

ON A CLEAR DAY 2021

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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

A CONCERTED EFFORT IS BEING MADE THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES TO CREATE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS FOR MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH In South Africa, there are 8.5 million unemployed young people literally sitting around with nothing to do. [Silke Colquhoun, African Decisions](#).

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 their "[Adaptation Project Pipeline](#)" **Summary Video** to understand what action is needed to achieve a climate resilient South Africa, [here](#).

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 TO PROVIDE GRAPHIC AND WEBSITE DESIGN SUPPORT FOR THE NBI'S CLIMATE TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT The NBI is running a procurement process to identify a set of service providers who will be able to deliver on a variety of outputs under the Just Transition Pathways programme. Full scope & RFP are available [here](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND INFOGRAPHIC SERVICES The NBI, with support from WWF-SA and Just Share NPC, are seeking a service provider to design communication collateral that will enable capacity building of the South African Finance sector. The RFP & full scope for service providers can be viewed [here](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND INFOGRAPHIC SERVICES The NBI is seeking the services of a Graphic Designer to assist with various outputs over a 2-year period, as part of the 5-year Ecological Infrastructure for Water Security project, to which the NBI is a partner. Full scope & RFP can be accessed [here](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IN SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING TOWNSHIP ENTERPRISES IN SOWETO The NBI is seeking a service provider to provide enterprise development support, both business and technical, over a 9-month period to a SME training provider located at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. The RFP & full scope for service providers is available [here](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IN SUPPORTING THE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF A TOWNSHIP-BASED ENTERPRISE HUB IN ILEMBE, KZN The NBI is seeking a service provider to support the establishment of an Installation, Repair & Maintenance (IRM) Hub at the Mandeni Campus of Umfolozi TVET College. This is a new Hub which is currently being constructed. Full scope of the project & the RFP can be viewed [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

'POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY PLANS MUST FOCUS ON GROWTH ALIGNED WITH SUSTAINABLE AGENDAS', SAYS CREECY As climate change is one of the new global realities, Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Barbara Creecy has averred that “post-pandemic recovery plans must focus on growth aligned with sustainable agendas”. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 18 February 2021.](#)

HOW THE DAVOS AGENDA 2021 OUTLINED A PATH FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION This past January, business, government, and civil society leaders came together to address the most pressing issues for 2021 and beyond. [Cody Feldman, WEF, 15 February 2021.](#)

NEW UK CENTRE AIMS TO 'TRANSFORM AVAILABILITY OF CLIMATE DATA IN FINANCE' A new centre is being launched in the UK with the aim of arming financial institutions with the data and analytics they need to contribute to the shift to environmentally sustainable economic activity. [IPE, Susanna Rust, 15 February 2021.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA RISKS MORE INEQUALITY IF IT DOES NOT DIGITALISE, SAYS THE WEF The World Economic Forum (WEF) in its latest 'Global Risks Report 2021' finds that Covid-19 has not only claimed millions of lives, but also risks widened long-standing health, economic and digital disparities. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 15 February 2021.](#)

REMOVING BIAS FROM TECH IS ESSENTIAL: HERE'S WHY Building a more equitable and just society so that advances in technology serve everyone. [Michael Voegele, Philip Morris International \(PMI\), 11 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](#).

PICK N PAY ENTERS FITNESS MARKET WITH NEW LIVEFIT FITNESS EQUIPMENT RANGE Pick n Pay has entered the fitness market with the launch of its new fitness equipment range, which aims to make fitness equipment more accessible for customers opting to exercise at home. [BizCommunity, 18 February 2021.](#)

LIBERTY ADAPTS ITS EDUCATION BENEFITS TO THE REALITIES OF THE PANDEMIC The COVID-19 pandemic has for now, not only changed the way the traditional schooling system functions but the cost of education as well. [Liberty, 17 February 2021.](#)

STANDARD BANK CEO AWARDED AN HONORARY PROFESSORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH BUSINESS SCHOOL Sim Tshabalala, Chief Executive of the Standard Bank Group, was recently appointed as an Honorary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB). [USB, 17 February 2021.](#)

EXXARO IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 2021 WOMEN IN MINING CONFERENCE Exxaro is proud to announce that the black-empowered mining company is a sponsor of the 2021 Women in Mining Conference. [African Mining Market, 16 February 2021.](#)

