

# NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019



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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**THE NBI IS GIVING ITS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFILE THEIR COMPANIES ON OUR WEBSITE** Please contact: **Tumi Nkosi** for further information regarding this. Check out NBI members in action, [here](#).

**GUGU MCLAREN-USHEWOKUNZE: HEAD - TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL COHESION AT THE NBI** yesterday presented insights from the development of the NBI's transformation programme at the UCT GSB's Future-Work Research Workshop. In particular, Gugu shared businesses role in addressing inequality and inequity. The workshop aimed to shape research questions that address pressing social and environmental issues in a meaningful way, by bringing in varying practical and theoretical perspectives. Please contact: **Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze** should you wish to get involved with the **NBI's Transformation programme**.

**THE NBI'S WESTERN CAPE WATER TASK FORCE** met last week, 7 March 2019 for a special consultation on the City of Cape Town's draft water strategy at Absa, Century City. The consultation was being conducted in collaboration with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government and focussed on refining the strategy in the light of the work of the task force over the past 12 months. Essential is the need to move towards a more diversified water mix that includes a growing role for: groundwater, water reuse and desalination where appropriate. For further information, please contact: **Alex McNamara**.

**THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT** On 27 February 2019, the NBI and Brand South Africa hosted an event in Johannesburg at the Brand SA Houghton offices. This engagement explored the South African economy through the eyes of the investor and shared information, including on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. The event, attended by prominent NBI members companies was extremely well received with active engagement. Brand SA's GM for Research, Dr. Petrus de Kock presented on investor perception findings and the growing confidence of South Africans. He shared findings from Brand SA's international investor perspective's research and the implications for SA's business community, stating that regional

peace and security is a key element of building international confidence. This event is also to be held in **KwaZulu-Natal** on **4 April 2019** and in **Cape Town** in May 2019. Please contact [Tumi Nkosi](#) for further information.

**KOPANO YA METSI: MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE ROUNDTABLE** The National Business Initiative (NBI) alongside the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), recently hosted an expert roundtable in Pretoria on appropriate ways to transform the wastewater sector in South Africa into an economic success story. The roundtable formed the final stakeholder engagement under the NBI's Kopano ya Metsi project, the results of which will be launched in mid-2019. Click [here](#) for more details on the engagement.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**PLAYING FOR KEEPS: IS DESIGNING EMOTIONAL DURABILITY THE KEY TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY?** Consumerism in a more circular system will require a shift from consumption to conscious use, keeping products at their highest and best state through repair, refurbishment, upgrade and reuse. The challenge? [Lauren Phipps, GreenBiz, 14 March 2019.](#)

**'NO DOUBT' TEMPERATURES IN ARCTIC WILL RISE 3.5C BY 2050, SAYS UN** New research by the United Nations (UN) has found that a sharp temperature rise in the Arctic is now inevitable. [Rachel Cooper, Climate Action, 14 March 2019.](#)

**MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT: THE HUMAN FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE** The World Economic Report on Global Risk by the World Bank lists elements of climate change and climate risk in its top 10 list of risks the world faces today. [Danette Breitenbach, BizCommunity, 14 March 2019.](#)

**AFRICA NEEDS TO ENABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY** Nearly 600 million, or 48% of Africa's population, still lack access to electricity, with the majority living in rural areas. It is projected that roughly the same number of people will not have access by 2030. [Crown Publications, 14 March 2019.](#)

**HOW THE UN'S NEW STRATEGY COULD HELP DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE EASTERN CAPE** A group of the most vulnerable youngsters in the Eastern Cape has shown that a plan by the United Nations (UN) to help reach its sustainable development goals (SDGs) in some of the most vulnerable communities might have a chance of being successful. [Ra'eesa Pather, Mail & Guardian, 14 March 2019.](#)

**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IS NOT ABOUT TECHNOLOGY** A recent survey of directors, CEOs, and senior executives found that digital transformation (DT) risk is their #1 concern in 2019. Yet 70% of all DT initiatives do not reach their goals. Of the \$1.3 trillion that was spent on DT last year, it was estimated that \$900 billion went to waste. Why do some DT efforts succeed and others fail? [Behnam TabriziEd, LamKirk Gerard and Vernon Irvin, HBR, 13 March 2019.](#)

**MANY COMPANIES INACCURATELY ESTIMATE THE CLIMATE BENEFITS OF THEIR PRODUCTS** Cold-water laundry detergents, fuel-saving tires, energy-efficient ball bearings, emissions-saving data centres. Corporations are increasingly claiming that their goods and services reduce emissions. [Stephen Russell and Yelena Akopian, WRI, 12 March 2019.](#)

