

# 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](#).

**EXCITING NEWS – JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT:** The National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), hosted a webinar on Tuesday this week to explore the key findings of our work on decarbonising both the **Mining** as well as **Petrochemicals & Chemicals** sectors in South Africa. These two Reports will be published next week on **21 October 2021** and will be available for download from the NBI website, [here](#).

**NBI@COP26:** The National Business Initiative (NBI) will again be hosting the South African Pavilion with the **South African Government** at the **26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)**, taking place from 31 October to 12 November 2021, in Glasgow, UK. Please contact: [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for more information on the COP26 Pavilion. [#COP26](#).

**SKILLS AND JOBS HUB OPENED** In an effort to unlock the demand for skills and jobs through the township economy, the National Business Initiative (NBI) has partnered with **Umfolozzi TVET College** to establish a hub at the **Mandeni campus**. [Stanger News, 13 October 2021.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS TO RAMP UP CRITICAL MINERALS EXPLORATION AS WORLD DECARBONISES – STUDY** The South African mining sector can remain internationally competitive and support socioeconomic development only if it drives decarbonisation and adapts to the global shift in commodity demand towards minerals used in green sectors such as renewable electricity and electric vehicles (EVs), a new study shows. [Terence Creamer, Mining Weekly, 13 October 2021.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA HAS POTENTIAL TO UNLOCK DECARBONISED CHEMICALS SECTOR, NEW STUDY SHOWS** If South Africa can unlock disruptive technology, in particular green hydrogen, it could decarbonise its petrochemicals and chemicals sectors and become a leading global producer of green fuels and chemicals for both domestic use and export. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 12 October 2021.](#)

**PANEL URGES RESPONSIBLE COAL PHASE-OUT** The business community of South Africa, including coal miners, coal processors and unions, shares the sentiment that the just energy transition must be implemented in a responsible manner if the country is to reach carbon neutrality and not damage the economy. [Marleny Arnoldi, Mining Weekly, 8 October 2021.](#)

**PRESS RELEASE: CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR SOUTH AFRICA: FIRST COHORT OF PROJECTS ANNOUNCED** The **Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) South Africa** has announced 13 innovative low carbon projects that it will support to access finance from investors following a call for proposals that attracted 120 applications. The CFA is part of the UK Government's efforts to help South Africa tackle climate change and support a just transition. [Read here.](#)

**PRESS RELEASE: UNLOCKING DEMAND FOR SKILLS AND JOBS IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY** How do we unlock the demand for skills and jobs through the township economy? The answer lies in expanding opportunities for job retention and job growth in **Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM)** enterprises across a range of sectors in the South African economy. This is the purpose behind a new IRM Enterprise and Skills Hub, which was opened on 6 October 2021 in Umfolozi. [View here.](#)

**A KEY ECONOMIC ENABLER FOR SA: WASTEWATER AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTICIPATION (PPP)** A change in the mindsets of professionals and businesses with regards to water and wastewater treatment processes is emerging. [Zaid Railoun, Smart Water Magazine, 6 October 2021.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**CDP REPORTS RECORD NUMBER OF DISCLOSURES AND UNVEILS NEW STRATEGY TO HELP FURTHER TACKLE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY** As COP26 approaches, and at a time when scientists are calling a 'code red' for the planet, CDP has seen record numbers of companies, cities, states and regions disclose their environmental performance via the CDP system; in 2021, over 14,000 reported data through global environmental non-profit CDP on climate change, water security and deforestation. [CDP, 14 October 2021.](#)

**WHO'S 10 CALLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION TO ASSURE SUSTAINED RECOVERY FROM COVID-19** Countries must set ambitious national climate commitments if they are to sustain a healthy and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. [Press Release, 11 October 2021.](#)

**WHEN CORPORATIONS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES WORK TOGETHER, THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD** With the world reeling from the effects of COVID-19, climate change, and social inequality, and the risks of a global supply chain crisis mounting, business is feeling the pressure to set new commitments for operating in ways that respect human rights, promote environmental sustainability, and increase social impact—but they face an enormous set of challenges to get there. [Yasmina Zaidman, The European Sting/WEF, 8 October 2021.](#)

**OFFSHORE WIND OFFERS DECARBONISATION SOLUTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA** A number of energy experts, academics and researchers view offshore wind as the answer to help South Africa decrease its carbon emissions by over 40% by 2025. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 8 October 2021.](#)

