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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

BUILDING AN ADAPTATION PROJECT PIPELINE Building resilience to climate change requires appropriate adaptation measures and adaptation at the appropriate level requires projects that are at the right scale. **Read NBI's latest Adaptation Newsletter, [here](#).**

DURING WOMEN'S MONTH (AUGUST 2021), THE NBI PROFILED THE GREAT WORK OF OUR MEMBERS IN TACKLING SYSTEMIC GENDER INEQUALITY. Click [here](#) to view the impactful work of our member companies, highlighting the role of the private sector in addressing these issues. [#NBIWomensMonth](#)

GENDER EQUALITY: IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG 5 NOT A SIMPLE MATTER The words 'the first woman to...' are still often included in news headlines or photograph captions – indicative of an issue that remains relevant and sensitive: one – that still requires laws and regulations to eradicate misconduct and unfair historical practice. [Lia Labuschagne, BizCommunity, 27 August 2021.](#)

PEPSICO ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION SAFE WATER INVESTMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA The PepsiCo Foundation, the philanthropic arm of leading food and beverage company, PepsiCo, has launched a new \$1 million program with leading NGO and long-term partner, WaterAid to bring safe water to families in Sub-Saharan Africa. [AFRICA.COM, 25 August 2021.](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The National Business Initiative (NBI) is seeking proposals to produce up to 4 short videos (approx. 3–5 minutes in length) as part of our edu-series on the belonging of LGBTQIAP+ employees in the workplace. View full RFP [here](#). **Closing date: 6 September 2021.**

PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE POWER SECTOR DECARBONISATION REPORT FROM THE NBI JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT – OUR FUTURE IS RENEWABLE A Power Sector Decarbonisation Report by the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, **Business Unity South Africa (BUSA)** and **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**, released on 11 August 2021, shows that it is

possible for South Africa to decarbonise its economy, by around 2050, and looks at ways to ensure a just transition that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and which leaves no one behind. Download the Report, [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

SA FACES TOUGH ROAD TO NET-ZERO EMISSIONS, BUT THERE IS HOPE – SANEDI The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently released a report detailing a way forward for countries looking to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. However, the recommended path would be a tough one for South Africa to follow, considering the country's heavy reliance on coal. [BizCommunity, 2 September 2021.](#)

DOING DEEPER WORK: 3 THINGS TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS OF SYSTEMS CHANGE Social-change leaders are tackling the world's biggest challenges from the ground up. Their strategies offer important lessons for overcoming systemic and structural barriers at scale. [François Bonnic & Cynthia Rayner, Forbes/WEF, 1 September 2021.](#)

GLASGOW RECORDS HOTTEST SUMMER IN RUN-UP TO COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT Glasgow, the host city of the crucial Cop26 UN climate summit in November, has experienced its hottest summer on record, the Met Office has said. [Damian Carrington, The Guardian, 1 September 2021.](#)

3 TAKEAWAYS FROM WORLD WATER WEEK 2021 COVID-19, climate change, and corruption: These are among the WASH sector's biggest challenges. [Rebecca Root, DEVEX, 31 August 2021.](#)

SUSTAINABLE FROM THE START: EMBEDDING ESG INTO HIGH-GROWTH BUSINESS STRATEGY We are experiencing a profound shift in stakeholder expectations and business growth strategy: sustainability is more important than ever before. [Hannah Ellis, Kelly Gallo & Jonathan Morris, BSR, 30 August 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](#).

