers recently held a panel discussion for Women's Month to find out what young women want. [BizCommunity, 26 August 2020.](#)

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING COULD HELP CLOSE THE SDG DATA GAP The 2020 HLPF was an important moment for the global policy community to take stock of where we stand on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [IISD, 20 August 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 **News Article** entitled, *"Celebrating CDP at 20: A Q&A with co-founder Paul Dickinson"*, [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 **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 **Blog Article**, entitled: *"Brazil's largest aluminium producer commits to a science-based target"*, [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 **CEO Letter** published today, [here.](#)

WEBINARS | 2020

WWWEEKATHOME | 24 to 28 August 2020 | The annual World Water Week in Stockholm has been cancelled this year and in its place [WWWWeekAtHome](#), 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](#).

BCW E&A WEBINAR: “AFRICA – THE OPPORTUNITY CONTINENT” | 3 September 2020 | 15:00 SAST | Join a webinar with BCW Africa’s Chairman & CEO, Robyn de Villiers; South African industrialist, social entrepreneur and philanthropist, Ivor Ichikowitz, and Founder & Chairman of Brand Africa and Brand Leadership Group, Thebe Ikalafeng to discuss the many opportunities Africa offers, now and in the future. [Further information and registration link](#).

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](#).

SDG BUSINESS FORUM | 23 September 2020 | The 2020 SDG Business Forum aims to generate a Compendium of SDG Acceleration Actions for the decade of action and delivery from its participants as one of the outcome documents. [Website and further information](#).

ONLINE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT | 28 to 30 September 2020 | The Skills Development Summit 2020 will provide a much-needed discussion on the state of our rapidly changing world. The Fourth Industrial Revolution promises to change the way that we conduct business and industry, especially in manufacturing and agriculture, but also threatens many jobs. The Skills Development Summit will be presenting a vision of how skills development and jobs can be retained in this shifting world, especially in the context of rural and urban development. [Registration and website](#).

SA INNOVATION SUMMIT VIRTUAL 365 EDITION | 30 September to 1 October 2020 | The SA Innovation Summit is the largest start-up event in Africa bringing together top entrepreneurs, investors, corporates, policy makers and thought leaders to support start-ups and inspire sustained economic growth across Africa. [Buy tickets here](#).

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.

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2020 | 13 to 14 October 2020 | Responsible business consultancy Trialogue, in collaboration with corporate partners and sponsors, will present the 13th annual [Trialogue Business in Society Conference 2020](#) on an exciting **virtual platform**. This industry-leading annual event promotes thought leadership, cross-sector collaboration, and innovation for more effective development, and brings together corporate, non-profit, government, media and academic delegates. Visit the Trialogue [conference page](#) to view the sessions and speakers, purchase tickets, obtain a group discount and download the [draft programme](#).



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