

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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## NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

*Please note that this will be the last edition of On A Clear Day published in 2020. We would like to wish our readers a wonderful and relaxing festive season, after what has been an extremely challenging year.*

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

**THE NBI'S 25<sup>TH</sup> 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](#)

**INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2020** International Anti-Corruption Day is commemorated annually on 9 December in recognition of the United Nations Convention against Corruption which was signed in Mexico in 2003. **NBI's Head of Social Transformation, Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze** was interviewed yesterday on NewzRoom Afrika, discussing the impact of corruption in the private sector. [View here](#).

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** Initiated in 1991 by the Women's Global Leadership Institute at Rutgers University, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is now recognized as a global awareness campaign to draw attention to the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide (GBV/F). [NBI NewsFlash, 9 December 2020](#).

**THE CDP 2020 DISCLOSURE SCORES LAUNCHED ON TUESDAY, 08 DECEMBER 2020** This year six South African companies have made it onto the **CDP A List 2020**. CDP and the NBI would like to publicly congratulate the companies below for their hard work and dedication to their CDP disclosures. [Read here](#).

**EXPLORING A LOW CARBON FUTURE FOR SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT** As we reflect on 2020, a key message that has been emphasised time and again is that in rebuilding our societies and economies post the COVID-19 pandemic, we must endeavour to build back better for long term economic competitiveness that reduces inequalities. [NBI Quick Brief, 7 November 2020](#).

**HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS DEALING WITH CORRUPTION** The private sector needs to move beyond compliance and understand its responsibility to society through operating ethically. [Joanne Yawitch, Business Day, 3 December 2020](#).

**TRANSPARENCY IN CORPORATE REPORTING: SOUTH AFRICA 2020 (TRAC SA 2020)** On 2 December 2020, the NBI together with Corruption Watch and ODI, launched the **Transparency in Corporate Reporting (TRAC) Report**, which explores the reporting practices of South African companies. [Download here.](#)

**WATER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS** The world is currently in the grips of a global pandemic with far-reaching consequences, including devastating effects on poverty, inequality and unemployment in South Africa. [NBI Thought Leadership, 2 December 2020.](#)

**NATURE FOR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE** Alex McNamara, **Water Lead of National Business Initiative (NBI)**, South Africa says that valuing the natural environment and its contribution to economies and societies is a sure way to improve climate resilience – and our ability to adapt to climate change. [CDKN, 30 November 2020.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**PARIS AGREEMENT: THE POWER OF INGENUITY WITH COLLABORATION IS INSURMOUNTABLE** Five years ago, the Paris Agreement united 196 countries behind a shared set of goals aimed at averting catastrophic climate change. [Maria Mendiluce, WMB, 7 December 2020.](#)

**WHY COLLABORATION WILL BE KEY TO CREATING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE** Before COVID-19, new technology was already disrupting the labour market but the pandemic has expedited these developments, in particular remote working and a greater reliance on technology. [Nicky Black, The European Sting/WEF, 7 November 2020.](#)

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO ACT ON EMISSIONS. HERE'S HOW TO GET TO NET ZERO** In order to avoid irreversible damage to our societies, economies and the natural world, we must limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. [Anthony Robert Hobley, WEF, 7 December 2020.](#)

**ESG INVESTMENT CAN HELP AFRICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY** Covid-19 has hindered Africa's growth, demanding new approaches to economic development, and raising the focus on environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues. [Nigel Beck, BizCommunity, 7 December 2020.](#)

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN LAUNCHES FIRST FREE PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER** The City of Cape Town recently launched its first public electric vehicle (EV) charging station, which is situated in the parking area of the Bellville Civic Centre. [BizCommunity, 7 December 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.](#)

**TOYOTA ANNOUNCES A NEW ELECTRIC SUV** Toyota has announced that it will preview a new mid-size battery-electric SUV in coming months. [BizCommunity, 9 December 2020.](#)

**2020: THE YEAR OF THE CARBON TAX** The Climate Neutral Group is very pleased to announce that we were able to assist all of our clients with their carbon tax compliance journeys. [Carbon Neutral Group, 9 December 2020..](#)