**ARE COUNTRIES PROVIDING ENOUGH TO THE \$100 BILLION CLIMATE FINANCE GOAL?** In 2009, developed countries committed to jointly mobilize \$100 billion annually in climate finance by 2020 to support developing countries in reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. [Julie Bos, Lorena Gonzalez & Joe Thwaites, WRI, 7 October 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.](#)

**TIGER BRANDS PLATES4DAYS HELPS RELIEVE HUNGER AMONGST STUDENTS IN NEED AT UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA** Tiger Brands' university food and nutrition programme, Plates4Days, has teamed up with the University of Pretoria's (UP) Student Nutrition and Progress Programme (SNAPP) to support the daily nutritional needs of 500 students enrolled at the University for the next year. [Tiger Brands, 13 October 2021.](#)

**HOLLARD WINS CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE ACCOLADES AT THE 2021 ASK AFRIKA ORANGE INDEX AWARDS** Hollard's purpose is to enable more people to create and secure a better future, and it acknowledges the importance of treating everyone with care and dignity in doing so. [BizCommunity, 12 October 2021.](#)

**FNB LEADS INNOVATION WITH THE LAUNCH OF TWO NEW PAYMENTS SOLUTIONS FOR SMEs** As a leader in innovation, FNB continues to invest significantly in creating new platform-based capabilities and solutions to ensure that it stays ahead of changing market dynamics and evolving customer needs. [BusinessTech, 12 October 2021.](#)

**SANLAM INVESTMENTS APPLIES ESG FROM START TO FINISH** Sanlam Investments, a local private equity firm, is applying the environmental, social and governance (ESG) lens from the start of the transaction through to ongoing management practices and eventual sale. [BizCommunity, 11 October 2021.](#)

**COVA ADVISORY TO SPONSOR AND SPEAK AT INAUGURAL NATIONAL ELECTRICITY FORUM ON 19 & 20 OCTOBER 2021** The National Electricity Forum, brought to you by the Manufacturing Circle, will bring together industry leaders and government to find workable solutions to South Africa's electricity crisis. [Cova Advisory, 8 October 2021.](#)

**WORLD FOOD DAY 16 Oct 2021 – CHEF'S CHALLENGE TO RAISE MONEY FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Chefs from seven Sun International properties around the country are taking one another on in a bid to end hunger by raising money for NPO Rise Against Hunger (RAH). [Hospitality Marketplace, October 2021.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS REACHES SUSTAINABLE COTTON MILESTONE** This summer, all the cotton fibre used in Woolworths' private label clothing and home ranges is 100% responsibly sourced, either via Better Cotton or certified organic cotton. [BizCommunity, 7 October 2021.](#)

**ERM JOINS LEADING BUSINESSES CALLING ON G20 TO KEEP 1.5 °C WITHIN REACH** Ahead of the G20 and COP26 summits, ERM joins the We Mean Business Coalition and 600 other leading businesses to call on G20 leaders to keep focus on limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C. [ERM, 5 October 2021.](#)

**BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP (BCG) AT COP26** Addressing the devastating effects of climate change requires a collaborative effort across businesses, governments, and society. [BCG Website.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**STAKEHOLDERS WANT MORE ESG** KPMG South Africa and Business Leadership South Africa released their 2021 CEO Outlook report this week. The report extends on its global survey of CEOs across ten industries, reflecting on their strategies and outlook over the next three years. [InceConnect, 14 October 2021.](#)

**JOBS ALONE DO NOT CREATE EQUALITY OR END POVERTY, SAYS THULI MADONSELA** Thuli Madonsela, the former Public Protector, and now the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice and a law professor at Stellenbosch University, hosted the third annual Social Justice Summit on Monday and Tuesday, gathering academics, civil society activists, legal experts and business people from around the world. [Daily Maverick, 13 October 2021.](#)

**GROWING WOMEN IN MINING TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY** The recent 2021 International Women in Resources Mentoring Programme (IWRMP) was attended by 130 participants from across the world, including mentees, mentors and representatives of sponsor organisations who used the occasion to celebrate the positive impact that the programme has had on their careers and organisations. [BizCommunity, 11 October 2021.](#)

**WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS LTD** has published its latest annual Good Business Journey Report. In this latest version Woolworths provides an update on its new sustainability strategy and goals to 2025 and beyond, as well as an overview of its sustainability performance over the last year. To read more, please download the report [here](#).

