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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

NBI'S INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2020 The National Business Initiative (NBI) recently published its Integrated Annual Report 2020 [View here](#).

SUPPORTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC DESPAIR South Africa continues to grapple with myriad economic challenges: low growth, worsening levels of unemployment, poverty and chronic levels of exclusion from meaningful participation in the formal economy. **Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).**

FINAL CALL TO MANDENI IRM ENTREPRENEURS TO APPLY FOR FREE BUSINESS SUPPORT MANDENI entrepreneurs who provide **installation, repair and maintenance (IBM) services** are invited to apply for a six-month intensive development programme designed to help them improve or develop their businesses. **Applications close tomorrow, Friday 25 June 2021. [Stanger Weekly, 23 June 2021](#).**

NBI PRESS RELEASE: TRIBUTE TO DR JABU MABUZA – 17 June 2021 [Read here](#).

YOUTH DAY: AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA The 16th of June, National Youth Day in South Africa, commemorates the youth who lost their lives during the Soweto Uprising of 1976. **[NBI Quick Brief, 15 June 2021](#).**

THE CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR (CFA) SOUTH AFRICA CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS OPEN A new innovative Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) programme was launched online in South Africa on 3 June 2021 and Calls for Proposals are now open. **[NBI NewsFlash, 14 June 2021](#).**

INDUSTRY NEWS

BUSINESS DEMAND FOR RENEWABLES GREATER THAN TOTAL ENERGY DEMAND OF MAJOR G7 ECONOMIES The influence of business in the drive to clean energy globally has reached a major threshold as big business buyers increasingly abandon fossil fuels; the Climate Group reveals today. [RE100, 24 June 2021.](#)

HOW DIGITIZING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS WILL ADVANCE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY For all of the wrong reasons, global trade and supply chain logistics have been front of mind this year. [Georgia Sherwin, GreenBiz, 24 June 2021.](#)

WATER CRISIS: NELSON MANDELA BAY HEADS FOR A DRY JULY AS DAM LEVELS REACH RECORD LOWS With water levels in Nelson Mandela Bay's biggest dam dropping to under 4% and no significant rain predicted for the next 10 days, parts of the Eastern Cape's biggest metro are fast heading for a water disaster. [Estelle Ellis, Daily Maverick, 21 June 2021.](#)

WHY ESG MATTERS FOR BUSINESSES IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT The pandemic has upended global health and development as we know it. Not only has it stalled progress made on the Sustainable Development Goals, it has sapped the budgets of many governments working toward them, making it an increasingly uphill battle. [Chris Gray, Devex, 18 June 2021.](#)

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IS BUILT ON SOCIETAL WELL-BEING One of the biggest lessons COVID-19 taught governments is that societal well-being makes countries more resilient. [Christian Schwaerzler, Abhishek Gopalka, Qahir Dhanani, Nikolaus Lang, Vincent Chin & Dwaan Osman, BCG, June 2021.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

WHAT NBI MEMBER COMPANIES HAVE DONE 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.](#)

DECENTRALISED POWER PROJECTS ON A POSITIVE TRAJECTORY, SAYS NEDBANK CIB'S PEO The South African power sector is undergoing a major shift towards decentralised power projects as a "massive energy crisis" grips the country, says Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) infrastructure, energy and telecommunications head, Mike Peo. [Engineering News, 24 June 2021.](#)

SAPPI JOINS THE CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY ALLIANCE Wood-fibre products multinational Sappi has joined bioeconomy global movement the Circular Bioeconomy Alliance (CBA). [Engineering News, 23 June 2021.](#)

PICK N PAY CLOTHING PARTNERS WITH YOUNG SA DESIGNERS Pick n Pay's fashion business, Pick n Pay Clothing, is preparing to launch exclusive fashion ranges from three young South African designers in the coming months, in-store and online, the business said yesterday. [IOL Business, 23 June 2021.](#)

SOUTH32 REITERATES PARIS AGREEMENT, NET ZERO CARBON COMMITMENT Diversified miner South32 has reiterated its commitment to the Paris Agreement objectives, with the miner committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. [Mining Weekly, 22 June 2021.](#)

OLD MUTUAL PARTERS WITH NETCARE TO OPEN PRIVATE VACCINATION CENTRE IN CAPE TOWN Old Mutual joined forces with leading healthcare provider Netcare to open a private vaccination centre at the insurer's campus in Pinelands, Cape Town. [Old Mutual, 21 June 2021.](#)

AFRICAN BANK AND INMED SOUTH AFRICA LAUNCH SEEDS FOR LIFE STOKVEL African Bank and local NGO INMED South Africa are launching an exciting collaborative Seeds for Life pilot project this month to benefit food insecure communities in Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape. [African Bank, 15 June 2021.](#)

VODACOM PARTNERS WITH W&RSETA AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE 500 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES Vodacom is announcing today that it has formed a partnership with the Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) and eight institutions of higher learning to provide 500 post-graduate training and internship opportunities for young graduates, who face the grim prospect of unemployment. [Vodacom, 17 June 2021.](#)

NEDBANK REMAINS COMMITTED TO TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT Nedbank Group this Youth Month welcomed 1 905 previously unemployed youth, who will start their 12-month Youth Employment Service (YES) journey with Nedbank and its sponsored implementation partners. [Nedbank, 14 June 2021.](#)

ABSA AND DAILY MAVERICK LAUNCH PARTNERSHIP TO TACKLE CLIMATE CRISIS Absa announced the launch of a partnership with Daily Maverick to make the risks of the global climate crisis a bigger focus of everyday life – with practical approaches on how to address them. [Absa, 10 June 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2021 ACADEMY FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS The US Embassy in South Africa and the Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) are once again partnering to implement the 2021 Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) South Africa programme. [BizCommunity, 24 June 2021.](#)