SANLAM INVESTMENTS LAUNCHES SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND Asset manager Sanlam Investments has launched a Sustainable Infrastructure Fund (SIF) that will invest in local projects for market development and job growth, with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. [Engineering News, 2 September 2021.](#)

SAPPI CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY AND OUR HERITAGE Hope for endangered Pepperbark trees highlighted through Sappi Arbor Week activities. [Sappi, 2 September 2021.](#)

ENGEN CONTRIBUTES TO NEW SENSORY ROOM AT SPARROW FOUNDATION SCHOOL Engen has stepped up to support Sparrow Foundation School by contributing to an innovative new sensory room that will provide disadvantaged learners with cognitive learning difficulties with the opportunity to access quality education. [Social TV, 1 September 2021.](#)

SA ENTREPRENEURS CELEBRATED AT SANPARKS FNB BUSINESS INCUBATION PROGRAMME GRADUATION First National Bank (FNB) and South African National Parks (SANParks) have completed the first part of the SANParks FNB Business Incubation Programme with 43 entrepreneurs graduating in the Kruger National Park (KNP) on August 31. [IOL Business, 1 September 2021.](#)

MOTUS MAKING AN ACQUISITION IN EUROPE FOLLOWING SOLID ANNUAL EARNINGS GROWTH Motus rebounded stronger than expected in its first full year of trading during the Covid-19 crisis and is in pursuit of strategic growth initiatives such as further, timely, share buy-backs and acquisitions, chief executive Osman Arbee said on Tuesday. [IOL Business, 1 September 2021.](#)

MARY-JANE MORIFI: CHIEF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER AT TIGER BRANDS, SOUTH AFRICA has been honoured as one of the Most Influential African Women for 2021. [Read here.](#)

AECI BACKS CLEAN CHEMICAL COMPANY EXPANSION JSE-listed chemicals group AECI has extended a €2.5-million convertible loan to international cleantech company Clariter to scale up its technology to commercial level. [Engineering News, 31 August 2021.](#)

SPAR'S PLANS TO GO GREEN – INCLUDING 100% RECYCLABLE BAGS AND FIRELIGHTERS MADE OF RHINO DUNG Retail group SPAR has announced new sustainability goals, which will introduce several green initiatives over the next four years. [BusinessTech, 31 August 2021.](#)

SUN INTERNATIONAL DELIVERS CREDIBLE RESULTS IN CHALLENGING TIMES JSE-listed Sun International delivered a credible result for the half-year ended June 30, demonstrating the benefits of achieved cost savings, efficiencies and continued deleveraging, the group said in a statement of its unaudited results for the period. [Engineering News, 30 August 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

SAB FOUNDATION: APPLICATIONS FOR THE THOLOANA ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME ARE OPEN The SAB Foundation is calling for entrepreneurs who are committed to boosting their growth and achieving new levels of success to apply for its Tholoana Enterprise Programme. [Details here.](#)

AVANCE MEDIA ANNOUNCES 2021 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN WOMEN LIST The 2021 list has women from 28 African counties from various backgrounds in business leadership, academia, diplomacy, philanthropy, entertainment and media. [View here.](#)

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, YOUTH IN ENERGY SECTOR Celebrating the strong women in SA's energy industry and recognising the importance of women role models, the South African National Energy Development Institute (Sanedi) recently hosted a Women in Energy Leadership event which encouraged women and youth to take up space in the energy sector. [BizCommunity, 31 August 2021.](#)

PROJECT TO UNITE CIVIL SOCIETY FOR AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION South Africa has a strong culture and tradition of social activism, but only a small number of environmental justice and green NGOs, alongside interested academics, have engaged in tackling climate change, often in a fragmented way and with little influence on policymakers. [WWF-SA, 31 August 2021.](#)

WBCSD: THE ROAD TO WASTEWATER ZERO IS DATA DRIVEN - ISSUE BRIEF WBCSD in partnership with CDP and UN-Habitat is developing a '[Wastewater Zero](#)' initiative to mobilize business action to reduce impact of improper wastewater management and drive performance improvements to support the elimination of industrial wastewater pollution by 2030. This work is a continuation of '[Wastewater Zero - A call to action for business to raise ambition for SDG 6.3](#)' report launched by WBCSD in 2020 that highlights the critical role business play in eliminating wastewater pollution and contributing to global climate, freshwater biodiversity and water security goals. [View issue brief.](#)

THE BLOOMBERG GENDER-EQUALITY INDEX (GEI) The data submission period for consideration of the 2022 Bloomberg Gender-Equality index is open now through September 30th, 2021. [Further information.](#)

