

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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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](#)

TAMDEV NEWS UPDATE: A donation of 200 newly foot-engineered standpipes and 8 hand wash units, sponsored by The Grundfos Foundation, will be distributed in the Enoch Mgijima (Chris Hani District) and Amahlathi (Amatole District) Municipalities in the Eastern Cape tomorrow, 20 November 2020, by the National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with COGTA, BLSA, DBSA & DWS. The standpipes have been designed by Status Management Services, in collaboration with the [NBI's Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development \(TAMDEV\) Programme](#).

ADDRESSING ECONOMIC INCLUSION THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY The NBI is hosting the Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative Thought Leadership Dialogue on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00. [Further information](#).

THE 6TH ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE 2020 took place this week on Tuesday, 17 November 2020, run online for the first time and bringing together water leaders, thinkers & disrupters to tackle the water sector's toughest challenges. [#SA WaterStewardship2020](#)

WATER STEWARDSHIP IS IN OUR HANDS Through collaboration and fine-tuning existing structures in the water sector, South African can make a recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic which is inclusive and green. [Terry van der Walt, IOL, 17 November 2020](#).

BUSINESS MUST BAND TOGETHER TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY Municipalities are the most basic units of government. Tasked with providing basic services and fostering development in the regions they control, they have the challenging role of mobilising their economic resources and using them to

improve the lives of all citizens by providing basic services necessary for good health, well-being and human dignity. [SAICA/BizCommunity, 12 November 2020.](#)

ALEX MCNAMARA, NBI PROGRAMME MANAGER: CLIMATE & WATER, was interviewed on SAfm Radio about the Annual Water Stewardship Conference 2020. Listen to the interview, here: [Moneyweb, 9 November 2020.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: GREEN BUILDINGS KEY TO REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION Construction is a key sector to address South Africa's housing shortage and infrastructure needs, and thus is unlikely to slow down. [Thabang Byl, BizCommunity, 18 November 2020.](#)

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: WBCSD DETERMINED TO CONTINUE RAISING THE BAR Across the world, the COVID-19 crisis has dramatically revealed our systemic vulnerabilities, exposing the fragility of human life, our economies, supply chains, social welfare systems and institutions. [Filippo Veqlio, WBCSD, 16 November 2020.](#)

BLSA CALLS ON GOVT TO DO MORE TO IMPROVE INVESTOR, BUSINESS CONFIDENCE Although enabling more economic activity, as President Cyril Ramaphosa has done over the last week, is a good start, Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) CEO Busi Mavuso says South Africa still needs investor and business confidence to close the unemployment gap to at least pre-Covid-levels. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 16 November 2020.](#)

GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP SOUTHERN AFRICA TEAMS UP WITH DBSA TO REALISE WATER PROJECTS The Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that seeks to promote investment and collaboration for water and sanitation projects in the Southern Africa region. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 13 November 2020.](#)

GREEN INDUSTRIES TO AID SA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries has published the regulatory framework for extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes as part of government's effort to contribute towards the economic recovery plan. [BizCommunity, 12 November 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.](#)

SPAR DELIVERS KNOCKOUT PERFORMANCE SPAR Group has reported a solid rise in full-year earnings and has increased its dividend despite expected losses from its fledgling Polish business. [inceCONNECT, 19 November 2020.](#)

THE DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF In this time of economic trial, we bring you several upbeat stories including one on how the groundwork has been laid for the growth of the forestry and related sectors in South Africa. [Dolphin Bay Brief, 19 November 2020.](#)

PICK N PAY LAUNCHES ITS OWN MOBILE NETWORK CALLED PNP MOBILE South African retailer Pick n Pay has launched PnP Mobile, South Africa's newest Mobile Virtual Network Operator. [IOL Business, 18 November 2020.](#)

BCW AFRICA NOW 51% BLACK-OWNED BCW Africa, a leading African communications agency, today announced that it has concluded the final transaction that brings its black shareholding to 51 percent. [BCW, 17 November 2020.](#)

THE 19TH VODACOM JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR REGIONAL WINNERS Recognising some of the best journalistic talent in South Africa, the winners of the 19th Vodacom Journalist of the Year (VJOY) regional awards have been announced. [BizCommunity, 17 November 2020.](#)

ON MOTUS.CARS, BUYING A CAR IS AS EASY AS A 'CLICK' SA's leading automotive retail group, Motus Holdings, has unveiled its online brand, [motus.cars](#). [TimesLIVE, 16 November 2020](#).

ENGEN CELEBRATES 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AS SA'S FAVOURITE PETROL STATION South Africans have voted Engen as their favourite petrol station for the 10th consecutive year in the 2020 Sunday Times Top Brands, validating Engen's customer-centric strategy, marketing focus and commitment to keeping South Africans safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. [TimesLIVE, 12 November 2020](#).

VIEW NEWS UPDATE FROM THE JONSSON WORKWEAR GROUP ON THE JONSSON FOUNDATION, [here](#).

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

INCREASE INVESTMENT IN AFRICA OR RISK MISSING THE UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS DEADLINE, NEW RESEARCH FINDS Download full report. [BrandArena, 18 November 2020](#).