**BMW SA LAUNCHES THE YOUNG COLLECTORS' CO. INITIATIVE** BMW South Africa today, 8 December, launched the BMW Young Collectors' Co., thus continuing its support of local arts. BMW Young Collectors' Co. is an initiative in partnership with Art Joburg. [BizCommunity, 8 December 2020.](#)

**OCEANA DELIVERS STRONG RESULTS DESPITE CHALLENGES** Fishing company Oceana Group yesterday said for the year ended September it had declared a dividend of 293 cents, up 22 percent on last year despite Covid-19 challenges. [IOL Business, 4 December 2020.](#)

**NEDBANK COMES OUT ON TOP IN ESG RATING** Nedbank came out tops against its peers in all three categories of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) in the 2019 SA Banking Sector ESG Disclosures Ranking. [IOL Business, 3 December 2020.](#)

**HOW ANY LEADER CAN MAKE AN IMPACT: PWC'S BOB MORITZ** PwC recently committed \$3 billion over the next 3-4 years to 'New World. New Skills', an upskilling initiative to tackle the skills gap by upskilling its own people and reaching millions of others by working with governments, businesses and NGOs. [WEF, 2 December 2020.](#)

**BCG FEATURED INSIGHTS DECEMBER 2020** [Read here.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

### **SA PLASTICS PACT'S VISION FOR A CIRCULAR ECONOMY TO TRANSFORM THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AT EVERY LEVEL**

Kirsten Barnes, the project lead for SA Plastics Pact, GreenCape, and Kevin O'Brian, the group sustainability and risk executive for SPAR, discuss the Plastics Pact and the vision for a circular economy for plastics in SA. [BizCommunity, 9 December 2020.](#)

### **NEW WBCSD REPORT HELPS BUSINESS ACCELERATE CONSISTENT AND CREDIBLE ACTIONS FOR CLIMATE AND NATURE**

New report aims to remove the hurdles to investment in nature-based solutions by clarifying the scope and definitions of natural climate solutions and nature-based solutions, which have the potential to deliver up to 37% of solutions to achieve the Paris climate goal. [WBCSD, 8 December 2020.](#)

**LEAP: LEADING WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** The WBCSD has opened registrations for the 2021 edition of LEAP. This programme aims to help women to reach senior positions in their companies and ensure that sustainability is embedded in their leadership and included in their company strategy. [WBCSD Website.](#)

**NEW YOUTH PORTAL TO DRIVE EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** ACTIVATE! Academy has launched Zimele Africa, a youth portal to assist young people with understanding business and preparing them for the workplace as well as to start their own businesses as entrepreneurs. [IOL Business, 8 December 2020.](#)

**DWS ADVERTISES CRITICAL TENDERS TO DEAL WITH PROTRACTED SEWER SPILLAGES INTO THE VAAL RIVER** Several critical Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) tenders have been advertised to expedite the Vaal river raw sewer spillages intervention work. [Engineering News, 8 December 2020.](#)

**WRI REPORT ASSESSES PROGRESS, OPPORTUNITIES TO ALIGN EMISSIONS TRAJECTORIES WITH 1.5°C** The World Resources Institute (WRI) and ClimateWorks Foundation have released a report that assesses progress and opportunities to align emissions trajectories with the global average temperature increase of 1.5°C above preindustrial levels. [IISD, 7 December 2020.](#)

**THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY'S NATURAL LOGIC** A circular economy model would bring \$4.5 trillion in opportunities over the next decade, as well as bringing environmental and social benefits. [WBCSD, 2 December 2020.](#)

## 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. The NBI is the local partner to CDP and has assisted companies with their disclosures through CDP, since 2008. Read their **Press Release** entitled: "Five years after the signing of the Paris Agreement, only 21% of states and regions have been consulted on national climate action plans", [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 **News Article** written by CEO Maria Mendiluce, entitled: "*Why the UK's increase in climate ambition is good for business*", [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](#).

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