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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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.

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HOW RESILIENT ARE WE TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOW CAN WE UNLOCK PRIVATE SECTOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION ACTION IN RESPONSE? With climate change set to have profound impacts for our economy and the way we do business, The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and **South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)** set out to answer these questions by Building an Adaptation Project Pipeline. Watch our summary video to understand what action is needed to achieve a climate resilient South Africa, [here](#). Video resources on achieving adaptation at scale can be viewed on the [NBI Website](#).

WATER REQUIRES URGENT ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA Please click [here](#) to see NBI's recently updated Water focus area on the website.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IN SUPPORTING THE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF A TOWNSHIP-BASED ENTERPRISE HUB The National Business Initiative (NBI) is seeking a service provider to support the establishment of an Installation, Repair & Maintenance (IRM) hub attached to SEDA Centre for Entrepreneurship and Rapid Incubation (CfERI) at Ekurhuleni West TVET College (Kathorus Campus in Katlehong). The full scope of the project can be downloaded [here](#). Please note that the closing date is: **Monday, 15 February 2021 at 16:00**.

INDUSTRY NEWS

WATCH: WHAT BUSINESS WANTS TO HEAR IN SONA 2021 Business Leadership SA CEO Busi Mavuso talks to Business Day TV about what she hopes the president will address in Sona 2021. [Business Day, 11 February 2021.](#)

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY CAN HELP SAVE THE PLANET – IF WE START INNOVATING NOW As we begin 2021, businesses face a complex matrix of challenges – from rising geo-economic tensions to the urgency of the climate crisis. [Peter Lacy, Wesley Spindler & John Dutton, WEF, 10 February 2021.](#)

SCIENTISTS WARN OVER MISUSE OF CLIMATE MODELS IN FINANCIAL MARKETS Misuse of climate models could pose a growing risk to financial markets by giving investors a false sense of certainty over how the physical impacts of climate change will play out, according to the authors of a paper published on Monday. [Matthew Green, Reuters, 8 February 2021.](#)

A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY CAN ONLY BE CREATED IF IT WORKS FOR EVERYONE The Covid-19 pandemic has laid bare the challenge that faces government and businesses as they seek to rebuild livelihoods and shattered global economies. [Stephen Prendiville, Independent.ie, 7 February 2021.](#)

HOW LEADERS CAN HARNESS THE POWER OF FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL GOOD The COVID-19 pandemic has undone progress made on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Professor Durreen Shahnaz, Marius Docker and Rob Acker, EBR, 3 February 2021.](#)

HOW 5G CAN BE A FORCE FOR SOCIAL EQUALITY The past year has starkly illustrated just how crucial digital connectivity has become in the lives of people across the income spectrum, in countries around the world. [Ronan Dunne, The European Sting/WEF, 1 February 2021.](#)

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.](#)

EXXARO LAUNCHES GROOTEGELUK COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES As our country continues to be greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Exxaro, one of South Africa's largest black-empowered resource companies, has implemented community support initiatives to aid host communities in these difficult times. [EXXARO, 10 February 2021.](#)

ADDRESSING SKILLS SHORTAGE TIPPING POINT MUST BE MAJOR FOCUS FOR 2021 A skills shortage is one of South Africa's biggest economic risk factors and could hamper the country's economic recovery plan and infrastructure ambitions says RMB CEO James Formby. [RMB, 10 February 2021.](#)

IBIS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS CERTIFICATION AS A CLIMATE BONDS APPROVED VERIFIER UNDER THE CLIMATE BONDS INITIATIVE (CBI). The Climate Bonds Standard and Certification Scheme is an internationally recognised labelling scheme for bonds and loans based on an assessment of their environmental credentials against sector-specific eligibility criteria. [Read here.](#)

TENNIS PARALYMPIAN KGOATHATSO MONTJANE NAMED DISCOVERY VITALITY AMBASSADOR Discovery is proud to announce Paralympian Kgothatso 'KG' Montjane as a Discovery Vitality Ambassador. [Discovery, 9 February 2021.](#)

