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

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN DRIVING PLANNED, AS OPPOSED TO AUTONOMOUS, ADAPTATION? Watch the following video to find out about the importance of private equity in adaptation funding from Metier's, Mike Goldblatt: [Click here to view](#). [#NBIAdaptation](#)

NBI GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP CALL-FOR-PARTICIPATION The National Business Initiative (NBI) would like to extend an invitation to interested NBI member organisations to participate in our **Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Working Group**. The Working Group will develop a deep understanding of the systemic challenges that contribute to GBV with the aim of implementing collective action responses that will contribute to the eradication of GBV. To participate or for more information please contact: [Bridgette Mdangayi](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The NBI is seeking a service provider to deliver Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Training through the **Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative**. For more information and the full terms of reference, kindly click [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

THE HIDDEN DOWNSIDE TO OCEAN DATA AND HOW TO MAKE IT MORE SUSTAINABLE Scientists and planners are increasingly turning to digital technology to save the ocean. [European Business Review, 15 April 2021](#).

GETTING TO NET-ZERO BY 2050: TWO INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVES ON ACHIEVING ONE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT GOAL The United States is back in the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Biden administration is aiming for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. [Gretchen Watkins and Bob Perciasepe, GreenBiz, 13 April 2021.](#)

WANT TO CREATE 5 MILLION GREEN JOBS? INVEST IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN CITIES "Public transportation is more than just a way to move people around. It's a vehicle for opportunity, equity, and a better quality of life." [Lin Taylor, Thomson Reuters Foundation/WEF, 12 April 2021.](#)

BLSA COMMENDS STEPS TAKEN TO ADVANCE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, SAYS MORE TO BE DONE Business Leadership South Africa CEO Busi Mavuso cautions that while business owners, leaders and CEOs may criticise government for maladministration, it ought to be remembered that government is a large and complex organisation with over two-million employees and a budget of R1.8-trillion. [Donna Slater, Engineering News, 12 April 2021.](#)

BACK TO THE FUTURE: RESUMING THE LONG-TERM AGENDA FOR BUSINESS For most business leaders, the past year has been defined by a laser focus on navigating the COVID-19 crisis. [Martin Reeves and Kevin Whitaker, BCG, 6 April 2021.](#)

A JUST TRANSITION TO A ZERO-CARBON WORLD IS POSSIBLE. HERE'S HOW. The global shift to a green economy could create 18 million jobs, with the potential to provide high-quality employment and livelihoods around the world. [Leah Lazer, WRI, 6 April 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.](#)

ANGLO AMERICAN SECURES 100% RENEWABLES ACROSS ITS SOUTH AMERICAN OPERATIONS Diversified miner Anglo American has delivered on its commitment to source 100% renewable energy for all its operations in Brazil, Chile and Peru. [Engineering News, 15 April 2021.](#)

SASOL, TOYOTA PARTNER IN HYDROGEN MOBILITY CORRIDOR PROJECT SASOL and Toyota South Africa have partnered to develop a hydrogen mobility corridor as hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles gain traction globally. [FIN24, 14 April 2021.](#)

WOOLWORTHS EXPANDS PLASTIC BAG FREE STORES TO THESE 52 LOCATIONS Retailer Woolworths says it will scrap single-use plastics at 52 additional stores in Gauteng, the Western Cape and the North West, as part of its campaign to make all its packaging reusable or recyclable – by the end of April. [BusinessTech, 13 April 2021.](#)

#BEHINDTHEBRANDMANAGER: THOBILE TSHABALALA, HEAD OF BRAND AT OLD MUTUAL Old Mutual recently launched a new campaign called #Sisonke, to help changemakers make a greater difference in their community. [BizCommunity, 13 April 2021.](#)

EIGHT WAYS AECI IS SHAPING A BETTER WORLD OF FOOD SECURITY AECI is shaping a better world of food security through a bold, new purpose-led strategy and vision. [AECI, 11 April 2021.](#)

MITCHELL'S PLAIN SCHOOL GETS A KITCHEN MAKEOVER FROM 5-STAR HOTEL Creating a positive environment for learning makes all the difference, as learners and teachers at Portland Secondary School have witnessed first-hand. [Sun International, 9 April 2021.](#)

ABSA LAUNCHES CLOUD COMPUTING SKILLS INCUBATOR WITH AMAZON WEB SERVICES Absa Group, one of the largest financial service providers in Africa, has launched a cloud incubator initiative in collaboration with Amazon Web Services Inc. (AWS), a leading cloud services provider, to enhance its cloud computing skills across its operations in Africa. [ABSA, 8 April 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WWF SA: URBAN LOCKDOWN LESSONS FOR SOUTH AFRICA: ESSENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE WASTE AND RECYCLING SECTOR WWF South Africa has just published a report on the impact of the pandemic on recycling and the waste sector in our country. Download the report, [here](#).

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](#).

