

ON A CLEAR DAY 2022



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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

WHY JOIN THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI)? South Africa continues to face major challenges underpinned by the fact that we are one of the most unequal societies in the world, with more than half of our population living in poverty, accompanied by escalating unemployment levels. Additionally, climate change threatens to further exacerbate these pressing economic and social issues. The NBI's purpose is to effect change in South Africa in the areas of **Economic Inclusion, Social Transformation, Environmental Sustainability** and **Institutional Capacity**. We believe a thriving society, economy and environment are possible, through the collective action of business, government and civil society. Please contact: **Gillian Hutchings** - Head: Membership & Communications for further information about our work and how to become an NBI Member Company.

THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER COMPANY: GRINAKER-LTA. We value and celebrate your decision to join us in building a South African society and economy that is inclusive, resilient, sustainable and based on trust.

RE100 LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2022 The National Business Initiative (NBI) is delighted to announce that **Reitumetse Molotsoane: NBI's Acting Head - Environmental Sustainability**, will be joining the judging panel for the RE100 Leadership Awards which celebrate the pioneering and ambitious work of RE100 members who are transforming the renewable

electricity sector. Winners will be announced, for the first time, at an in-person event at **Climate Week NYC**, taking place in September 2022. Read more about the Awards, [here](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2022 Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze who leads the **Social Transformation Unit** at the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** will be speaking at this year's Triologue Business in Society Conference which aims to emphasise the need for *reconnection* – with our personal purpose, our collective potential, and our natural environment. Click [here](#) to view further details. This Hybrid Conference is taking place next week at the **Wanderers Club in Illovo, Johannesburg** on **10 & 11 May 2022**.

GREEN HYDROGEN PRESENTS THE OPPORTUNITY AS THE FUEL FOR THE FUTURE Energy transition has become essential and in efforts to reach net-zero emissions globally – Green Hydrogen presents the opportunity as the fuel for the future. [Infrastructure News, 4 May 2022](#).

GREEN FINANCE TAXONOMY TO HELP INVESTORS MAKE GREEN PROJECT DECISIONS – LAW FIRM South Africa's first green finance taxonomy will help investors and financial institutions make more informed decisions on 'green' projects, say Webber Wentzel's Patrick Heron and Joon Chong. [Martin Creamer, Engineering News & Mining Weekly, 22nd April 2022](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

TOP WOMEN AWARDS: A KEY EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS In a world of gender imbalance in the boardroom, women can still show up with confidence, control, and authority. [BizCommunity/Topco Media, 5 May 2022](#).

UN ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH CLEAN ENERGY PLAN Against the backdrop of a global energy crisis and worsening climate emergency, today the UN took a major step to catalyse the large-scale action and support needed for the transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions, with the launch of a Plan of Action by some thirty leading organizations comprising "UN-Energy". [UNCC, 4 May 2022](#).

'THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON SA.' MMINELE SAYS R135BN CLIMATE DEAL MUST BE GLOBAL MODEL South Africa's planned \$8.5 billion (R135 billion) climate finance deal with some of the world's richest nations could serve as a blueprint for other coal-dependent countries, the head of its negotiating team said. [S'thembile Cele & Antony Squazzin, News24, 4 May 2022](#).

HOW TO SCALE UP NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR ADAPTATION The new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report highlights the enormous potential of nature to reduce the risks of climate change and build resilience. [Stefanie Tye & John-Rob Pool, WRI, 3 May 2022](#).

A JUST TRANSITION MUST TRANSFORM OUR RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE EARTH Over the past century, South Africa's economy was dominated and shaped by the minerals-energy complex (MEC). [David Hallowes & Victor Munnik, Daily Maverick, 3 May 2022](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

RAND MERCHANT BANK APPOINTS NEW CEO Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), the corporate and investment banking business of FirstRand, on Thursday (5 May) announced that Emrie Brown has been appointed chief executive effective 1 October 2022. [BusinessTech, 5 May 2022.](#)

NEW SURVEY REVEALS GLOBAL INDUSTRY IS ACCELERATING INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY Global survey commissioned by ABB highlights current and future plans of companies to invest in energy efficiency to achieve Net Zero. [ABB, 4 May 2022.](#)

SANLAM AND ALLIANZ TO CREATE JOINT PAN-AFRICAN INSURANCE COMPANY JSE-listed financial services group Sanlam together with Allianz, a German multinational financial company, are partnering to create the largest non-banking financial services entity in Africa. [Moneyweb, 4 May 2022.](#)

