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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

ABB SOUTH AFRICA has been a valued member of the NBI since 1997. In addition to this commitment, ABB has participated in a number of NBI programmes over the years through collective action, working towards economic and social transformation.

Chesney Bradshaw, ABB's Sustainability Manager shares his thoughts on the value add of being part of the NBI membership movement: [#NBIMemberMonday](#).

THE CALL FOR GREATER AMBITION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE Outcomes of Climate Week NYC 2019 and the UNSG Summit Read NBI's latest News Update, [here](#).

PAYING WOMEN FAIRLY IS GOOD FOR SOCIETY AND THE ECONOMY The National Business Initiative's (NBI's) [Report](#) on

Gender Equity in the Workplace explores the global and national context of the pay gap, the drivers of pay disparity in South African workplaces and key interventions that need to be made in addressing the issue. This Report sought to understand the multifaceted nature of the pay gap by broadening the scope of contributing factors to this global phenomenon. Read NBI's latest Newsflash, [here](#).

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS TO FAST-TRACK SERVICE DELIVERY IN GOVERNMENT The TAMDEV Initiative (Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development) is one of the commitments made by Business following the Presidential Jobs Summit in October 2018. The Initiative is an intervention whereby experienced individuals assist in the improvement of service delivery by participating in the execution and support of potential solutions with the aim to strengthen the capacity. [View details here](#).

BUSINESS LEADERS RECENTLY PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FINANCE MINISTER'S ECONOMIC PLAN TO BOOST GROWTH The CEO Initiative gathered to show their pledge to the national imperative for higher levels of inclusive growth as a basis for fiscal sustainability. [CEO Initiative, 20 September 2019](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



WHY PEOPLE SHOULD BE AT THE HEART OF SUSTAINABILITY GOALS Last week, world leaders convened for the 74th United Nations General Assembly to review the progress in implementing the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. [Constance Agyeman, GreenBiz, 2 October 2019](#).

"BUSINESS NEEDS TO DO WHAT IT DOES BEST: TO INNOVATE AND SET UP ACTION PLANS TO GET TO A 1.5 DEGREE WORLD" In late September 2019, leaders from a broad range of sectors and geographies gathered in New York around the opening of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). [WBCSD, 2 October 2019](#).

SA IN TOP 3 BIODIVERSE NATIONS South Africa is one of the world's top three mega-biodiverse nations, along with Brazil and Indonesia. [BizCommunity, 2 October 2019](#).

SANEDI RECEIVES \$100 000 FROM 1 MILLION COOL ROOFS CHALLENGE The South African National Energy Development

Institute (SANEDI) is one of ten global teams awarded a \$100 000 grant by the Million Cool Roofs Challenge to deploy solar reflective coating and/or materials between August 2019 and December 2020. [Engineering News, 2 October 2019.](#)

THIS IS WHAT CEOs AROUND THE WORLD SEE AS THE BIGGEST RISKS TO BUSINESS One of the many points of interest in this year's Regional Risks to Doing Business Report, published today, is the clear difference between what business leaders in advanced economies are worried about, versus their counterparts in emerging-market countries. [Richard Smith-Bingham, WEF 1 October 2019.](#)

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION KEY FOR SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY It is estimated that the global population will reach 9.8 billion people by 2050, demanding 70% more food than is consumed today. [Wessel Lemmer, Agri Portal South Africa, 1 October 2019.](#)

HOW VC CAN HELP MORE WOMEN GET AHEAD At current rates of progress, equality in the U.S. is still 208 years away, according to the World Economic Forum. Venture capital can help bend that curve because it's designed to reject linear growth and focus on exponential scale. [Rebecca Kaden, HBR, 1 October 2019.](#)

DUCHESS OF SUSSEX AND ACU ANNOUNCE NEW GENDER GRANTS FOR SA UNIVERSITIES Her Royal Highness (HRH) the Duchess of Sussex, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) in partnership with the British Council convened a high-level roundtable discussion on gender equality and women's empowerment in Higher Education at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) Kingsway campus on October 01 2019. [University of Johannesburg, 1 October 2019.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