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING: FIVE WAYS COMPANIES SHOULD PREPARE Companies need sustainability-related reporting standards to measure social and environmental impact more effectively and to reach the Paris climate goals. [WEF, 21 June 2021.](#)

10 YEARS OF THE UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS On 16 June 2021 the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) - the global standard on business responsibility to respect human rights - celebrated their 10th anniversary. [WBCSD, 16 June 2021.](#)

BETTER TOGETHER: HOW SDG SECTOR ROADMAPS CAN HELP TO UNLOCK TRANSFORMATION Our world is facing unprecedented global challenges in the form of a climate emergency, nature loss, and rising inequality. [WBCSD, 15 June 2021.](#)

NEW REPORT SHOWS WHY FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURE LOSS MUST BE INTERLINKED A new report shows the importance of addressing nature loss as part of the fight against climate change. [WEF, 21 June 2021.](#)

TAKING THE TEMPERATURE ASSESSING AND SCALING-UP CLIMATE AMBITION IN THE G7 BUSINESS SECTOR A Science Based Targets initiative Report by the United Nations Global Compact and CDP All governmental, financial and corporate actors working together to mainstream science-based target setting can unlock exponential mitigation potential urgently needed to align with the 1.5°C trajectory. [Download here.](#)

CALL FOR INPUTS ON DRAFT NATIONAL GREEN FINANCE TAXONOMY In June 2020, National Treasury launched a multi-stakeholder process to develop a national Green Finance Taxonomy, which responds to recommendations in the draft Technical Paper on [Financing a Sustainable Economy](#), published in May 2020. [Further information.](#)

TRIALOGUE STRATEGIC CSI AWARD 2021 Enter your strategic CSI projects for consideration for the Trialogue Strategic CSI Award 2021. The winner can look forward to a complimentary double-page feature in the next edition of the Trialogue Business in Society Handbook, worth R89 000, as well as extensive media coverage. Strategic CSI aims to drive positive developmental impact well beyond business reputational management. A strategic project is one that is implemented to meet social benefits through core business practice. **Entries close 31 July 2021.** To learn more about strategic CSI and previous winners, click [here.](#)

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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. Over the past 20 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **Press Release** entitled: **“A record 168 investors with US\$17 trillion of assets urge 1300+ firms to disclose environmental data”**, [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** written by CEO, María Mendiluce, entitled: "As G7 calls time on coal, have you checked your supply chain?", [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 latest **Publication** entitled: "Policies for India's global leadership on EV adoption", [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

COLLECTIVELY GROWING TOWNSHIP ECONOMIES: AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE BRIDGES BETWEEN THE FORMAL AND TOWNSHIP ECONOMY | Tuesday, 29 June 2021 | 10:00 to 12:00 via Microsoft Teams | The NBI is hosting a virtual event where we will present our **IRM Township Hub Programme** through which companies in the formal sector can derive value and engage with township-based IRM enterprises to increase opportunities for enterprise growth and employment. [Full details and registration link](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

CORPORATE CLIMATE ADVOCACY ON THE ROAD TO COP26 WEBINAR | 30 June & 1 July 2021 | The **We Mean Business Coalition** is hosting an informational webinar on how companies can advocate for increased climate policy ambition on the road to COP26, which takes place in Glasgow this November, and the business benefits of driving policy ambition. [Further details and registration link](#).

ONLINE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM: PARIS | 30 June to 2 July 2021 | The Generation Equality Forum in Paris, a milestone global event to advance action and investment for gender equality. Heads of State and Government, international organizations, civil society, private sector, and youth organizations will gather to launch the Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality, announce concrete commitments, and strengthen intergenerational, multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance gender equality over the next five years. [UN Women Website](#).

WATER CIRCULARITY METRIC (WCM) | 1 July 2021 | 15:00 to 16:30 CEST | WBCSD's Global Water Solutions Project and Factor 10 Circular Metrics Working Group collaborated with the Beverage Industry Environmental Roundtable (BIER) to develop a set of indicators to assess the circularity of water at the facility level. A scenario-based Water Circularity Metric (WCM) tool has been created to help users measure, set targets and monitor progress on circular water management. This webinar will include an introduction to Water Circularity Metric and Tool plus the opportunity to hear from industry leaders on water circularity in their operations. [Register here](#).

GIBS ONLINE CONFERENCE: SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: CHARTING THE ROAD TO RECOVERY | 7, 14, 21 & 28 July 2021 | 16:00 to 18:00 | What is South Africa's economic outlook for 2021 and beyond? | [GIBS Website](#).

WBCSD: CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS FOR SDGS 2021 – TIME TO TRANSFORM: HOW BUSINESS CAN LEAD THE TRANSFORMATIONS NEEDED TO REALIZE THE SDGS | 15 July 2021 | 15:00 to 16:30 CEST | Jointly convened by WBCSD and DESA, this event will bring together business leaders and sustainable development champions for an engaging virtual dialogue to explore the key transformations that are needed across the global business community to put us on course for a world where everyone can live well, within planetary boundaries. [Register here](#).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & KING IV WEBINAR | 20 July 2021 | 09:00 | This Corporate Governance Seminar presented by Professor Mervyn King 2021, will provide delegates with the knowledge and understanding of their company's shortfalls and how to fix them efficiently. [Register here.](#)

ONLINE VERGE NET ZERO: ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO A CLIMATE-POSITIVE FUTURE | 27 to 28 July 2021 | Join more than 5,000 professionals working on sustainability, supply chains, facilities, fleets, manufacturing and other key areas to learn from leaders behind the private sector's most ambitious carbon targets. [GreenBiz Website.](#)

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