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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

Please note that this will be the last edition of On A Clear Day published in 2021. The NBI would like to wish our readers a relaxing festive season and a prosperous 2022. We will resume with the Newsletter on Thursday, 20 January 2022.

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

MEDIA STATEMENT: BUSINESS LEADERS MUST DECLARE 'ZERO TOLERANCE' FOR GBV Gender-based violence (GBV) should be viewed as a human rights issue by South African companies, who have a vital role to play in eradicating the terrible scourge that is currently gripping our country. [Engineering News, 30 November 2021](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY HANDBOOK 2021: The NBI's [Khanyisa Nomoyi \(she/her\)](#) and [Bridgette Mdangayi](#) wrote a timely article: "**Building a multi-stakeholder approach to eradicating GBV**" which appears on Pages 204-207 of the *Dialogue Business in Society Handbook 2021*. The Handbook can be downloaded for free, [here](#).

COP26 INSIGHTS FROM THE NBI Whether COP26, held in Glasgow (Scotland) in November 2021 can be deemed successful, or not, depends on your perspective. [NBI, 29 November 2021](#).

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) is an annual international campaign that officially kicked off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. "The **National Business initiative (NBI)** undertook to develop a GBV Pathway with the mission to work collectively with Private Sector companies in addressing and challenging GBV, given businesses operate within society and are not immune from experiencing the social issues that continue to plague the country and impair employees' physical and

mental health and well-being” - **Bridgette Mdangayi, NBI’s Programme Manager | Social Transformation.** Click [here](#) to read more about the NBI’s Gender-Based Violence Working Group.

PRESS RELEASE: WATER STEWARDSHIP EVENT HIGHLIGHTS THE JOURNEY TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND A GREEN ECONOMY POST COVID The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the lives and livelihoods of millions in South Africa and around the world. [NBI, 25 November 2021.](#)

ACTIVE OWNERSHIP MUST UNDERPIN SA’S TRANSITION TO NET ZERO Pension funds will mainly drive change as they seek to fulfil the green mandates of individual savers. [Tebogo Naledi, BusinessLIVE, 24 November 2021.](#)

CEO DIALOGUES: NATION BUILDING IN THE TIME OF A CRISIS | HOW DELIBERATE & CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP IS DRIVING THE SOCIAL STATE OF THE NATION The National Business Initiative’s (NBI) CEO Thought Leadership Dialogue Series is an influential virtual platform for engaging business leaders, with the aim of finding viable solutions to complex problems. [NBI, 19 November 2021.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

THE VALUE OF LANDSCAPE AND JURISDICTIONAL APPROACHES TO ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY At COP26 over 140 countries came together to commit to ending deforestation by 2030, a commitment that is essential to ensure the world remains on a pathway of 1.5°C. [Thomas Maddox, CDP, 30 November 2021.](#)

CSIR’S INITIAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY STUDY SHOWS POTENTIAL TO CREATE ECONOMY-WIDE VALUE The initial findings from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research’s (CSIR’s) Science, Technology and Innovation for a Circular Economy (STI4CE) study shows that transitioning to a more circular economy has the potential to create value across all sectors of the economy. [Schalk Burger, Engineering News, 26 November 2021.](#)

FROM 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TO 365 DAYS OF ACTION TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE Every year, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign (25 November — 10 December) inspires people around the world to learn, reflect, and take action to end violence against women. This year, the global campaign marks its 30th year. [UN Women, 24 November 2021.](#)

HOW NATIONAL NET-ZERO TARGETS STACK UP AFTER THE COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT Earlier this year, the UN Secretary-General set clear expectations for November’s two week UN Climate Summit, or COP26, urging all countries to set “clear and credible” net-zero targets. [Clea Schumer, WRI, 18 November 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.](#)

SANTAM NAMES INDUSTRY VETERAN MADZINGA AS CEO Santam on Wednesday named industry veteran Tavaziva Madzinga as its chief executive officer, replacing Lizé Lambrechts who is set to retire. [Moneyweb, 2 December 2021.](#)

ENGEN’S ANDILE FIGHTS GBV THROUGH 16 KM X 16 DAYS INITIATIVE Andile Sibaya is a man on a mission to enrich the lives of those around him. When not performing his technical management duties at the Engen refinery in Durban, Andile is focused on making a positive societal difference. [African Petrochemicals & Energy, 1 December 2021.](#)

SAB LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO ACCELERATE RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION South African Breweries (SAB) has committed to use its scale, reach and expertise to accelerate responsible alcohol consumption through the launch of a new evidence-based platform. [Engineering News, 1 December 2021.](#)

PICK N PAY NAMES TOP SMALL SUPPLIERS FOR 2021 Pick n Pay's Enterprise and Supplier Development programme has announced the winners in its 2021 Small Supplier of the Year awards. [Social TV, 1 December 2021.](#)

COLLABORATION IS KEY TO DELIVER GREEN ECONOMY IN SA, SAYS NEDBANK Efficient collaboration will be key in ensuring South Africa realises the benefits of the green economy, according to Nedbank's green economy CSI strategy webinar, launched last week. [IOL, 30 November 2021.](#)