NEDBANK TARGETS MILLENNIALS WITH MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME Uses rewards to encourage the young to save and manage debt. [Moneyweb, 3 October 2019.](#)

DISCOVERY TARGETS MENTAL HEALTH WITH REWARDS PLAN If successful, could be rolled out globally. [Moneyweb, 3 October 2019.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN CEO CUTIFANI INDUCTED INTO MINING HALL OF FAME Anglo American CEO Mark Cutifani has been inducted into Joburg Indaba's South Africa mining hall of fame in recognition of his contribution to the industry. [IOL Business, 2 October 2019.](#)

SMART SHOPPER NAMED SA'S FAVOURITE LOYALTY PROGRAMME FOR SEVEN YEARS RUNNING Pick n Pay's Smart Shopper loyalty programme has been named South Africa's favourite loyalty programme for yet another year. [IOL Business, 2 October 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK SCOOPS 9 AWARDS AT SIBOS CONFERENCE Standard Bank Group, Africa's largest bank by assets, has received a total of nine industry awards from Global Finance, presented on the side-lines of the annual 2019 SIBOS conference held in London. [IOL Business, 1 October 2019.](#)

IPO FOR ENGEN PLANNED FOR 2020 Petrolim Nasional BHd and its South African partners plan to conduct an initial public offering in their fuel retailer Engen to fund the upgrade of a refinery in the coastal city of Durban and to expand its network of gas stations. [Moneyweb, 1 October 2019.](#)

SA MINE EARNINGS AT FIVE-YEAR HIGH – PWC PwC's latest SA Mine report shows a mining sector in its best shape in five years, helped by a weak rand and recovering commodity prices. [Moneyweb, 30 September 2019.](#)

ENTRIES OPEN FOR REVAMPED 2020 SASOL SOLAR CHALLENGE The 2020 Sasol Solar Challenge (SSC) is officially open for entries. [Engineering News, 25 September 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK SIGNS UP TO UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL Africa's biggest bank by value, Standard Bank, has joined Absa and the Land Bank to become founding signatories of the Principles for Responsible Banking to align their businesses with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Channel Africa, 25 September 2019.](#)

SASOL RESPONSE TO COOPERATIVE AND POLICY ALTERNATIVE CENTER (COPAC) AND SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY CAMPAIGN (SAFSC) Sasol is firmly committed to playing our part in transitioning to a lower-carbon economy. We support the Paris Agreement goal and South Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution. [African Petrochemicals, 25 September 2019.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



SAICA: REPORTING ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING Most successful and innovative organisations today make employee health and wellbeing a key focus of their business strategies. [View report here.](#)

A 10-YEAR WASTE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION ROADMAP FOR SOUTH AFRICA 2015 - 2025 The Waste RDI Roadmap is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) aimed at guiding South Africa's public and private sector investment in waste research, development and innovation (RDI) over the next 10 years (2015 - 2025). [Download the report here.](#)

BRAND SOUTH AFRICA IS SET TO HOST ITS FOURTH ANNUAL NATION BRAND FORUM Under the theme; 'Reviving South Africa's Nation Brand identity and narrative'. The Nation Brand Forum is set to be hosted on the 10th October 2019. [BizCommunity, 30 September 2019.](#)

WBCSD SUPPORTS NEW COALITION OF 17 GLOBAL LEADERS JOINING FORCES TO DELIVER THE SDGS 17 global companies representing over USD \$500 billion in revenue and 900,000 employees announced a new coalition called the "[Business Avengers](#)" to highlight the crucial role businesses play in hitting the targets of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. [WBCSD, 25 September 2019.](#)

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE OCEAN AND CRYOSPHERE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE The IPCC approved and accepted *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* at its 51st Session held on 20 – 23 September 2019. The approved Summary for Policymakers (SPM) was presented at a press conference on 25 September 2019. [Download the report.](#)

CORPORATE REPORTING DIALOGUE SHOWS HIGH LEVEL OF ALIGNMENT BETWEEN MAJOR GLOBAL REPORTING FRAMEWORKS ON TCFD RECOMMENDATIONS The Corporate Reporting Dialogue – an initiative bringing together the major standard setters and framework providers globally – released a [report](#) showing high levels of alignment between the frameworks on the basis of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations.

NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS WILL PLAY VITAL ROLE IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE EMPHASIZES NEW REPORT The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the Nature4Climate (N4C) coalition launched "[Natural climate solutions: the business perspective](#)", a guide to natural climate solutions for the private sector.

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 18 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **Press Release** entitled, "**CDP and ACEEE Announce New Partnership to Streamline Collection of City Energy 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 **September 2019 Water Stewardship News & Updates**, [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 Press release, entitled: "**87 major companies lead the way towards a 1.5°C future at UN Climate Action Summit**", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is a global, 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 **Newsletter**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY LOW CARBON ECONOMIC TRANSITION SCENARIOS IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELATED GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRENDS | Wednesday, 9 October 2019 | FutureSpace IAC, 96

Rivonia Road, Sandton | The transition to global net-zero economies by 2050 is underway and accelerating. Business needs to engage in these conversations or risk undermining their competitiveness. We need to understand the risk, how planning is done by government and what role business could or should play. Join us for an exclusive, member only event where we share an update on the NBI's research and an overview of government planning processes. In addition, we will deal with the complexity of a Just Transition in the context of transition ambition as well as discuss the need to support government in enhancing the detail and ambition in the NDCs and LEDS, in the build up to COP26 in 2020. RSVP [here](#).

5TH ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel
Johannesburg |

'**Strengthening the water value chain through partnership**' is the topic for this year's by invitation-only event, which brings together representatives from the public and private sector, municipalities, banking institutions and civil society. No value chain

is stronger than its weakest link. But can a weak link be strengthened through partnerships? This is the question that will guide the cross learning during the day's events, which will feature dynamic examples of collaborative governance through partnerships and practical case studies and success stories. The learning event will also provide a platform for dialogue amongst relevant partners from public, private and civil society sectors where alternative water and sanitation service solutions can be fostered, lessons shared and scalability in the South African context explored. [Click here to register.](#)

TLS: ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION | MEASURING THE IMPACT | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Workshop 17 Watershed, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town | In our South African context of high inequality, poverty and increasing unemployment, the ability to create an inclusive economy is fundamental in driving social and economic transformation. We urgently need collaborative responses and action to change the trajectory towards a more stable, equitable and sustainable society. This requires a real commitment to the development, support and growth of the SME sector that continues to face major challenges in our economy. The purpose of this Thought Leadership dialogue is to grapple with these challenges, and to explore practical and implementable solutions through a case study. Growthpoint's initiative Property Point recently released a [Development Impact Report](#) that assesses the economic impact of programmes in supporting and growing SMEs over 10 years of operating. The insights from the report highlight the importance of measuring and evaluating interventions to ensure real impact and change.

Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to attend this session taking place in Cape Town.

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR'S OUTLOOK ON BRAND SOUTH AFRICA | Wednesday, 23 October 2019 | The Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Hotel | **What can the South African economy learn about South African brands?** According to the latest Brand Finance South Africa annual report, the growth of South African brands consistently outpace the South African GDP. It is a fascinating phenomenon that needs further analysis. Join us for this engagement as we explore and take stock of the economy through the eyes of the investor, whilst also exchanging information on the on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. Please RSVP [here](#) if you would like to attend this event.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



WINDABA: SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER WIND ENERGY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION | 8 to 9 October 2019 | Cape Town International Convention Centre | The 9th annual Windaba Conference and Exhibition will once again be proudly brought to

you by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) in proud partnership with the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) under the theme "Unleashing renewable power for African development". [WINDABA Website](#)

HR INDABA AFRICA | 16 to 17 October 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | HR Indaba Africa is the biggest HR conference and expo of its kind in Africa. Don't miss the chance to network, learn and build your career with 3,000 of your peers across different industries. View the [programme](#). [Book tickets now](#).

CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 21 to 24 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: 21 October; **SA Carbon Tax Requirements:** 22 October; **GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2):** 23 to 24 October. Offered jointly by ESS and Water Energy Carbon Consulting. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 29 October 2019 | IMBEWU's offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg | IMBEWU's Environmental Law Update Workshop is SACNASP accredited (one CPD point) and will cover the key developments in environmental legislation in 2018 and 2019, including amendments to, and new regulations promulgated. To book, email the [booking form](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za) to lulu@imbewu.co.za or call us on 011 214 0660.

5TH AFRICA WOMEN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM (AWIEF) | 29 to 30 October 2019 | Cape Town International Conference Centre | Join us for the annual AWIEF conference, exhibition and awards, a unique platform where our community of women entrepreneurs and innovators from across the African continent and its diaspora, global partners, thought leaders, industry experts, policy makers, investors, academics, development organisations, and the media, gather together over two days for invaluable dialogue and learning, impactful networking and relationship-building opportunities. [Website](#).

IN CONVERSATION WITH NOLITHA FAKUDE | 30 October 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | Anglo American appointed Nolitha Fakude as chair of its management board with effect from September. She joined the group management committee of Anglo American as Group Director – South Africa. Nolitha has also just published a book, *Boardroom Dancing*, she chats to Professor Nicola Kleyn, dean of GIBS, about her new role, career and book. [GIBS Website](#).

LANDFILL MANAGEMENT 101 COURSE | 11 to 12 November 2019 | Diep in die Berg Conference Centre, Pretoria | For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

GREENBIZ WEBCAST: HOW BUSINESS IS TAKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE | 8 October 2019 | Climate change is one of the world's most pressing challenges, and AT&T believes businesses can be part of the solution. Climate Change will impact all business, including their employees and customers. [Register here for webcast](#).

2019 C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT | 9 to 12 October 2019 | Copenhagen, Denmark | The C40 World Mayors Summit will

feature innovative events, plenary sessions, breakout sessions, press conferences and cultural activities, serving as a unique forum for member cities to present the **innovative** actions they have taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience. [C40 Website](#).

GREENBIZ WEBCAST: KEY ACCELERATORS TO ACHIEVING A ZERO-CARBON FUTURE | 15 October 2019 | The universal, heightened focus on Climate Action has businesses and governments splashing our social feeds with their promise to evolve to carbon neutrality. [Register for webcast here](#).

ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP (AWS) WEBINARS FOR AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST | 15 & 31 October 2019 | Please join us to learn about the application of the AWS Standard Version 2.0. Register for either one of the webinars or both, to learn the full scope of the Standard and how to practically apply it. The AWS Standard is the only comprehensive global benchmark for responsible water stewardship which provides guidance to major water users seeking to assure responsible water governance, balance, quality, and healthy water-related sites and values. The Standard can be implemented by water users whether industrial, agricultural or commercial business as a framework to evaluate water-related risk and implement effective water stewardship practices. [Register here for both](#).

VERGE: THE PLATFORM FOR ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ECONOMY | 22 to 24 October 2019 | California, US | The VERGE 19 conference and expo is the platform for companies, cities and communities accelerating the clean economy. Join more than 3,000 leaders — from the private and public sectors, utilities, solution providers, NGOs and startups — to explore scalable, cross-cutting solutions and to advance the most dynamic and influential markets driving a sustainable future. [GreenBiz Website](#).

COP25 | Santiago de Chile, Chile | 2 to 13 December 2019 | The Santiago Climate Change Conference will take place in Parque Bicentenario Cerrillos in Santiago de Chile, Chile from 2 to 13 December. [Official Website](#).



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