HOLLARD CALLS ON VOLUNTEERS AND POLICYHOLDERS TO DO A LITTLE GOOD IN SA Hollard, a South African independent insurance group, has launched a unique initiative that calls on all South Africans to volunteer their time and effort in service of better communities and better futures. [media update, 4 May 2022.](#)

WOOLWORTHS SOUTH AFRICA WINS ORACLE CHANGE AGENTS' SUSTAINABILITY AWARD Woolworths South Africa was recently named a winner of the 2021 Change Agents Sustainability Award presented by Oracle. [SuperMarket & Retailer, 3 May 2022.](#)

VODACOM HANDS OVER 167 NEW COLD CHAIN UNITS VALUED AT R2.4 MILLION TO NORTH WEST HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA'S VACCINE DRIVE To bolster COVID-19 vaccine storage and delivery, particularly to more remote areas in South Africa, Vodacom and the North West Department of Health are pleased to announce the distribution of 167 new cold chain units, worth R2.4 million, across the province. [Vodacom, 3 May 2022.](#)

MBIZANA COMMUNITY HELPS FAMILIES AFFECTED BY FLOODS The Wild Coast Sun (owned by Sun International), has joined the relief efforts aimed at helping communities devastated by the flooding which hit the eastern parts of South Africa last week. [News24, 28 April 2022.](#)

PACKAGING CAN MAKE HOMECARE MORE SUSTAINABLE Mondi, a global leader in packaging and paper, has highlighted the power of packaging in creating a more sustainable homecare industry. [Mondi, 28 April 2022.](#)

GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK: EXXARO A FRONTRUNNER IN SUSTAINABILITY EXCELLENCE Imagine a coal miner taking the lead in the just transition to a green energy future. It may seem a bit far-fetched, but this is exactly what Exxaro is doing and has already achieved notable success in this regard. [Mining Review Africa, 22 April 2022.](#)

FIRSTRAND BANK, ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MAJOR LENDERS, YESTERDAY LISTED TWO SUSTAINABILITY BONDS ON THE JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE (JSE). The bonds will finance and refinance borrowers looking to invest in green buildings and affordable housing projects. [JSE, 21 April 2022.](#)

NOTICES/REPORTS/OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

DELOITTE: WOMEN @ WORK 2022: A GLOBAL OUTLOOK Now in its second year, Women @ Work 2022: A Global Outlook aims to better understand how women's experiences in the workplace impact their engagement and career progression. [Download the Report.](#)

JOHANNESBURG ANNOUNCED AS THE NATIONAL WINNER OF WWF'S ONE PLANET CITY CHALLENGE The City of Johannesburg has been selected as the national winner of WWF's One Planet City Challenge (OPCC) 2022. As a national winner, Johannesburg is now in the running to become one of OPCC's two global winners. [WWF-SA Website.](#)

SAB SHARP AWARDS 2022 OPEN FOR ENTRIES Launched by South African Breweries (SAB), in partnership with the SAB Foundation, this year's SAB Sharp Awards is open for entries. Applicants with innovative solutions that seek to develop or enhance an existing social innovation are encouraged to apply. [Social TV, 4 May 2022.](#)

NEW WWF REPORT: SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL MADE FROM BIOMASS COULD BOOST SA ECONOMY The report argues that South Africa could play a key role in decarbonising aviation while pursuing important ecological and development objectives. Download the Report [here.](#)

WINDS OF CHANGE: TRADE AS A CATALYST FOR BOARD GENDER DIVERSITY A Report from the Stellenbosch Business School Research Chair: **Women at Work** This latest Report explores how trade partners can learn from one another to create systemic change in both their own and partner countries so as to encourage gender parity on boards. [Read Report here.](#)

EMBRACE YOUR FUTURE WITH THE SASOL BURSARY PROGRAMME Sasol has announced that applications for its corporate bursary programme are now open for the 2023 academic year. [Sasol, 26 April 2022.](#)

NEW PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE COMMISSION (PCC) CALL FOR PROPOSALS The PCC is commissioning a series of energy policy briefs, to inform a just energy transition plan for South Africa. Qualified service providers are invited to submit short concept notes **before 16 May 2022.** [Details here.](#)

