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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

SAREIT, PROPERTY POINT PARTNER TO SUPPORT SMMES The SA Reit Association (SAREit) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Property Point with the aim of further supporting SMMEs within the property sector. [BizCommunity, 12 May 2021.](#)

GROWING TOWNSHIP ECONOMIES: A KEY OPPORTUNITY FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT How do we grow the demand for skills and jobs in Township Economies? It is critical to support and develop township enterprises so as to grow economic activity and unlock employment/self-employment opportunities. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, [here](#).

BRICS SOLUTIONS FOR SDGS AWARDS 2021 The South Africa Chapter of the BRICS Business Council, in partnership with the National Business Initiative, is delighted to invite South African companies and organisations to participate in the global BRICS Solutions for SDGs Awards 2021, recently launched by the India Chapter, who are in the Chair of the BRICS platforms for 2021. [Further information.](#)

CDP 2021 DISCLOSURE WORKSHOP SERIES It is that time of year again – the CDP 2021 Disclosure Workshop Series starts this month. [NBI NewsFlash, 6 May 2021.](#)

EXPANDING INCLUSIVE ENTRY PATHWAYS INTO THE GREEN ECONOMY The NBI recently released a Strategic Note capturing the achievements and lessons from the first iteration of our Installation, Repair & Maintenance (IRM) partnership, including implications for establishing more inclusive pathways into the green economy. View Strategic Note [here](#).

JOANNE YAWITCH: CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY: DEMYSTIFYING THE JUST TRANSITION Beyond its environmental components, addressing climate change is about economic competitiveness and opportunity. [Africa Business Communities, 5 May 2021.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

KEY SUMMITS PAVE WAY TO GLASGOW CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE A series of high-level events convened ahead of the Glasgow Climate Change Conference (COP26) in an effort to build momentum for successful negotiations and to catalyze efforts towards the net-zero transition and more ambitious action on climate adaptation, resilience, and finance, among others. [IISD, 12 May 2021.](#)

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS URGED TO ACCELERATE CLIMATE ACTION AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES OF NET ZERO COP26 President-Designate, Alok Sharma, will call on businesses around the world to take action to address climate change as the Business 7 Summit convenes later today. [Gov.UK: Press Release, 10 May 2021.](#)

BUSINESS NEEDS JOB CREATION URGENCY AMID TRANSITION TO A LOWER-CARBON ECONOMY, PWC SAYS A transition to a lower-carbon economy is occurring rapidly around the world and is critical for South Africa. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 11 May 2021.](#)

WHAT IS 'COOPETITION' AND HOW CAN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HELP? Businesses have an important role to play in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Yunzhong Cheng, WEF, 6 May 2021.](#)

HOW TO CLOSE THE GENDER GAP Most companies say they're committed to advancing women into leadership roles. What they may fail to recognize, though, is that systemic barriers are holding women back. [Colleen Ammerman & Boris Groysberg, HBR Magazine, May – June 2021.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

WHAT NBI MEMBER COMPANIES ARE DOING 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.](#)

HELPING RESTORE SOUTH AFRICA'S FORESTS IS TARGET OF LATEST PICK N PAY REUSABLE BAG Leading up to World Environment Day 2021 on 5 June, Pick n Pay has launched its latest 100% reusable RPET bag featuring some of South Africa's most beautiful and iconic trees, designed to bring visibility and awareness to the country's important forest ecosystems and the preservation of these. [Pick n Pay, 12 May 2021.](#)

JSE-LISTED GROWTHPOINT PROPERTIES LAUNCHES FIRST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN KZN An exciting new residential development, above La Lucia Mall, has been released in KwaZulu-Natal to satisfy the fast-growing demand for residential property in the area. [IOL Business, 11 May 2021.](#)

EXXARO'S GROUP CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIALIST, DR LERATO KHUMALO, APPOINTED AS VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE INDUSTRY TASK TEAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE As one of South Africa's largest mining companies and a proud corporate citizen, Exxaro Resources is committed to contributing positively towards addressing one of the world's most pressing issues: climate change. [EXXARO, 11 May 2021.](#)

VODACOM PARTNERS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION TO TACKLE SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN SA Vodacom has partnered with the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to place twenty psycho-social professionals in their Schools of Excellence (SoE) across the country. The initiative, which is aimed at reducing the scourge of violence plaguing schools in this country, is a huge milestone for Vodacom in the fight against gender-based violence in South Africa. [Vodacom, 10 May 2021.](#)

OPPORTUNITY FOR BLACK INVESTORS TO OWN SHARES IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST BREWER The South African Breweries (SAB) has launched SAB Zenzele Kabili, a broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) scheme which will give platform for investors to own a stake in Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev), the world largest brewer. [Transform SA, 7 May 2021.](#)

MONDI'S STRONG PERFORMANCE DRIVEN BY SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING, E-COMMERCE Strong demand, supported by paper manufacturer Mondi's range of innovative and sustainable packaging solutions alongside higher average containerboard selling prices, as well as strong cost control measures continued to support the company's performance in the first quarter of this year. [Engineering News, 6 May 2021.](#)

WILD COAST SUN SPRUCES UP TRAUMA CENTRE Wild Coast Sun, Sun International's only beachfront resort recently formed a partnership to assist victims of violent crimes get the care they need in a friendly environment. [Sun International, 29 April 2021.](#)

HEALTHCARE CONTROL TOWERS – THE ADVANCEMENT OF CLOUD-BASED, REAL-TIME TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAINS IN AFRICA A significant focus for the healthcare industry in Africa is improving the quality and reliability of the supply chain. [Imperial, 21 April 2021.](#)