**COUNCIL FOR INCLUSIVE CAPITALISM AND WBCSD ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, NATURE LOSS AND MOUNTING INEQUALITIES** The two organizations will work closely together on initiatives that will activate the business community on sustainability planning, ensuring a just energy transition, and the measurement and disclosure of human and social capital criteria. [WBCSD, 6 October 2021](#).

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS TO RECOGNISE ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE** This year, the National Small Business Chamber (NSBC) will mark the 13th anniversary of the South African Small Business Awards. Entries are now open until 15 October 2021. [BizCommunity, 8 September 2021](#).

**#COP26:** The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021 and will act as a critical milestone for Governments to communicate enhanced levels of ambition to tackle the climate challenge. This year's conference will aim to address critical issues such as making coal an energy source of the past, the role of nature in addressing the climate crisis and the need to mobilise climate finance to accelerate the transition towards a net zero economy. [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: **“Collaboration is Mission Critical to Successful City Climate Action”**, [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 **September 2021 Newsletter**, [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 **“Net-Zero Transition – Latest Signals of Change (08.10.21)”**, [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 **Publication** entitled, **“Value framework for sustainable charging infrastructure”**, [here](#).

## NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

**ONLINE JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS REPORT LAUNCH: AFOLU SECTOR DECARBONISATION AND THE ROLE OF GAS FOR A JUST TRANSITION REPORTS | Tuesday, 2 November 2021 | 10:00 to 12:00 |** The Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) chapter explores measures and impacts of the transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient AFOLU sector, while the Gas report focuses on understanding the role of gas in South Africa's decarbonisation journey. [Further details and Zoom registration link](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: ONLINE 2021 ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP EVENT | Tuesday 23 to Wednesday, 24 November 2021 |** The details of the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Stewardship Event: Water Stewardship in Action – A Journey to Recovery** will be published shortly. For further information, please contact: [Alex McNamara](#).

## ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2021

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT TO HOST VIRTUAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AHEAD OF GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE TALKS | 15 October 2021 | 14:00 to 16:00** | The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Ms Barbara Creecy is hosting a virtual National Stakeholder Consultation on South Africa's Position for Conference of Parties (COP26) to be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom. [Details and registration link.](#)

**GIBS: MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE | 19 October 2021 | 12:00 to 13:00** | Join GIBS for a timely live virtual conversation on mental health in the workplace. There is consensus that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the mental health situation in South Africa and across the globe. [GIBS website.](#)

**VIRTUAL THE ELECTRICITY FORUM: MANUFACTURING OUR FUTURE | 19 & 20 October 2021** | The Manufacturing Circle and the Industrial Development Corporation invite you to be part of the first ever Electricity Forum, which will interrogate our energy situation, its many challenges and its many opportunities, to devise real, meaningful solutions in four sessions. [Registration link and additional information.](#)

**WBCSD COP26 OCTOBER MEMBER BRIEFING SESSIONS | 20 & 26 October 2021** | WBCSD and We Mean Business Coalition will be hosting a series of regular briefings in the run up to Glasgow for members. The briefings will provide an update on our plans in the Business Pavilion in the Blue Zone, the latest intelligence about the COP, and useful information about logistics on the ground. [WBCSD website.](#)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.](#)

**USB CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES 2021: THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW OF ETHICAL LEADERSHIP | 28 October 2021 | 09:30 to 11:00 CAT** | How conscious leaders create the most value for society, while still maintaining moral values. [Registration link.](#)

**COP26 | UNITING THE WORLD TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE | 31 October to 12 November 2021 | Glasgow, UK** | The 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is seen as a critical moment on the way to achieving the necessary level of climate action. COP26 will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. [UNFCCC official website for COP26.](#)

**SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CARBON FOOTPRINTING ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 24 to 26 November 2021** | This course will focus on the carbon footprints of organisations in particular, including the tools and methods which can be applied to any entity. You will learn to look at the environmental disclosure of a company and gain insight about the company's strategy and pitfalls in the same sense that you would have gained when looking at the company's financial statements. [Details here.](#)

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