

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](#).

TO CELEBRATE MANDELA DAY, the National Business Initiative (NBI) is running a [Youth & Leadership Social Media Campaign](#) for our Member Companies during July 2021. We asked **Blain van Wyk (Sustainability, Corporate Affairs) at the Distell Group**, why ethical young leaders are vital for driving social transformation in South Africa? View his response, [here](#).

TIGER BRANDS TAKES LEAD ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Last week while the country convulsed apocalyptically, the **World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)** and its local partner, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, quietly hosted a webinar introducing the WBCSD's "**Vision 2050: Time to Transform**" strategy document. [Gray Maguire, Business Day, 21 July 2021](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE NBI: SUPPORTING OUR MEMBER COMPANIES AS WE RECOVER AND REBUILD The NBI stands in solidarity with all our members at this difficult time and offers our support to those whose direct operations have been affected. Together we will regroup, restructure, repair and rebuild. [NBI Member Update, 20 July 2021](#). Should your Company wish to join the NBI and be part of this journey, please contact: [Gillian Hutchings](#).

NEW APPROACH TO PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIPS AIMS TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, together with employers, educators and the Institute of Plumbing South Africa (IOPSA), have created two formal apprenticeships that aim to inspire entry-level youth to achieve professional qualifications in plumbing and unlock new employment opportunities. [BizCommunity, 16 July 2021](#).

PLUMBING SECTOR RE-INVENTS ITSELF THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS The plumbing sector is being transformed by collaboration between Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, employers, educators and the Institute of Plumbing South Africa (IOPSA). [Engineering News, 8 July 2021](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA'S DAM LEVELS ARE DECLINING, DWS WARNS A weekly report on the state of reservoirs in South Africa shows that overall water levels at dams across different provinces are continuing to decline week-on-week during the dry winter season, the Department of Water and Sanitation said. [Engineering News, 22 July 2021.](#)

WHY GROWING SOCIAL INEQUALITIES MATTER TO BUSINESS Why should growing inequalities matter to business? To what extent is inequality a systems-level risk, at the same level of climate emergency and environmental degradation? How specifically can business contribute to tackling inequality? [James Gomme, WBCSD, 20 July 2021.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS STRONGER MITIGATION TARGET RANGE FOR UPDATED NDC: CLOSE TO 1.5°C COMPATIBLE The South African Presidential Climate Commission, a multi-stakeholder group established by President Ramaphosa to advise on the country's NDC update, has recommended that South Africa put forward an even stronger target than currently contained in the government's draft NDC. [Climate Action Tracker, 16 July 2021.](#)

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES DESPITE UNREST IN KZN, GAUTENG Business for South Africa (B4SA) today welcomes the announcement by the Acting Minister of Health, Mmamoloko Kubayi, that more than a million people in the 35-49 year old age group had registered for vaccination on the Electronic Vaccine Data System (EVDS) in the first 24 hours of being eligible to do so. [B4SA, 16 July 2021.](#)

WBCSD ANNOUNCES NEW BUSINESS COMMISSION TO TACKLE INEQUALITY Today, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) announced the launch of a new Business Commission to Tackle Inequality (BCTI), an initiative that will seek to mobilize the global business community to tackle inequality and generate shared prosperity for all. [WBCSD, 15 July 2021.](#)

TRANSFORM FOR RESILIENCE: AN IMPERATIVE FOR GOOD TIMES TOO During the COVID-19 crisis, resilience rose to the top of the strategic agenda, and many leaders also indicated a desire to extract lessons to increase preparedness for future crises. [Martin Reeves, Lars Fæste, & Tom Deegan, BCG, 14 July 2021.](#)

G20: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED CLIMATE FINANCE NOW TO HALVE EMISSIONS BY 2030 The temperature increases in the Pacific North-West and India highlight the urgent action needed to halve global GHG emissions by 2030. This goal is what all nations committed to in the Paris climate Agreement and is now supported by thousands of influential businesses. [María Mendiluce, We Mean Business Coalition, 9 July 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.](#)

PICK N PAY TO REOPEN 58 STORES BY END OF NEXT WEEK, CALLS FOR LIFTING OF LIQUOR SALES BAN Supermarket chain Pick n Pay (PnP) is planning to reopen up to 58 of its PnP and Boxer stores by the end of next week. [Engineering News, 22 July 2021.](#)

LONDON CALLING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE ABB technology driving progress in carbon emission reduction across the UK. [ABB, 21 July 2021.](#)

SOUTH32 POSTS STELLAR JUNE QUARTER Diversified miner South32 has reported record annual production at a number of operations globally, along with production increases across a number of its commodities. [Mining Weekly, 21 July 2021.](#)

SUN INTERNATIONAL HELPS OUT CHILDREN THIS MANDELA DAY Hotel and casino properties donate R275 000 to supply almost 100 000 meals to local communities [Spice4Life, 18 July 2021.](#)

SASOL IN DEAL WITH WONDERBAG TO OFFSET CARBON CREDITS Energy and chemical company Sasol has entered into an Emissions Reduction Purchase agreement with Wonderbag, a local company involved in the production and issuance of carbon credits. [IOL Business, 12 July 2021.](#)

SMALL BUSINESSES STAND A CHANCE TO WIN A SHARE OF R1 MILLION THROUGH NEDBANK'S NEW BIG THINGS CAMPAIGN Small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) are bearing the brunt of the country's Covid-19 lockdown. [Nedbank, 12 July 2021.](#)