**'ALMOST CERTAIN EXTINCTION': 1,200 SPECIES UNDER SEVERE THREAT ACROSS WORLD** More than 1,200 species globally face threats to their survival in more than 90% of their habitat and "will almost certainly face extinction" without conservation intervention, according to new research. [Lisa Cox, The Guardian, 12 March 2019.](#)

**IN AN ERA OF GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY, THE SDGS CAN BE OUR GUIDE** Global cooperation is at a crossroads. Many of the world's biggest challenges are not a result of disagreements about how to cooperate, but a profound loss of direction about why to cooperate in the first place. [John McArthur, WEF/The European Sting, 11 March 2019.](#)

**ABOUT 5% OF CEOS IN AFRICA ARE WOMEN** The Women In Business initiative, launched three years ago by the AFRICA CEO FORUM, grew out of two observations – only 5% of CEOs in Africa are women, and they only occupy 14% of boardroom positions. [\*Bontle Moeng, BizNis Africa, 11 March 2019.\*](#)

**MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION REVEALED ‘ABSOLUTELY EVERYWHERE’ BY NEW RESEARCH** Contamination found across UK lakes and rivers, in US groundwater, along the Yangtze river and Spanish coast, and harbouring dangerous bacteria in Singapore. [\*Damian Carrington, The Guardian, 7 March 2019.\*](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**BMW’S NEW 3 SERIES LIVES UP TO ITS HERITAGE** Seventh-generation sedan has taken all the hallmarks of its predecessors and ratcheted them up a few notches. [BusinessLIVE, 14 March 2019.](#)

**VODACOM EMPOWERS UNEMPLOYED YOUTH WITH ICT SKILLS** Vodacom will be celebrating the success of 367 unemployed young people who will be graduating with certified diplomas in Information Technology Technical Support from the Vodacom Youth Academy during the months of March and April this year. [IOL Business, 13 March 2019.](#)

**WHO WILL WIN THE BANKING RACE?** FNB reflects on the hype around behavioural analytics as transaction volumes on its banking app surpass online volumes for the first time. [Moneyweb, 13 March 2019.](#)

**SUN INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVES GROWTH DESPITE WEAK ECONOMY** Resort hotel chain and casino group Sun International said on Wednesday its operations achieved growth in gaming revenue and a satisfactory earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) performance in the year to December despite an increase in value-added tax last April and weakness in the South African economy. [IOL Business, 13 March 2019.](#)

**OLD MUTUAL DELIVERS 8% GROWTH IN HEADLINE EARNINGS** Old Mutual Limited (OML) today, 11 March 2019, announced its first full year financial results, following its successful primary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) on 26 June 2018. [BizNis Africa, 11 March 2019.](#)

**BLACK PROFESSIONALS GROUP PRAISES ABSA OVER APPOINTMENTS** The Association of Black Securities and Investment Professionals (ABSIP) said on Monday Absa’s appointment of black executives in the corporate and investment banking division showed the bank now recognised the importance of transformation and ethnic diversity. [Destiny Connect, 11 March 2019.](#)

**MTN GROUP EARNINGS UP 85.2% IN YEAR TO DECEMBER** Mobile phone operator MTN said its service revenue rose 10.7 percent while its headline earnings per share jumped 85.2 percent to 337 cents in the year to December. [IOL Business, 7 March 2019.](#)

**ENGEN PARTNERS WITH GIFT OF THE GIVERS TO ASSIST DROUGHT-STRICKEN MAKHANDA COMMUNITY** When the Sarah Baartman District Municipality in the Eastern Cape, which includes drought-stricken Makhanda was declared a local state of disaster area on February 25th, Engen heeded the communities call for help and connected with disaster relief organisation, Gift of the Givers to offer assistance. [Engineering News, 6 March 2019.](#)

**EXXARO EXPECTS 2018 EARNINGS TO JUMP HIGHER** Coal producer Exxaro said on Tuesday it expected headline earnings per share of between 2,607 and 2,708 cents for the year ended December 31, compared with 502 cents reported in 2017. [IOL Business, 5 March 2018.](#)

**SHELL BUYS VIRTUAL POWER PLANT FIRM LIMEJUMP** Shell New Energies has continued its spending spree this week, with the acquisition of UK-based energy technology company Limejump. [Smart Energy International, 28 February 2019.](#)

**MTN PARTNERS WITH ESEYE TO LAUNCH THE ANYNET FEDERATION** Eseye, a global provider of IoT services, is today delighted to announce a partnership with MTN, the leading Africa Mobile Network Operator (MNO). [IOL Business, 28 February 2019.](#)