FIVE YEARS SINCE PARIS AGREEMENT, CDP REVEALS GLOBAL CITIES LEADING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Global environmental non-profit CDP announces the 88 global cities that continue to lead on environmental action and transparency during 2020, despite the pressures of tackling COVID-19. [CDP, 16 November 2020](#).

CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION PLAN (CEAP) 2020 – SUMMARY FOR BUSINESS In collaboration with Guidehouse, we have launched the "Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) 2020 – Summary for business" to support business assess the implications of the CEAP 2020 on their activities and facilitate their transition to circular economy. [WBCSD, 11 November 2020](#).

WWF WELCOMES NEW REGULATIONS TO TACKLE PLASTIC POLLUTION WWF welcomes the publication of new regulations that will require producers to take responsibility for what happens to their products post-consumer as a significant step forward in addressing the plastic pollution crisis in South Africa. [WWF-SA, 10 November 2020](#).

ONLINE CARBON FOOTPRINTING COURSE | 25 to 27 November 2020 | Imagine being able to look at the environmental disclosure of a company and gaining insight about the company's strategy and pitfalls in the same sense that you would have gained when looking at the company's financial statements. This is indeed possible. [Sustainability Institute Website](#).

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 **Newsletter and latest Insights** 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 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 **News Article** written by CEO Maria Mendiluce, entitled: "*Green recovery plans can unlock millions more jobs than 'return-to-normal' stimulus*", [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 **Insight Article** entitled: "*A new benchmark for sustainable business leadership through ambition and action*", [here](#).

NBI ONLINE EVENT: CONSTRUCTION ACTION LAB: ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY | Tuesday, 24 November 2020 | 10:00 to 12:00 | The NBI and the Gauteng Office of the Premier, together with the Public Private Growth Initiative (PPGI) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator will be convening a Construction Action Lab linked to the significant investment in infrastructure development in Gauteng, over the next few years, and would like to invite you to participate in the virtual Construction Action Lab. [Detailed information and Online RSVP Link.](#)

ADDRESSING ECONOMIC INCLUSION THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY | Wednesday, 25 November 2020 | 14:00 to 16:00 | The National Business Initiative (NBI) manages the Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative, a broad partnership between TVET Colleges, industry and Government to expand artisanal skills development and employment across the broad industrial economy. [Detailed information and Online RSVP Link.](#)

CEO THOUGHT LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE: HOW INCLUSIVE ORGANISATIONS DRIVE A HIGH-PERFORMANCE CULTURE | Thursday, 26 November 2020 | 10:00 to 11:30 | African Bank in partnership with the National Business Initiative (NBI), under the NBI's Social Transformation Bold and Transformative Leadership Pathway are hosting a CEO Thought Leadership Dialogue on "How inclusive organisations drive a high performance culture". [Further information and Zoom Registration Link.](#)

UNLOCKING A JUST TRANSITION FOR SOUTH AFRICA – OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREEN JOBS, INDUSTRIES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE | Tuesday, 1 December 2020 | 10:00 to 11:30 | The South African economy is highly energy and carbon intensive and also extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The country is also an acutely unequal society, marked by gross levels of unemployment and poverty. South Africa must achieve a Just Transition to avoid exacerbating inequality, maintain social cohesion, eradicate poverty and plan for the physical impacts of climate change. [Further information and Zoom Registration Link.](#)

TRANSPARENCY IN CORPORATE REPORTING 2020: REPORT LAUNCH | Wednesday, 2 December 2020 | 11:00 to 13:00 | Corruption Watch (the South African chapter of Transparency International) and ODI (an international development thinktank in London), in partnership with the Ethical Leadership & Anti-Corruption Programme of the National Business Initiative (NBI), are hosting the launch of Transparency in Corporate Reporting: Assessing South African Companies 2020. For more information please contact: [Thuthula Ndunge](#) or click [here](#) to register via Zoom.

WEBINARS | 2020

WBCSD VIRTUAL EVENT SERIES | November to December 2020 | [View here.](#)

A SERIES OF VIRTUAL CLIMATE CHANGE EVENTS – THE CLIMATE DIALOGUES | 23 November to 4 December 2020 | Full details [here.](#)

CDE @ 25 | PAUL ROMER NOBEL PRIZE 2018 | 25 November 2020 | 16:00 to 17:00 SAST | Join CDE as they convene a series of global conversations over the next year on democracy, business, markets and development. Paul Romer, New York University professor and former chief economist of the World Bank received the Nobel Prize for his work on the drivers of economic growth. In recent years he has focused on the challenge of jobs in developing countries. [Register here.](#)

SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION: "RESILIENCE AND GOAL SETTING" WITH RYAN STRAMROOD | 26 November 2020 | 08:00 (CAT) | Ryan Stramrood, one of SA's Top Extreme Adventurers and Ice Swimmers. A seasoned presenter and magnificent storyteller Ryan will take you on an incredible journey. [Website and registration.](#)

AFRICA TECH WEEK VIRTUAL SUMMIT | 26 to 27 November 2020 | Africa Tech Week focuses on educating South Africa and other African countries on the challenges and opportunities to be gained by their drafting appropriate plans and policies for the 4th Industrial revolution. [Website and further information.](#)



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