RMB ANNOUNCES 2021 'TALENT UNLOCKED' PROGRAMME Rand Merchant Bank is and has always been a strong believer in the arts. In particular, its primary goal is to help stimulate and directly support the creative economy. [RMB, 6 April 2021](#)

WEF SAYS CLOSING SA'S GENDER PAY GAP WILL TAKE AN EXTRA GENERATION DUE TO COVID-19 Lockdowns and rapid digitalisation have most affected industries in which women are predominantly employed, according to a WEF report. [Business Day, 31 March 2021](#).

CONSULTATION ON ENHANCED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION OF SOUTH AFRICA (SA-NDC) TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) Kindly click [here](#) to access South Africa's updated draft NDC and related discussion documents. You are invited to submit written comments from **1 April to 30 April 2021**: climatesecretariat@environment.gov.za

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 **Blog Article** entitled: "How do carbon offsets fit into a net-zero future?", [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 **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 (09.04.21), [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 **News Article** entitled: "New IAASB guidance helps advance assurance for non-financial reporting", [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

UNPACKING THE JUST TRANSITION IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTEXTS FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF BUSINESS AND LABOUR | Monday, 19 April 2021 | 10:00 - 11:30 SAST | The National Business Initiative (NBI) in partnership with **The B Team** are hosting an exciting new event where we will unpack and compare

interpretations and understandings of the 'Just Transition' in developed and developing country contexts. [Full details and Zoom registration link here.](#)

NBI PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S UPDATED DRAFT NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION | Tuesday, 20 April 2021 | 14:00 - 15:00 | The South African Cabinet recently approved the updated draft **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** for public comment, prior to submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The National Business Initiative (NBI) has completed an evaluation of South Africa's revised NDC and believes that we need to further enhance our ambition. We therefore invite our **member companies** to attend an online event to share our insights and analysis of South Africa's updated NDC and implications for our society and economy. [RSVP here.](#)

UWASP: VIRTUAL PARTNERS PLATFORM MEETING | Thursday, 22 April 2021 | 09:30 - 12:00 | 2021 marks the 5th anniversary of the uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership (UWASP), a collaboration that works to improve water security across the uMhlathuze region of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. [Full details and Zoom registration link here.](#)

ENHANCING NDC AMBITION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION | Wednesday, 28 April 2021 | 10:00 to 12:00 SAST | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and IDDRI invite you to join us for a discussion on perspectives and approaches towards raising NDC globally and at national level in developing country contexts. We will hear from countries like Indonesia, India, Mexico and South Africa and talk about NDC ambition in relation to key elements relevant to developing country contexts such as jobs, the 'Just Transition', competitiveness and inclusive growth. [Full details and Zoom registration link here.](#)

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

VIRTUAL: SOUTH AFRICA GREEN JOBS DIALOGUE SERIES: GREEN JOBS FOR A BETTER FUTURE | 15 April to 10 June 2021 | In 5 webinars that will take place from mid-April to mid-June 2021, different stakeholders from the national and provincial level in South Africa will debate, exchange good practices and raise awareness on enabling policies, job opportunities in specific sectors and prevalent skills gaps and discuss approaches to advance green jobs creation. [Details and registration.](#)

ABSA GROUP LTD. AND GROUP OF THIRTY VIRTUAL DIALOGUE: ROAD TO COP 26: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND AFRICA'S TRANSITION TO NET-ZERO | 19 April 2021 | 15:00 - 16:15 SAST | This virtual event will address both the level of ambition necessary to achieve common climate change goals and the need to ensure inclusive consensus. It will discuss the need for a just transition as climate change goals and policies are designed, implemented, and monitored for their effectiveness, and will look at how governments can finance and deliver a sustainable planet for future generations. [Register here.](#)

WBCSD ANNUAL LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING | 19 to 21 April 2021 | The WBCSD's yearly Liaison Delegate Meeting will bring together virtually sustainability leaders across their members and partners for a unique virtual experience, offering rich insights and world-class networking among participants, using their bespoke event platform. [Register here.](#)

3RD POWER WEEK AFRICA INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE | 20 to 23 April 2021 | Power Week Africa promises valuable insights on a diverse range of topics critical to the African electric power & energy industry today. [Website and details.](#)

CGISA AND TRIALOGUE WEBINAR: INTEGRATED THINKING | 22 April 2021 | 08:30 - 09:30 SAST | Join Trialogue and the Chartered Governance Institute of Southern Africa for a free webinar on integrated thinking! This dynamic webinar will unpack the concept of integrated thinking and provide a pragmatic approach for adoption that encompasses more than just integrated reporting. [Register here.](#)

ONLINE INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on GRI DISCLOSURES (PERFORMANCE INDICATORS) | 4 to 6 May 2021 | For

more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 4 to 20 May 2021 | This online short course programme 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.](#)**

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS (ONLINE) | 11 to 12 May 2021 | Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: **082 395 7582**.

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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