A GROWING MARKET FOR GREEN FINANCE Climate change is no longer a future threat. The associated risks have already had a devastating impact on the financial sector. [Norton Rose Fulbright, April 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

EXPLORING THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES IN THE CONTEXT OF GROWING BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION On 29 April 2021, the Geneva Centre for Business and Human Rights (GCBHR), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) hosted a joint online discussion, exploring how voluntary, collaborative initiatives can complement mandatory human rights due diligence legislation. [WBCSD, 11 May 2021.](#)

TWO NEW GBV SHELTERS OPENED ON THE WEST COAST In an effort to better cater for vulnerable women and children, the Department of Social Development (DSD) has unveiled two new gender-based violence shelters on the West Coast. [IOL, 10 May 2021.](#)

WBCSD: NEW GUIDE EMPHASIZES SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AS KEY BUSINESS STRATEGY TO A SUSTAINABLE WORLD OF WORK Skills strategies for a sustainable world of work: a guide for Chief Human Resources Officers is the result of a collaboration between WBCSD and the Global Apprenticeship Network (GAN Global), a leading organization in the promotion of work-based learning to empower people and businesses, to develop this report. [WBCSD, 22 April 2021.](#)

SARS 2021 EMPLOYER FILING SEASON: USE OF MULTIPLE CHANNELS FOR A SIMILAR SUBMISSION Employers must submit their annual and interim EMP501 Reconciliation/s for a specific period through only one channel. If an employer elects to submit the EMP501 Reconciliation through e@syFile for period August 2020, the employer cannot revise the submission through eFiling, or vice versa. However, the employer has the option to elect a different submission channel for the next filing period. Please contact: [Karin Smit](#) for further information.

CALL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS TO APPLY FOR THE 2021/22 BARLOWORLD MBEWU INTAKE Social entrepreneurs are invited to submit their entries for consideration for incubation to the second leg of a Barloworld flagship entrepreneurial programme known as Mbewu. The entries for the 2021/2022 programme **close on 14 May 2021.** [Barloworld, 14 April 2021.](#)

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 **Media Release** entitled: “Finance sector’s funded emissions over 700 times greater than its own”, [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 **May 2021 Newsletter**, [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** entitled: Zero-Carbon Transition – Latest signals of change (07.05.21), [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 **Insight Article** entitled: “What skills strategies for the new world of work?”, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

DEVELOPING DECARBONISATION PATHWAYS FOR INDUSTRY TO INFORM A JUST TRANSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA ALIGNED TO NET ZERO BY 2050 | Wednesday, 19 May 2021 | 14:00 to 17:30 Via Zoom | The NBI and IDDRI are working to support individual businesses and sectors in exploring what deep decarbonisation pathways could look like for heavy emitting industries and value chains in South Africa and globally and are hosting an interactive session and knowledge sharing between South African and EU experts. [Further details and Zoom registration link](#).

NBI ONLINE LAUNCH OF TRANSFORMATION BLUEPRINT FOR SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES | Wednesday, 26 May 2021 | 11:00 - 12:30 Via Microsoft Teams | The NBI invites you to join us as we officially launch our Transformation Blueprint, unpack key terms and explore important insights from both employee experiences as well as organisational reviews. [Further details and registration link](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

SA UBUNTU FOUNDATION: AFRICA'S POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY WITH NICKY WEIMAR, NEDBANK CHIEF ECONOMIST | 21 May 2021 | 11:00 to 12:00 | The world as we know it has changed fundamentally since Covid-19 took it by storm, just over a year ago. Join us and the Chief Economist, Nicky Weimar for an informative discussion in which we will unpack the **shape** of Africa’s post-pandemic recovery. [Details and registration link](#).

TRIALOGUE WEBINAR: CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | 27 May 2021 | 09:30 to 10:30 | During this Triologue CSI Webinar we will unpack corporate responsibility in ensuring broad and equitable access to, and preservation of, clean water and sanitation. Hear from Rand Water and other corporates about what they are doing to affect change in this space, and be inspired to reflect on how best you can leverage your resources to do the same. [Zoom registration link](#).

GREENBIZ WEBINAR: INTEGRATING ESG INTO BUSINESS STRATEGY: LESSONS FROM THE LEADERS | 27 May 2021 | 13:00 to 14:00 ET | The pandemic has altered the way companies think about ESG. This new wave of momentum and compelling evidence from the market response have propelled an increase in ESG investing, along with the growth of ESG reporting and disclosure. [Details and registration link](#).

ONLINE GREENBIZ EVENT: ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 15 to 17 June 2021 | The circular economy is a bold vision for tomorrow — and today — empowering leaders across industries and communities to increase resilience, mitigate climate risk and unlock new business opportunities. [GreenBiz Website](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2021 | 22 to 24 June 2021 | Responsible business consultancy Trialogue, in collaboration with corporate partners and sponsors, will present the 14th annual interactive virtual platform. The conference, aligned with global focus, will explore corporate and non-profit responsibility in helping to build a more equitable, inclusive, and greener society. We will also consider how a more lasting social compact between government, business and civil society can be forged. Visit the Trialogue [conference page](#) to view the sessions and speakers, purchase tickets and obtain a group discount.

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CARBON FOOTPRINTING ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 23 to 25 June 2021 | This course will focus on the carbon footprints of organisations in particular, but also 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. [Further information and registration.](#)

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