WBCSD: DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Workplace* is a resource jointly developed by collaboratively between WBCSD and Korn Ferry. The report explores some of the key dimensions of DE&I maturity and highlights practical examples of emerging solutions to key challenges. [WBCSD, 21 April 2022.](#)

SANEDI HELPS TRAIN 50 YOUNG ELECTRICIANS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR BUILDING EPCS The South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) is leading the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Practitioner Skills Programme, in partnership with the Institute of Energy Professionals Africa, to train 50 qualified youth to obtain energy use data required for buildings' EPCs. [Engineering News, 13 April 2022.](#)

ECO-LOGIC AWARDS ENTRIES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED The Enviropaedia is looking for South Africa's eco-champions to be submitted as entries for the 2022 [Eco-Logic Awards](#). **The closing date for entries has been extended to 31 May 2022.**

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. Since their inception in 2000, CDP has played a transformational role in driving climate disclosure and action from businesses, investors, cities and governments around the world. Read their latest **Press Release**, entitled: **"CDP comments on the public consultation of the European sustainability reporting standards Exposure Drafts"**, [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 recently published **April 2022 Newsletter**, [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 "[Net Zero Transition – Latest signals of change \(29.04.22\)](#)", [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is an international, CEO-led organization of almost 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 recently published **Insight Article**, entitled: "[Energy storage is key to unlocking renewable power's full potential](#)", [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2022

Please consult the [NBI Website](#) for upcoming events.

ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2022

INVESTING IN AFRICAN MINING INDABA 2022 | 9 to 12 May 2022 | Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC) | The Mining Indaba is returning to Cape Town in May with the overarching theme: 'Evolution of African Mining: Investing in the Energy Transition, ESG, and the Economies.' | [Website & additional information](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY HYBRID CONFERENCE 2022 | 10 & 11 May 2022 | The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg & Online | As we begin to recalibrate after two years of virtual contact, under tremendously challenging conditions for many, this year's Triologue Business in Society Conference's key theme is inclusive growth in the green economy. | [Triologue Website](#).

WBCSD CIRCULAR TRANSITION INDICATORS V3.0 – ONLINE LAUNCH EVENT | 11 May 2022 | 10:00 to 11:00 CET | CTI v3.0 includes a new methodology to help companies quantify the impact of circular strategies on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, new indicators for lifetime extension and extended guidance on taking action at scale. | [Registration & further information](#).

CDP & SUSTAINABLE SOURCING | 11 May 2022 | 19:00 to 20:00 GMT | Join CDP as we discuss supply chain sustainability, best practices for integrating CDP data into procurement practices, and how you can cascade action down your supply chain using KPIs on Climate Change, Water Security, and Deforestation. | [Register here](#).

GIBS: BRUCE WHITFIELD IN CONVERSATION WITH DISCOVERY CEO, ADRIAN GORE ON HOW TO TAKE SMART IDEAS GLOBAL | 12 May 2022 | 09:00 to 10:30 | GIBS Campus, Illovo, Johannesburg | South Africa and its fraught political economy provide a fascinating case study into how it takes a particular brand of GENIUS to thrive in a difficult domestic environment and take those ideas and the businesses that deliver them, globally. | [GIBS Website](#).

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING 2022 | 22 to 26 May 2022 | Davos-Klosters, Switzerland | Under the theme, Working Together, Restoring Trust, the Annual Meeting 2022 will be the first global in-person leadership event since the start of the pandemic and will offer world leaders an opportunity to take stock of the state of the world and shape partnerships and policies for the crucial period ahead. | [WEF Website](#).

UN GLOBAL COMPACT LEADERS VIRTUAL SUMMIT | 1 to 2 June 2022 | United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit brings together thousands of forward-thinking business leaders, SDG stakeholders, activists, policy makers and

emerging leaders from across the globe who are taking action on the SDGs and shaping the future. Join us virtually for over 24 hours of inspired conversation, purposeful networking, and meaningful takeaways. | [Website & further details.](#)

ENLIT AFRICA | 4 to 7 June 2022 | Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC) & Online | Enlit Africa, formerly African Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa, will be exploring the theme "Collaboration to fast forward Africa's Energy Transition". Join Africa's power, energy and water community for world-class content, valuable connections, networking and more, presented in a hybrid format. | [Enlit Africa Website.](#)

MANUFACTURING INDABA | 21 to 22 June 2022 | Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg | Reigniting economic growth through manufacturing - the Manufacturing Indaba is the leading manufacturing event in Sub-Saharan Africa. | [Website & further details.](#)

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