MONDI LAUNCHES AEGISPAPER, A COMPLETE RANGE OF RECYCLABLE BARRIER PAPERS FOR SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS Mondi, a global leader in packaging and paper, has successfully developed a new recyclable functional barrier paper range. [Mondi, 9 February 2021.](#)

HALF OF GLOBAL 5G ECONOMIC IMPACT TO ACCRUE TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, SAYS PWC The impact of the growth of fifth-generation (5G) telecommunications infrastructure and new and existing applications will add an estimated \$1.3-trillion to global gross domestic product by 2030, with health and social set to add \$530-billion from productivity and efficiency gains, advisory multinational PwC said on February 8. [Engineering News, 8 February 2021.](#)

VODACOM CONTRIBUTES R10 MILLION TO NEW GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE RESPONSE FUND Vodacom has pledged R10 million to fund a private sector-led, multi-sectoral Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Response Fund

1 to support the implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP), and the wider GBVF response in the country. [Vodacom, 5 February 2021.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN CONTRIBUTES UP TO US\$30 MILLION TOWARDS GLOBAL COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL-OUT Anglo American is making available up to US\$30 million of support towards the global roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines across its operational footprint [Anglo American, 4 February 2021.](#)

PRODUCING AND CONSUMING RESPONSIBLY: SASOL REUSES THE WAX FROM ITS SPENT CATALYSTS In keeping with its priority Sustainable Development Goal (SDG): Responsible production and consumption, Sasol, together with waste management company GrnCat (pronounced 'green cat', with 'cat' being short for catalysts), has developed a solution to recover wax from spent catalysts. [SASOL, 4 February 2021.](#)

MOTUS SA AUTOMOTIVE COMPANY ON THE MOVE JSE-listed Motus, the largest retail motor group in South Africa, is ramping up its brand building strategy after consolidating and restructuring the business in the two years since Motus Holdings was unbundled from Imperial Holdings. [MOTUS, 4 February 2021.](#)

TONGAAT HULETT FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES Last year, a total of 67 youngsters and community members in KwaZulu-Natal are fulfilling their dreams of becoming qualified artisans and agriculturalists. [Tongaatt Hulett, 3 February 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

GHG ACCOUNTING: GETTING THE NUMBERS RIGHT FOR REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE As more organizations commit to decarbonizing their business through pledge platforms such as net-zero initiatives, the Climate Group's RE100 program or science-based targets, the scrutiny of progress towards these goals is also increasing. [GreenBiz, 10 February 2021.](#)

WATER CIRCULARITY METRIC: TOOL AND GUIDANCE TO MEASURE SITE-LEVEL WATER MANAGEMENT The World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the Beverage Industry Environmental Roundtable (BIER) have developed a Water Circularity Metric (WCM) to help companies transition towards a more circular water management in their operations. [WBCSD, 9 February 2021.](#)

THE CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAYBOOK Introducing The Climate Justice Playbook for Business: a global call for businesses to centre all climate action in people and justice. [B Corp Climate Collective, 8 February 2021](#)

ESKOM'S BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPETITION CALLS FOR MANUFACTURING SMES A great leap forward is possible for SMEs in the manufacturing sector who enter the Eskom Business Investment Competition (BIC). Entries are now open and SMEs are encouraged to enter before 12 February 2021 at midnight. [BizCommunity, 1 February 2021.](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SEED AWARDS 2021 OFFERS SUPPORT, VISIBILITY AND FUNDING UP TO €15,000 FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SMES SEED Awards 2021 is on the search for innovative small and growing businesses delivering environmental, social and economic impacts. Applications are now open. [SEED, 1 February 2021.](#)

