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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

TO CELEBRATE MANDELA DAY, the National Business Initiative (NBI) ran a **Youth & Leadership Social Media Campaign** during July 2021. We asked our Member Companies why ethical young leaders are vital for driving social transformation in South Africa? View their responses here: [#NBIYoungLeaders](#)

CITY FUNDS GREEN ECONOMY TRAINING AT BELLVILLE CAMPUS The City of Cape Town has directed funding towards the GreenCape skills development programmes at the South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre (Saratec) at the Cape Peninsula Peninsula University of Technology's Bellville campus. [Tygerburger, 28 July 2021](#).

WHY ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING ECONOMIC INCLUSION Our economy and society have been shaken by the events over the last few weeks that saw the combination of an attempted insurrection, criminality and extreme desperation due to systemic poverty, result in massive destruction to economic infrastructure, loss of life and livelihoods. [NBI Thought Leadership, 27 July 2021](#).

BUILDING AN ADAPTATION PROJECT PIPELINE The National Business Initiative (NBI) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) have been busy developing a pipeline of adaptation projects for investment. **Why is this important?** Read our recently published newsletter, [here](#).

HOW CAN THE MINING INDUSTRY TRANSITION TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENCE? In addition to addressing the current structural constraints, the mining industry is grappling with a longer-term transition towards climate resilience. [Munesu Shoko, Modern Mining, July 2021.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

2021 YOUTH VIDEO CHALLENGE TO SHOWCASE CLIMATE ACTION Against the backdrop of the crucial UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow now less than three months away, an ambitious international video project is launching today to empower young people worldwide to take climate action and build a greener future. [UN Climate Change News, 5 August 2021.](#)

NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMPANIES TO ACT ON SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING As governments and business leaders increasingly made bold net-zero commitments over the past year, one of the most important questions has been how best to gather information to measure progress against these commitments. [Carmine Di Sibio, Punit Renjen, Bill Thomas & Robert E. Moritz, WEF, 4 August 2021.](#)

DWS IMPLEMENTS PROJECT TO HELP DROUGHT-STRICKEN GRAAFF-REINET The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has provided R71.8-million in funding to the Dr Beyers Naude local municipality, in the Eastern Cape, for the Graaff-Reinet Emergency Bulk Supply Scheme. [Yvonne Silaule, Engineering News, 3 August 2021.](#)

FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION A 'SILVER LINING' IN COVID CRISIS: UN DEPUTY CHIEF A sustainable and prosperous planet can only be achieved through working together and in solidarity, the UN Deputy Secretary-General said on Wednesday at the end of a major global food security meeting. [UN News, 28 July 2021.](#)

NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAN HELP BUSINESSES MEET CLIMATE GOALS Public-private stakeholders need to work with nature to help tackle global biodiversity and climate challenges. [María Mendiluce, Dharsono Hartono, Jesper Nielsen, Joanna Elliott & Thomas Lingard, WEF/WMB Coalition, 28 July 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.](#)

SASOL DONATES R10M TO HELP REBUILD BUSINESSES, COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY UNREST Energy and chemicals company Sasol has committed R10-million to help rebuild businesses and communities that have been devastated by the recent unrest in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng. [Engineering News, 5 August 2021.](#)

ALEX FM IS REBOOTING This week, **Standard Bank** in collaboration with Digital Generation and Brima Logistics donated 13 full desktops, as requested by Alex fm 89.1FM - and added two printers and two laptops. The station now has the computers it needs to fulfil its mandate to inform and entertain its community of Alexandra. [BizCommunity, 5 August 2021.](#)

NEDBANK EXPECTS INTERIM EARNINGS TO ROCKET Nedbank is expecting its interim earnings to rocket in the six months to end June, it said on Wednesday. [FIN24, 4 August 2021.](#)

IMPERIAL WINS "LOGISTICS SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR" AT GHANA PHARMA AWARDS '21 Imperial is proud to announce that it has been awarded "Logistics Service Provider of the Year" at the third annual Ghana Pharma Awards '21, held in Accra, Ghana, on 30 July 2021. [Imperial, 4 August 2021.](#)

ANGLO PARTNERS WITH GERMAN FIRM TO DECARBONISE STEELMAKING Diversified miner Anglo American has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with German steel product manufacturer Salzgitter Flachstahl to collaborate on decarbonising of the steelmaking industry. [Mining Weekly, 4 August 2021.](#)

EXXARO HELPS FIGHT GBV WITH R3,5M CONTRIBUTION TO GBVF RESPONSE FUND Coal and heavy minerals mining company, Exxaro, has announced that it has contributed R3,5m to President Cyril Ramaphosa's Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Response Fund in honour of Women's Month and to help fight against gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide in South Africa. [BizCommunity, 3 August 2021.](#)

MONDI ROLLS OUT ITS RANGE OF SUSTAINABLE CORRUGATED PACKAGING SOLUTIONS FOR GROWING ONLINE GROCERY DELIVERY SERVICES ACROSS CENTRAL EUROPE Mondi, a leading global packaging and paper manufacturer, is rolling out a comprehensive portfolio of corrugated packaging solutions for the online grocery market across Central Europe. [Mondi, 3 August 2021.](#)

PICK N PAY RELAUNCHES 'NEW AND IMPROVED' ON-DEMAND DELIVERY SERVICE Grocery retailer Pick n Pay has relaunched and rebranded its delivery service Bottles as "Pick n Pay asap!" [FIN24, 2 August 2021.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA'S ENERGY TRANSITION AND GROWTH PATH TO NET ZERO Scientific evidence of climate change risk has precipitated a worldwide drive to decarbonise every sector of the global economy by 2050. [PwC, 26 July 2021.](#)

