

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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Please note that the next edition of On A Clear Day will be published on Thursday, 22 October 2020.

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

THE NBI'S 25TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY: The NBI was formed 25 years ago at the request of former president Nelson Mandela. To celebrate our 25th anniversary we are taking a trip down memory lane with some of our milestones over the years. [#NBI25YEARS](#)

DON'T MISS THE TED & FUTURE STEWARDS GLOBAL COUNTDOWN EVENT In an unprecedented global event, TED and Future Stewards aim to mobilise millions around the world to meet the goal of halving Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030, in the race to a net zero-carbon world. **Read NBI's latest NewsFlash, [here](#).**

WOMEN AND WHISTLEBLOWING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR Women play a central role in business practices and procedures. Yet where corruption is concerned, female whistleblowers often experience far more adverse consequences when compared to their male counterparts. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).**

INDUSTRY NEWS

WHY THE WORLD NEEDS A 'CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY' - FOR JOBS, BIODIVERSITY AND PROSPERITY There is no future for business as usual. *Marc Palahi & Justin Adams, WEF, 6 October 2020.*

LEADERS ASSESS PROGRESS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS, YOUTH LOOK TO 2021 EQUALITY FORUM The UN General Assembly held a high-level meeting to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, which yielded the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on gender equality. [IISD, 6 October 2020.](#)

MORE THAN 14M TONNES OF PLASTIC BELIEVED TO BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN At least 14m tonnes of plastic pieces less than 5mm wide are likely sitting at the bottom of the world's oceans, according to an estimate based on new research. [Graham Readfearn, The Guardian, 6 October 2020.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA LACKS POLITICAL MIGHT, ORIGINAL THINKING REQUIRED TO TACKLE UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS, SAYS BLSA CEO Although the Covid-19 crisis was always going to cause an unemployment crisis, Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) CEO Busi Mavuso says, to her mind, the problem is a lack of "original thinking and political courage" to make radical changes to address unemployment in South Africa. [Donna Slater, Engineering News, 5 October 2020.](#)

CITY CELEBRATES AS CAPE TOWN DAMS HIT 100% FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2014 The City of Cape Town said it was happy to announce the dams from which it takes its water supply have surpassed the 100% mark. [Theolin Tembo, IOL Business, 5 October 2020.](#)

3 WAYS TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN YOUR ORGANIZATION The global pandemic has put much of everyday life on hold, including many important corporate initiatives. [Jennifer Temple, WEF, 1 October 2020.](#)

CLIMATE AND NATURE: KEY PILLARS FOR A JUST RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 The climate and nature crises are inextricably linked. Business and governments must commit actions that build resilience and ensure the people and planet on which business depends can thrive. [Diane Holdorf & Claire O'Neill, WBCSD, 30 September 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.](#)

SAPPI LENDS A HELPING HAND TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19: VIDEO When the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic swept across the globe at the beginning of 2020, it highlighted the plight of many of the more vulnerable communities, especially those situated in the rural areas of our country and in our neighbouring communities. [BizCommunity, 6 October 2020.](#)

NEDBANK COMMITS TO PLANTING 100 TREES A YEAR IN WESTERN CAPE Nedbank Agriculture Western Cape has committed to planting 100 trees a year in the province in line with the objectives of the Boland Trees for Bees Pledge Fund. [Engineering News, 6 October 2020.](#)

IMPERIAL WANDERERS STADIUM ADDS SOLAR AS AN ENERGY SOURCE The Imperial Wanderers Stadium, in Sandton, is one of the first stadiums in South Africa to "go green" through a partnership with Imperial and the SolarSaver Group to bring solar power to the multipurpose entertainment and lifestyle venue through the installation of a customised 250 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system. [Engineering News, 6 October 2020.](#)

STANDARD BANK SIKUVILE JOURNALISM AWARDS: HOW CATEGORIES ARE CHANGING AND EVOLVING Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards categories continue to evolve and change. [BizCommunity, 5 October 2020.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S 'MODEL' IS BROKEN – HERE'S HOW TO FIX IT: PWC Multinational professional services PwC has published a new report on the state of South Africa's economy and the steps that government can take to address major issues [BusinessTech, 5 October 2020.](#)

THE DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF Our stories this month include the publication of streamlined industry standards, and silver linings to the challenges of Covid-19. [Dolphin Bay, October 2020.](#)