THE RISE OF THE 'NURSEPRENEUR' SCOOPS PRESTIGIOUS CSI AWARD FOR IMPERIAL LOGISTICS' UNJANI CLINICS Imperial Logistics' Unjani Clinics have been named the winner of the prestigious Trialogue Strategic CSI Award 2021. [BizCommunity, 30 November 2021.](#)

SPAR'S AWARD-WINNING RURAL HUB PROGRAMME GIVING EMERGING FARMERS A LEG UP Spar South Africa's Rural Hub Programme was recently announced as the winner of the Rural and Township Development category at the 2021 Absa Business Day Supplier Development Awards. [BizCommunity, 29 November 2021.](#)

FNB IS THE BEST EMPLOYER BRAND IN SOUTH AFRICA FNB has been voted as the best employer brand on LinkedIn for above 500 employees in the 2021 LinkedIn Talent Awards. [FNB, 23 November 2021.](#)

SASOL AIMS TO BEGIN PRODUCING GREEN HYDROGEN IN SASOLBURG FROM 2023 Energy and chemicals groups Sasol aims to begin producing 6 t/d of green hydrogen at its facility in Sasolburg by 2023, VP for climate change Shamini Harrington reports. [Mining Weekly, 22 November 2021.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S TIGER BRANDS EYES DEAL TO INVEST IN NUTRITION BUSINESS South Africa's largest food producer Tiger Brands is close to clinching a deal with a business closely aligned with its health and nutrition strategy, as the company also warned on price increases. [Reuters, 19 November 2021.](#)

WOOLWORTHS NOW HAS SOLAR-POWERED DELIVERY VANS – SAVING 3,600KG OF CO2 EMISSIONS IN 2 MONTHS Woolworths has introduced electric panel vans, which will run its online delivery services. [Business Insider SA, 11 November 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

B4SA CALLS ON EVERYONE 12 AND OVER TO GET THEIR JABS DURING VOOMA VACCINATION WEEK, 3-10 DECEMBER In an effort to dramatically increase vaccination ahead of a surging fourth wave, and in light of the emergence of the Omicron variant, the Department of Health is running an entire Vooma Vaccination Week from 3 to 10 December. [B4SA, 1 December 2021.](#)

WHAT COMPANIES SHOULD TAKE AWAY FROM COP26 Almost two weeks on from COP26, CDP hosted its first ever COP debrief for companies. [CDP, 1 December 2021.](#)

PRESS RELEASE: NEW UN WOMEN DATA CONFIRMS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN HAS WORSENERD DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC The report launch kicks off the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, from 25 November to 10 December, under the theme, "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!" [UN Women, 24 November 2021.](#)

MEDIA STATEMENT: PLASTICS INDUSTRY RELEASE LATEST RECYCLING FIGURES Plastics SA, the umbrella body representing the local plastics industry, has just released the official plastic recycling stats for the year ending 31 December 2020. [Engineering News, 23 November 2021.](#)

THE COALITION PILOTS SOLUTIONS TO FINANCE THE ENVIRONMENT Healthy, functioning natural environments are the critical foundations for water and food security, human health and economic resilience and biodiversity conservation. They also contribute significantly to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including increasing employment, safeguarding clean water access, protecting vital ecosystem services, and growing the amount of land and oceans under protection. [WWF Nedbank Green Trust, 8 November 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 latest **Press Release**, entitled: **“New approach to tackling deforestation could be the answer to reach 2030 deforestation goals set for COP26”**, [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 the following **Devex Article**, entitled: **“Was COP 26 a win for the WASH sector?”**, [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**, written by **CEO, Maria Mendiluce** entitled: **“The Glasgow Climate Pact for Business: Ambition, Action and Collaboration”**, [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. Download their latest **Publication** entitled: **“Guidance on the assessment of freshwater impacts by food and agriculture sector companies”**, [here.](#)

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2022

Please check the [NBI Website](#) in January 2022.

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

HYBRID EVENT: THE 7TH AFRICA WOMEN INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM CONFERENCE & AWARDS | 2 to 3 December 2021 | With the 2021 theme: **“Advancing inclusive, resilient and sustainable growth in the post-COVID-19 African economy”**, this platform is an international gathering of 1,300+ entrepreneurs, start-ups, thought leaders, policymakers, international development partners, investors, CSOs, academia, and media for dialogue and discussions on issues of women empowerment, entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation in Africa. [AWIEF Website.](#)

LAUNCH WEBINAR: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO CLIMATE STRESS TESTING | 6 December 2021 | 14:00 to 15:00 CET | UNEP FI’s TCFD programme is launching a Comprehensive Good Practice Guide to Climate Stress Testing. The report aims to provide a detailed user guide for financial institutions looking to understand the climate stress testing and develop plans for effectively executing them. [Further information and registration link.](#)

VIRTUAL GLOBAL IMPACT SUMMIT: A GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE IMPACT EVENT FOCUSED ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP | 8 to 9 December 2021 | Over the course of two transformational days, people from all corners of the world will come together as a first-of-its-kind community to identify, catalyze and solve for convergence and impact, and establish practical actions we can all take, right now to create everlasting change and transformation. [Website and further information.](#)

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