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP (BCG) Featured Insights July 2021: Read [here.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

THE BLOOMBERG GENDER-EQUALITY INDEX (GEI) The data submission period for consideration of the 2022 Bloomberg Gender-Equality index is open now through September 30th, 2021. [Further information.](#)

WORDS MATTER: MAKING ESG COMMUNICATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES COUNT Communicating with employees on environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics has never been more critical. [3BL Media, 5 August 2021.](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE NEW IPCC REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE The first part of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be published on Monday, August 9 and will detail how anthropogenic greenhouse gases are causing unprecedented damage. [WEF, 5 August 2021.](#)

SA WOMEN'S MONTH Every year, in August, our country marks Women's Month, where we pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women. This year's commemoration will be held under the theme: "The year of Charlotte Manny Maseko: Realising Women's Rights". [SA Government, 1 August 2021.](#)

WE MEAN BUSINESS COALITION AND BUSINESS FOR NATURE REPORT: BUILDING INTEGRATED POLICIES FOR THE PLANET Addressing nature and climate together is an imperative to build an equitable, nature-positive and net-zero future. Businesses are starting to take a more integrated approach, but to accelerate action, coherence and aligned policies on nature and climate are needed. Download the Report, [here.](#)

#COP26: The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October to 12 November 2021. [View the Road to COP26, here.](#)

A BLUEPRINT FOR DIGITAL CLIMATE-INFORMED ADVISORY SERVICES: BUILDING THE RESILIENCE OF 300 MILLION SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS BY 2030 This paper discusses the role of digital climate-informed advisory services in building the resilience of small-holder producers by 2030. It puts forth key principles for good practice, an estimation of the needed

investment for scaling services and preliminary ideas for targeting these investments for reaching the most vulnerable and marginalized. [WRI, 29 July 2021](#).

ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM Invitation to pitch to host a workshop, educational event or launch at the **My Clean Green Home exhibit**, Cape Town's first net zero carbon model home. The City has committed to the goal that all new buildings be net zero carbon by 2030, and all existing buildings are required to reach this goal by 2050. For detailed information, read through the [Call to Collaborate](#) and submit your proposal by **15 August 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 recently published **Blog Article** entitled: "**Purchasing Power and The Road to Glasgow**", [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**, [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 **News Article** entitled: "**Our Future Needs to be Both Net-Zero and Nature-Positive**", [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: "**All roads lead to Rome: a Pre-Summit towards an equitable, net-zero and nature-positive food system**", [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE POWER SECTOR DECARBONISATION REPORT FROM THE NBI JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS PROJECT - OUR FUTURE IS RENEWABLE | Wednesday, 11 August 2021 | 12:00 to 14:00 SAST via Zoom | The NBI in partnership with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), is excited to share the first in a series of report chapters on the decarbonisation pathways for the South African economy. Join us as we release the findings of the NBI Just Transition Pathways project for the South African power sector as a draft chapter for public consultation. [Full details and Zoom registration link](#).

CEO DIALOGUE: GENDER DIVERSITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN THE WORKPLACE | Tuesday, 17 August 2021 | 10:00 to 11:30 SAST via Zoom | Imperial in partnership with the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, under the NBI's [Social Transformation: Bold and Transformative Leadership Pathway](#) are hosting attend a CEO Thought Leadership Dialogue as we unpack Gender Diversity and Women Empowerment in the Workplace. [Full details and Zoom registration link](#).

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

THE ROLE OF ACADEMIA IN FIGHTING GBVF | 12 August 2021 | 10:00 to 12:30 | The [SVAI](#) will be hosting a Zoom webinar on The Role of Academia in Fighting GBVF, which aims to explore the role of Africa's academia in advancing gender equality in the workplace and eliminating gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF). [Register here.](#)

GIBS ONLINE: WOMEN IN BUSINESS BREAKFAST 2021 | 13 August 2021 | 08:30 to 10:30 | We pose some hard-hitting questions relating to women in business, industry and the economy as well as touch on issues such as gender-based violence and the empowerment of women. Be prepared to be inspired, empathise and engage. [GIBS Website.](#)

MARKET ACCESS PLATFORM LAUNCH BY THE BUSINESS LOCALISATION TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE | 17 August 2021 | 10:00 SAST | This exciting online platform supports and influences both localization and transformation and creates much-needed market access opportunities for suppliers while mitigating the risks associated with sourcing from unknown entities. [Details and Zoom registration link.](#)

DIGITAL WORLD WATER WEEK 2021 | 23 to 27 August 2021 | Since 1991, World Water Week has been the leading conference on global water issues. This year we focus on *Building Resilience Faster* and the critical role of water in tackling challenges such as climate change, poverty, and biodiversity loss. Together we can develop solutions to address climate change and other water-related challenges. [SIWI Website.](#)

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 31 August to 16 September 2021 | In this online short course programme presented by the Sustainability Institute, we 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 details.](#)

CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2021: HYBRID | 20 to 26 September 2021 | Hosted annually by international non-profit the Climate Group in conjunction with the United Nations, and in partnership with the COP26 and the City of New York, Climate Week NYC is a global opportunity to come together to accelerate climate action and assess progress ahead of COP26. [Website and details.](#)

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