DRIVING FORCE FOR CHANGE II YOUTH CHALLENGE The 2021 Driving Force for Change II Youth Challenge creates an opportunity for young entrepreneurs and green innovators to further develop their early-stage entrepreneurship skills and competencies so that South Africa can further develop its green economy and create decent jobs for youth. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and the PAGE Programme, in collaboration with a number of partners, have launched the 2021 DFC II Challenge call for proposals. [Details here.](#)

#COP26: The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October to 12 November 2021. [View the Road to COP26, 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 **Press Release**, entitled: **“Apparel, financial services, and fossil fuel sectors have critical impact on global water resources”**, [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 **Blog Article** entitled: **“Building Resilience Faster at World Water Week 2021”**, [here](#).

WE MEAN BUSINESS COALITION (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**, entitled: **“Net-Zero Transition – August Signals of Change”**, [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: **“First results of a new set of Key Performance Indicators released by the Forest Solutions Group”**, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE: CULTIVATING BOLD YOUNG LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE | Wednesday, 8 September 2021 via Zoom | 11:00 to 13:00 SAST | The National Business Initiative (NBI) developed the Intergenerational Leadership Dialogues as a platform to critically explore how different workplaces engage different generations as an important component of transformation and equity. These discussions are intended to elevate the voices of young people at work, facilitate innovative thinking and reimagine leadership. This dialogue will focus on Cultivating Bold Young Leadership for the Future through an exploration of leadership approaches across industries. [Full details and Zoom registration link](#).

ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2021

HYBRID IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS | 3 to 11 September 2021 | Marseille, France | The first hybrid in-person and virtual environmental event since the pandemic began, the Congress will drive action on nature-based recovery, climate change and biodiversity for decades to come. [Website and further details](#).

CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVES AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FOR SMES | 7 and 8 September 2021 | 11:30 SAST | **Tiger Brands** has partnered up with the **Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN)** and are hosting two webinars aimed at introducing project developers to PFAN. Register by clicking on the relevant link: [Circular Economy Webinar: 7 September 2021](#) and [Agriculture Webinar: 8 September 2021](#).

IDDR WEBINAR | CLIMATE AMBITION BEYOND EMISSION NUMBERS: AN INSIDE LOOK FROM COUNTRIES AND SECTORS | 9 September 2021 via Zoom | 14:00 to 16:00 CEST | Are we on track with the Paris Agreement objectives? A bottom-up ambition assessment. [Register here](#).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND KING IV TM CODES AN ESSENTIAL SEMINAR PRESENTED BY PROFESSOR MERVYN KING FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES | 14 September 2021 | 09:00 to 15:30 | South Africa is the birthplace of the King IV Codes of Corporate Governance™, but do South African organisations adhere to corporate governance principles? This full

day seminar presented by Professor Mervyn King will leave delegates with the knowledge and understanding of their company's shortfalls and how to fix them efficiently. [Book here.](#)

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2021: HYBRID | 20 to 26 September 2021 | Hosted annually by international non-profit the Climate Group in conjunction with the United Nations, and in partnership with the COP26 and the City of New York, Climate Week NYC is a global opportunity to come together to accelerate climate action and assess progress ahead of COP26. [Website and further details.](#)

VIRTUAL AFRICA STRATEGY EXECUTION CONFERENCE | 21 to 22 October 2021 | African Executives and Leaders will learn, network and achieve strategic results for their organisation with the latest frameworks and methodologies in Strategy Execution at Africa's 2nd Strategy Execution Conference. [Website and further details.](#)

VERGE 21 ONLINE: THE CLIMATE TECH EVENT | 25 to 28 October 2021 | Join more than 10,000 leaders online — from the private and public sectors, utilities, solution providers, investors and start-ups — advancing systemic solutions to address the climate crisis through five key markets: clean energy, sustainable mobility, carbon removal, regenerative food systems and — new this year — resilient infrastructure. [Register here.](#)

COP26 | UNITING THE WORLD TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE | 31 October to 12 November 2021 | Glasgow, UK | The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), which will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. [Website and further details.](#)

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