DISCOVERY VITALITY PARTNERS WITH THE NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION TO FIGHT HUNGER THIS MANDELA MONTH Discovery Vitality is excited to partner with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to raise funds for its Each One Feed One hunger relief campaign. [Discovery, 2 July 2021.](#)

PWC'S SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2021 (JULY) REPORT updates our different forward-looking scenarios for the South African economy in 2021-2022. Our economic forecasts are influenced by assumptions about the adverse impact of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, electricity load-shedding and unrest on business and consumer activity, combined with the positive impact of fiscal and monetary policy support. [Download Report.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM Invitation to pitch to host a workshop, educational event or launch at the **My Clean Green Home exhibit**, Cape Town's first net zero carbon model home. The City has committed to the goal that all new buildings be net zero carbon by 2030, and all existing buildings are required to reach this goal by 2050. For detailed information, read through the [Call to Collaborate](#) and submit your proposal by **15 August 2021.**

ARE WE DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT OUR WHISTLEBLOWERS? It takes a very special person to be a whistleblower, as their motives are very seldom for self-gain but rather to pursue social justice. [BizCommunity, 21 July 2021.](#)

COVA ADVISORY: HAS YOUR BUSINESS BEEN IMPACTED BY THE UNREST? The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic) is running a survey to understand how companies have been affected by last week's unrest to help them design a support package/grant. If your business has been impacted, please complete the **dtic survey** urgently, [here.](#)

NEED HELP IMPLEMENTING G7 SUMMIT RECOMMENDATIONS? CDP'S ACCREDITED SOLUTIONS PROVIDERS ARE HERE TO HELP! In June, we saw global leaders meet at the G7 Summit and put climate change at the forefront of the international political agenda. The G7 recognised the need to increase the adoption of ambitious 2030 emissions reductions targets and net-zero goals aligned with a 1.5°C and resilient future, at the national and corporate level. [CDP, 21 July 2021.](#)

CARBON OFFSET REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS GAZETTED National Treasury has published the gazetted amendments to the Carbon Offset Regulations of the Carbon Tax Act. [BizCommunity, 20 July 2021.](#)

DEADLINE FOR COP26 EARLY REGISTRATION TO FACILITATE VACCINATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IS 23 JULY The deadline for Parties, admitted observers and media representatives for early registration ahead of the **UN Climate Change Conference COP26 (31 October – 12 November 2021)** is 23 July. The early registration via the UNFCCC online registration portal is designed to facilitate vaccination for the conference. [UN Climate Change News, 19 July 2021.](#) [Further information on COP26.](#)

SKILLING YOUTH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: HOW BUSINESS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE A new report released ahead of World Youth Skills Day by UNICEF and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), provides concrete recommendations for actions that businesses can take to help address the "skills mismatch" that young people all over the world are encountering. [WBCSD, 13 July 2021.](#)

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](#).

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. Over the past 20 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their **Press Release** entitled: **“Chinese financial institutions exposed to US\$5.1 billion in forest-related risks due to palm oil financing”**, [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 **Net-Zero Transition – Latest Signals of Change (16.07.21)**, [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 **Member Spotlight Article**, entitled: **“Holcim unveils new Group identity”**, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE POWER SECTOR DECARBONISATION REPORT FROM THE NBI JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT - OUR FUTURE IS RENEWABLE | Wednesday, 11 August 2021 | 12:00 to 14:00 SAST via Zoom | The NBI in partnership with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), is excited to share the first in a series of report chapters on the decarbonisation pathways for the South African economy. Join us as we release the findings of the NBI Just Transition Pathways project for the South African power sector as a draft chapter for public consultation. [Full details and Zoom registration link](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

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](#).

TRIALOGUE WEBINAR: VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING | 29 July 2021 | 09:30 to 10:30 | Join Trialogue this Mandela Month for a discussion on what companies can do to inspire, support and create real impact through their employee volunteerism programmes (EVPs), and find out how non-profit organisations can best position themselves to benefit from corporate EVPs during these challenging times. [Register here](#).

CDE @ 25 | MAVUSO MSIMANG ON ‘CORRUPTION AND CADRE DEPLOYMENT: HOW DOES SA MOVE FORWARD?’ | 4 August 2021 | 17:00 to 18:00 SAST | Join CDE as they convene a series of global conversations on democracy, business, markets and development. **Songezo Zibi**, Acting Group Executive: Marketing and Corporate Relations, Absa will give opening remarks. [Zoom registration link](#).

VIRTUAL WOMEN ADVANCE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT | 4 to 5 August 2021 | Designed to encourage interaction and collaboration, our flagship Women Advance Leadership Summit creates a setting for leaders at all levels, to reflect on their experience, envisage the future, and draw inspiration for the journey ahead. [Programme and registration link](#).

GIBS ONLINE: WOMEN IN BUSINESS BREAKFAST 2021 | 13 August 2021 | 08:30 to 10:30 | We pose some hard-hitting questions relating to women in business, industry and the economy as well as touch on issues such as gender-based violence and the empowerment of women. Be prepared to be inspired, empathise and engage. [GIBS Website.](#)

DIGITAL WORLD WATER WEEK 2021 | 23 to 27 August 2021 | Since 1991, World Water Week has been the leading conference on global water issues. This year we focus on ***Building Resilience Faster*** and the critical role of water in tackling challenges such as climate change, poverty, and biodiversity loss. Together we can develop solutions to address climate change and other water-related challenges. [SIWI Website.](#)

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 31 August to 16 September 2021 | In this online short course programme presented by the Sustainability Institute, we will cover shifting global and national social and environmental megatrends to make sense of sustainability discourses over recent years and to understand why and how businesses are responding. [Further information and registration details.](#)

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