

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

THE VALUE OF MENTORS: HUMAN CAPITAL IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY If you were to embark on a journey into uncharted territory, you would probably need a map. In the world of work, there are people who have already made these journeys and in whose footsteps others can follow. Read NBI's latest **Quick Brief**, [here.](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, INTERSEXISM AND TRANSPHOBIA On 17 May 1990, the World Health Organisation (WHO) removed homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases. The day was officially commemorated as the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia as of 17 May 2005. Read NBI's latest **NewsFlash**, [here.](#)

REPORT LAUNCH: UNDERSTANDING THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S APPROACH TO ANTI-CORRUPTION The National Business Initiative (NBI) is excited to announce the launch, on 11 May 2020, of our **Benchmark Report: Understanding the Private Sector's Approach to Anti-Corruption**. Read [here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: WHAT TO SALVAGE FROM COVID-19 Once the Covid-19 pandemic is under control, and the world economy is back on its tracks, the status and fate of the 2030 Agenda, also known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), needs to be reassessed. The year 2020 was supposed to kick-off the Decade of Action. [Abdullah Shibli, IPS, 21 May 2020.](#)

WBCSD AND WASH4WORK RELEASE UPDATED PLEDGE FOR ACCESS TO SAFE WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the WASH4Work coalition this week released an updated Pledge for access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). [WBCSD, 19 May 2020.](#)

OVER 150 GLOBAL CORPORATIONS URGE WORLD LEADERS FOR NET-ZERO RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 155 companies — with a combined market capitalization of over US\$ 2.4 trillion and representing over 5 million employees — have signed a statement urging governments around the world to align their COVID-19 economic aid and recovery efforts with the latest climate science. [Science Based Targets initiative, the UN Global Compact, and the We Mean Business coalition, 19 May 2020.](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY A KEY COMPONENT OF SA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY It is expected that the energy demand will start ramping up as the country eases the lockdown and additional energy capacity will be required. Therefore, the government should take measures to stimulate demand by moving decisively to electrify the economy. [BizCommunity, 19 May 2020.](#)

PLANNED MOVE TO LEVEL 3 LOCKDOWN POSITIVE, BUT LONGER-TERM FORESIGHT URGENTLY NEEDED The National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) reports that its constituencies are working sectorally and collectively to migrate South Africa to Level 3 of the national lockdown. [Donna Slater, Engineering News, 18 May 2020.](#)

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.](#)

AECI PROVIDES WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HAMMANSKRAAL COMMUNITIES AECI has established a 'filling station' for the City of Tshwane to supply 40 000 ℓ of safe drinking water to the water-stressed Hammanskraal community amid the Covid-19 pandemic. [Engineering News, 21 May 2020.](#)

NEDBANK LAUNCHES AVO, ITS NEW E-COMMERCE "SUPER APP" Nedbank has revealed its new digital platform Avo. Described as a "super app", Avo will provide customers with access to online shopping and other essential services from a variety of merchants. [BizCommunity, 19 May 2020.](#)

5 NEW THINGS YOU CAN DO ON STANDARD BANK'S UPGRADED APP – INCLUDING STOP ORDERS Standard Bank says it has launched significant improvements to its mobile banking app. [BUSINESSTECH, 19 May 2020.](#)

OLD MUTUAL CELEBRATES 175TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH LAUNCH OF AFRICA'S DIGITAL CLASSROOM Old Mutual is celebrating its 175th anniversary by expanding its African footprint with the launch of an online platform called Africa's Digital Classroom. [IOL Business, 18 May 2020.](#)

ENGEN, AGRI SA LEND A HELPING HAND TO SA'S FARMERS Engen has partnered with Agri SA to help drive contributions to their Drought Aid Fund, which ensures that farms remain in production and that jobs and food security are protected [BizCommunity, 14 May 2020.](#)

BCG FEATURED INSIGHTS MAY 2020 [Read here.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

NEDBANK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WWF, RECENTLY LAUNCHED ITS WATER SAVINGS GUIDE The guide contains information that is geared at creating awareness around South Africa's dire water situation and equipping the public with easy tips to save water. [Download a copy here](#) and please share the link with your communities. When we reach 10 000 downloads of the guide, we will rehabilitate a spring in a rural community so kindly spread the word.

PLACE CLEAN ENERGY AT THE CENTRE OF POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY EFFORTS – IEA A new International Energy Agency (IEA) report forecasts that the world will add 167 GW of new renewables capacity in 2020, a 13% decline when compared with record 2019 renewable-power connections of 192 GW. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 20 May 2020.](#)

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL RELEASES 2020 SDG PROGRESS REPORT The yearly report of the UN Secretary-General on progress towards the 17 SDGs has been released ahead of the 2020 session of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). [IISD, 19 May 2020.](#)

TO WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA GBV IS NOT A SHADOW PANDEMIC, IT IS IN THE CENTRE OF THEIR EXISTENCE It is amazing how a pandemic gets to be a shadow. About a month ago, United Nations Women (UN Women) issued a statement in which gender-based violence was explained as a shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic. [IOL, 18 May 2020.](#)

15 LEADERSHIP LESSONS FOR NONPROFITS NAVIGATING A CRISIS Businesses everywhere have been affected by COVID-19, and non-profit organizations are no exception. In addition to the widespread disruptions of the pandemic, non-profits may also face unique struggles, such as a lack of funding and difficulty running programs. That's why strong leadership is more challenging and more important than ever. [Forbes, 11 May 2020.](#)