IMPERIAL IS WELL-POSITIONED TO SAFELY AND RELIABLY DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 VACCINES IN SOUTH AFRICA As an integrated logistics and market access provider and the largest logistics provider in South Africa, serving as a gateway to

Africa in over twenty countries on the continent, Imperial is well-positioned to play an active and integral role in the distribution of critical COVID-19 vaccines in the country. [Imperial, 12 February 2021.](#)

SAB: WOMEN IN BEER The ban may be lifted, but we can't ignore the toll on women. Please give our women in beer a fighting chance. [SAB, 12 February 2021.](#)

WORKING TOWARDS BETTER RACIAL AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATION: ERM BECOMES A SIGNATORY OF THE RACE AT WORK CHARTER ERM is pleased to announce we are now a signatory of the Race at Work Charter. [ERM, 11 February 2021.](#)

DISCOVERY HEALTH MEDICAL SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL JULY 1, 2021 The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of access to quality health care, and we would like to make the start of 2021 a little easier for you. [TimesLIVE, 5 February 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INSPIRING WOMEN LEADERS RECEIVING THE LEADING WOMEN AWARDS 2020 AT WBCSD The 5 recipients of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) 2020 Leading Women Awards were announced yesterday. The Awards are designed to recognize outstanding female leaders and to showcase their work in sustainability towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [WBCSD, 17 February 2021.](#)

2021 EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER REVEALS INCREASED TRUST IN BUSINESS The 2021 Edelman Trust Barometer reveals that South Africans now trust business more than any other institution and are looking to CEOs to solve societal challenges that have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 crisis. [BizCommunity, 17 February 2021.](#)

TRANSPARENCY TO TRANSFORMATION: A CHAIN REACTION - CDP GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN REPORT 2020 As the world works towards a green recovery from COVID-19, supply chain engagement is crucial for companies to bounce back – competitive and resilient – in a rapidly changing market. [CDP, February 2021.](#)

FIRST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY YOUTH SUMMIT CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR CLEAN ENERGY The first Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) Youth Summit, held virtually by sustainable energy organisation SEforAll, concluded on February 11, with calls from participants for progress on clean energy and sustainable development. [Engineering News, 12 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.](#)

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 **Article**, entitled: “**Joining global corporate action towards Net-Zero: CDP’s accredited solutions providers can provide support on your journey**”, [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 (12.02.21)"**, [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 **News Article** entitled, **"Over two dozen top executives form the Spanish Business Council for Sustainable Development"**, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

NBI ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY (ACES) ONLINE MEETING FOR NBI MEMBER COMPANIES ONLY | **Monday, 1 March 2021** | [Click here](#) to view details, to find out what ACES is all about and why your company should participate.

GENDER PAY GAP REPORT LAUNCH | **Friday, 12 March 2021** | **11:00 to 13:00** | **What would it mean to pay women fairly for the value of their work?** This is a question the National Business Initiative (NBI) has set out to answer together with the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS) at the University of Witwatersrand and with the support of the South African Rewards Association (SARA). [Full details and registration link](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

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 to 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](#).

WEBINAR: HOW TO IDENTIFY AND ACCOUNT FOR THE BENEFITS OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR WATERSHEDS | **4 March 2021** | **11:00 to 12:00 ET** | This webinar is the first in a three-part series and aims to inform those looking to invest in NBS on how to identify and account for the NBS benefits accrued. For more information, contact [Gregg Brill](#), Senior Research (Pacific Institute) and Project Lead or click [here](#) to register.

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PROTOCOL (BD PROTOCOL) LAUNCH | 4 March 2021 | 11:00 SAST | While there has been substantial progress in developing quantitative metrics to assess biodiversity impacts at the site, project, supply chain and even corporate level, reporting on these elements remains a challenge. The BD Protocol aims to help fill this critical gap by providing an accounting framework to consolidate biodiversity impact data across a whole business, from direct operations to its supply chains and clients. Developed through extensive stakeholder consultations from 2018 until early 2020, the BD Protocol enables companies to account for, manage and disclose their net impacts on ecosystems and species. This webinar will introduce the BD Protocol and presents two case studies. [Register here.](#)

GIBS SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME | 15 March to 25 November 2021 | Social entrepreneurship offers the potential to shift our civil society into a different way of doing things. Within the context of COVID-19, this is becoming increasingly important. [GIBS Website.](#)

INTEGRATING THE SDGS IN YOUR BUSINESS STRATEGY COURSE | 17 March 2021 | For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

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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