THE WE VALUE NATURE 10-DAY CHALLENGE - 11 to 24 March 2021 There has never been a better time for businesses to assess their impacts and dependencies on nature. Through understanding and considering the risks and opportunities created by nature, businesses can make better decisions that benefit themselves, society and the planet as a whole. [We Value Nature Website.](#)

WHAT IS A 'GOOD PRACTICE'? A framework to analyse the Quality of Stakeholder Engagement in implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda. Developed by UN DESA and UNDP, this analytical framework is a tool to enable governments, stakeholders and development partners to examine and strengthen the quality of their stakeholder engagement practices at different stages of the 2030 Agenda cycle, including considering the impact of COVID-19. [Download here.](#)

THE 16TH EDITION OF THE GLOBAL RISKS REPORT published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), highlights the disruptive implications of major global risks – including the COVID-19 pandemic – that may reshape our world in 2021 and beyond. View the report, [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 20 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **Media Release**, published this week, entitled: “**Environmental supply chain risks to cost companies \$120 billion by 2026**”, [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 **February 2021 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 latest **Insights Article**, entitled: “**Zero-Carbon Transition – Latest signals of change (05.02.21)**”, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is an international, 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, “**Six ways to unleash the potential of natural climate solutions**”, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS | 2021

NBI WORKSHOP: UNLOCKING CORPORATE PROCUREMENT TO DRIVE SOUTH AFRICA’S RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY TRANSITION | Tuesday, 16 February 2021 | 13:00 to 16:30 SAST | To unlock opportunities for corporate renewable procurement, the NBI, the WBCSD, The Climate Group, CDP and the We Mean Business coalition will be hosting a multi-stakeholder online workshop to discuss how business can best realise the opportunities for corporate renewable energy procurement in South Africa. **Please note that this initial session is a closed workshop with a selected number of participants.** Please contact: [Bhavna Deonarain](#) for further information on SA’s Transition to Renewable Energy.

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PODCAST: THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: FROM RAINBOW WASHING TO TRANSFORMING THE WORLD [Listen here](#).

ONLINE INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 18 to 19 February 2021 | Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

JBS WEBINAR - STRESSPROOF: THE GAME PLAN | 23 February 2021 | The world faces a ‘giant storm’ of stress and burnout that is exacerbated in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Learning how to navigate

the world going forward is something that everyone has to do. How can leaders help themselves, their employees and their businesses to thrive in the face of these and other challenges? [Register here.](#)

CDP BITESIZE WEBINARS: HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS | March 2021 | Join a series of 30-minute webinars with CDP's gold accredited solutions providers on a range of sustainability topics throughout March. [Sign-up here.](#)

ONLINE CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 1 to 4 March 2021 | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: 1 March; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: 2 March; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): 3-4 March. Offered jointly by ESS and Nexus Energy. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582.**

STATE OF CITY FINANCES 2020 ONLINE REPORT LAUNCH | 2 March 2021 | The South African Cities Network [SACN] invites you to join them for the launch of The State of City Finances 2020 Report. This is one of their flagship publications, reporting on the finances of the nine largest cities in South Africa. [Register here.](#)

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT FORUM: NEW YORK – VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE 2021 | 3 to 4 March 2021 | The Responsible Investment Forum returns for its fifth year as a virtual event to bring together the most sophisticated institutional investors, fund managers, consultants and highly recognized associations to discuss why, when, and how your firm should be implementing an effective ESG strategy. [Website and further details.](#)

CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SA - ONLINE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 22 to 26 March 2021 | 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 the 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: elspeth.donovan@cisl.cam.ac.uk for more information.

WBCSD VISION 2050 VIRTUAL LAUNCH EVENT | 25 March 2021 | 09:00 to 10:00 or 17:00 to 18:00 CET | This public virtual event will see the global launch of WBCSD's refreshed Vision 2050, providing business with a holistic narrative and ambitious agenda with the intent to drive change in company strategies and sustainability planning in line with the urgency and roadmap for action illustrated in the final product. [Click here.](#)

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