SA CITIZENS BENEFIT FROM BIODIVERSITY TAX BREAK South Africa achieved a world-first in 2016 with the introduction of a biodiversity tax incentive for private landowners, including communities, who have their land officially declared as a nature reserve in perpetuity in terms of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEMPA), 57 of 2003. [WWF Nedbank Green Trust.](#)

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 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **news article**, entitled: "The Green Recovery: Europe's low-carbon investment opportunity", [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 latest **News Update** just published, [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 **Media Article**, entitled: "More than 330 Major Businesses Call on U.S. Congress to Build Back a More Resilient, Sustainable Economy from COVID-19", [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 **Insight** from CEO, Peter Bakker, entitled: "A clear-eyed view of the deeply disrupted decade ahead, [here.](#)

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

NBI ACES WEBINAR | Tuesday, 26 May 2020 | 10:00 to 13:00 | In the light of the ongoing lockdown, the NBI has decided to host the next ACES meetings on-line. Kindly note that we postponed the Cape Town ACES meeting from the 14th May to the 26th May 2020 and will combine this meeting with the Johannesburg one, to allow for an in-depth engagement and the opportunity for interaction. Please contact [Sibusiso Nxumalo](#) for further information.

WEBINAR: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR | Tuesday, 26, Wednesday, 27 or Friday, 29 May 2020 | 14:00 | The current context of a global COVID-19 pandemic casts a specific lens on what was already a key issue in our society - and renders the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) much more urgent. In a time where business is challenged to look beyond profit as to how it can support broader society through this crisis, it should be borne in mind what business

is doing with regards to GBV; particularly when it relates to their work force who will mostly be home-based for the foreseeable future. **Join Shared Value Africa Initiative and the National Business Initiative (NBI)** in a virtual roundtable discussion on gender-based violence and how business and society can collaborate to challenge, capacitate, and co-create solutions towards eradicating GBV. [Register here.](#)

NBI WEBINAR: ADAPTATION FINANCE EVENT 2020 | Wednesday, 10 June 2020 | 13:00 | Unlocking Private Sector Involvement in the Green Climate Fund Projects in South Africa - **Event 4: Biodiversity and Ecosystem-Based Adaptation.** Please contact [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for further details regarding this series of events or click [here](#) to register via Zoom.

WEBINARS | 2020

CERES 2020 DIGITAL PROGRAMME | 7 April to 18 June 2020 | We are very excited to announce the virtual sessions within our reimagined Ceres 2020 digital programme! | [View full details here.](#)

WBCSD: JOIN OUR NEW VIRTUAL MEETING SERIES: BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL, RESHAPING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE. Fully complimentary and held from April through July, these meetings will highlight innovative and collaborative solutions to face current and future challenges. Consult our [virtual meeting calendar](#) and register to the desired session to access the latest insights, exchange with leaders and actively engage. For any inquiries, please contact: events@wbcsd.org.

THE SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK: SCIENCE BASED TARGETS FOR NATURE: INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR Companies are now able to find out more about how they can get involved with the development of science-based targets for nature with this recorded webinar. [Listen here.](#)

JHB BUSINESS SCHOOL: THE FUTURE SERIES | 22 & 29 May 2020 | The JBS Future Of: is a series of lively and engaging masterclasses that will be hosted each Friday throughout the month of May. The series explores the many ways in which certain sectors will be transformed through the passage of time. Each week will focus on one out of the four industries which were chosen for their commercial importance and for the critical role that each plays in supporting the economic inclusion and well-being of people across the world. [View details here.](#)

GIBS WEBINAR: BUILDING ONLINE COMMUNITIES FOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE | 28 May 2020 | 14:00 | [Register here.](#)

UNFCCC JUNE MOMENTUM FOR CLIMATE CHANGE | 1 to 10 June 2020 | A series of online events will be conducted under the guidance of the chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI and with the support of the UNFCCC secretariat, offering an opportunity for Parties and other stakeholders to continue exchanging views and sharing information in order to maintain momentum in the UNFCCC process and to showcase how climate action is progressing under the special circumstances the world is currently facing. [View list of events here.](#)

AFRICA SHARED VALUE LEADERSHIP ESUMMIT | 2 to 5 June 2020 | This year, Africa's Shared Value conversation goes virtual with online sessions live streamed and is aimed at creating a platform for business leaders, young and old, to openly share their experiences and tough decisions made during COVID-19. The purpose of the eSummit is to continue the Shared Value conversation and look at how we can change the way business is done post-crisis. We hope to inspire companies to think differently about their approach to social and environmental issues. [Further details.](#)

HBR WEBINAR: WHAT RESILIENT COMPANIES DO DIFFERENTLY | 11 June 2020 | 12:00 EDT | [Register here.](#)

WEBINAR: 8TH WORLD CONGRESS AND EXPO ON GREEN ENERGY | 15 to 16 June 2020 | Green Energy Webinar 2020 is the integration of new technologies in the field of environmental science to help Environmental Professionals harness the full potential of their practice. It involves the use of tools and technologies to achieve a certain degree of publicity and broaden the reach of the practice and the practitioner. For more information click [here.](#)



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