BCW AFRICA EXPANDS STARTING BLOCKS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME ACROSS AFRICA BCW (Burson Cohn & Wolfe) Africa, a leading African communications agency, today launched the virtual version of its flagship internship programme, BCW Africa Starting Blocks, continent-wide. [BCW Africa, 1 October 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

NEW RELEASE - CONCISE GUIDE TO CARBON TAX Where does your Business stand when it comes to Carbon Tax? A concise and practical guide to Carbon Tax including applicable legislation, regulations, SARS Rules and forms. [Order today from LexisNexis South Africa.](#)

GREENCAPE LAUNCHES OPEN SOURCE DIGITAL DIRECTORY TO HELP GROW GREEN BUSINESS Non-profit green economy organisation GreenCape has launched an open source Green Business Support Services Directory. [Engineering News, 7 October 2020.](#)

WBCSD SUSTAIN NEWSLETTER October 2020 Read [here.](#)

COUNTDOWN TO TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE Covid-19 has greatly exacerbated the pressing socio-economic issues facing South Africans and many of the country's most astute and informed corporate, non-profit, government and academic leaders will engage this month (13 and 14 October) on how to address these challenges. [BizCommunity, 2 October 2020.](#)

HOW PARTNERSHIPS CAN FAST-TRACK ACTION AGAINST THE SDGS Mondi's group head of sustainable development Gladys Naylor outlines why partnerships are key to fast-tracking progress against the Sustainable Development Goals. [WBCSD, 29 September 2020.](#)

WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS LIMITED 2020 Good Business Journey Report [Download here.](#)

VACANCY FOR A STRATEGIC WATER SECTOR COOPERATION OFFICER AT THE DANISH EMBASSY The Royal Danish Embassy in Pretoria is looking for a talented and dynamic new staff member to fulfil the functions of Strategic Water Sector Cooperation Officer at the Embassy. [View details here.](#)

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 **Newsletter** recently published, [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: "*Building the future – a picture of the new climate leadership*", [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 recently published **Insight Article** entitled: “Our COVID-19 response can make our cities more resilient to heat waves”, [here](#).

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

6 ONLINE WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER 2020: DEVELOPING A GREEN FINANCE TAXONOMY FOR SOUTH AFRICA | Under the leadership of National Treasury, and with support from IFC (part of the World Bank Group), the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Carbon Trust are working to develop a national Green Finance Taxonomy. [Detailed information and registration links to all 6 workshops.](#)

NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL ONLINE MEETING | Tuesday, 27 October 2020 | 10:00 to 12:30 | After a year unlike any other, it is with pleasure that we are hosting a meeting of the NBI Membership Council for key insights into what the 2021 NBI Strategy has in store for you as our members. [Detailed information and registration link.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP EVENT 2020 | Tuesday, 17 November 2020 | Good Governance for Green Recovery – Stewardship in a Post COVID Water Sector. Details to follow. For enquiries, please contact: [Mmaphefo Thwala](#).

WEBINARS | 2020

ONLINE TCFD SUMMIT | 9 October 2020 | 06:00 to 11:30 CEST | In the context of post-Corona and coexisting with Corona, revitalizing the economy and society is becoming more important. The implementation of the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure) recommendations is steadily progressing worldwide. The TCFD Summit 2020 will be held online to discuss practical issues and future actions. [WBCSD Website.](#)

A GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE | 10.10.2020 | 11:00 ET | #JoinTheCountdown and help us reduce greenhouse emissions to zero. Incubated [@tedtalks](#) with global partners.

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](#).

SINGULARITYU ONLINE SUMMIT 2020 | 13 to 14 October 2020 | Women will take centre stage at the fourth annual SingularityU Summit with over 100 speakers from five different continents who will present keynotes, host discussions and run workshops spanning across a variety of topics. [Mail & Guardian, 1 October 2020.](#)

VIRTUAL BSR CONFERENCE 2020 | 20 to 23 October 2020 | This year with our theme, “Meet the Moment. Build the Future,” we will build on the growing momentum our members and partners have achieved together over the last decade, while delving deep into the considerable work ahead of us. Our agenda will highlight how companies have shifted into high gear, and what we must do to ensure these efforts are strengthened and taken to scale. [BSR Website.](#)

SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION - THE POST-COVID ECONOMY: THE WAY FORWARD | 23 October 2020 | 08:00 | Live Webinar with Isaac Matshego, an Economist in the Nedbank Group and one of the top economists in South Africa. [Book tickets here.](#)



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