**CONSTRUCTION ON NEW MIXED-USE BARLOW PARK PRECINCT TO START IN MAY** The R3-billion-plus redevelopment of Barlow Park Precinct, a co-investment between **Barloworld**, Atterbury Property and African Rainbow Capital, will start in May, Atterbury confirmed in a statement on Thursday. [Engineering News, 28 February 2019.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**LATEST WBCSD SDG BRIEFING** This briefing aims to source and package latest insight, key developments and emerging trends regarding the fast-evolving SDG landscape. [SDG Briefing.](#)

**SEE NOT WASTE, BUT OPPORTUNITY ON GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY** It is estimated that in the year 2017 alone South Africans generated 54,2 million tonnes of general waste. Of these millions of tonnes of waste only 38,6% was recycled, which means almost two thirds of our waste still ends up on landfill sites. [Environment SA, 14 March 2019.](#)

**MOTSEPE FOUNDATION HOSTS SUMMIT TO DRIVE GENDER BALANCE IN AFRICA** The Motsepe Foundation hosted its third annual Women's Summit in Sandton on International Women's Day which focused on driving gender balance in Africa. [The Sandton Chronicle, 13 March 2019.](#)

**UPDATED DRAFT IRP 2019 FAILS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL FACTORS** After several delays, the draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2019, updated by the Department of Energy (DoE) to incorporate the comments arising from the public participation process which closed on October 26, 2018, was finally submitted to Nedlac on March 6. [Chris Yellend, Moneyweb, 12 March 2019.](#)

**SAB FOUNDATION SOCIAL INNOVATION AND DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT AWARDS 2019** The SAB Foundation supports and invests in entrepreneurs and social innovation with a priority in benefitting women and youth, people in rural areas and people with disability. The SAB Foundation is especially keen to create opportunities for disabled entrepreneurs and innovators, who are strongly encouraged to apply. [Details here.](#)

**SA'S CARBON TAX IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION** The transition to a low-carbon economy offers long-term investors a range of new market opportunities. [Jon Duncan, Old Mutual/BusinessLIVE, 7 March 2019.](#)

**WELL-DESIGNED GENDER QUOTAS RESULT IN MORE WOMEN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT - IPU REPORT** Globally, women representation in national parliaments increased by nearly one percentage point last year, from 23.4% in 2017 to 24.3%, in 2018, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) yearly analysis. [BizCommunity, 6 March 2019.](#)

**NEW TRADE UNION THAT WILL FOCUS ON GENDER EQUALITY** A new trade union has launched in South Africa that focuses specifically on Gender Equality issues in the workplace called Flair SA. [Cape Talk, 6 March 2019.](#)

**COMMENT ON THE CAPE TOWN DRAFT WATER STRATEGY** The Cape Town Draft Water Strategy outlines how we aim to provide a reliable and sustainable water and sanitation service into the future. Drawing on the lessons learnt from the recent drought and increased climate uncertainty, the Draft Water Strategy sets out a vision for Cape Town to be a more resilient and water sensitive city. To achieve this, we all need to keep using water wisely and protect this valuable resource. Comments and objections may be submitted up to **15 March 2019.** [Access here.](#)

**TIME FOR SA ECO-CHAMPIONS TO SHINE** The 8th annual Eco-Logic Awards event, presented by The Enviropaedia, South Africa's online environmental encyclopaedia, is set to take place on 5 June 2019, which is World Environment Day. [Infrastructure News, 20 February 2019.](#)

**2020 ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE OPEN FOR ENTRIES** Applicants from across Africa are invited to enter the 2020 edition of the Zayed Sustainability Prize which rewards innovation, impact and inspiration in the sustainable development space. The deadline for entries is 30 May 2019. The five categories are Health, Food, Energy, Water and Global High Schools. [BizCommunity, 14 February 2019.](#)

## NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

**CDP** 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 18 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their **March 2019 insights**, [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 latest news article written by their CEO, Nigel Topping, entitled: **"Zero-carbon power: 5 signs that a 100% clean power system is already in sight"**, [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 the **WBCSD 2019 Outlook & Trends report** which was released earlier this week, [here](#).

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

**USB LEADER'S ANGLE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NBI AND ACDS WITH PROF THULI MADONSELA | Tuesday, 26 March 2019 | HB Connect, Sandton** | Former Public Protector, Prof Thuli Madonsela will explore how the public sector can reinvent itself to accelerate the promise of human rights in South Africa's Constitution. [Book now](#).

**TRAINING COURSE LAUNCH AND PANEL DISCUSSION: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION | Tuesday, 2 April 2019 | Venue to be confirmed** | More and more companies are realising the transformational benefits of setting an ambitious energy productivity goal. The benefits range from huge cost savings and improved energy security to driving innovation throughout the company. As part of the We Mean Business commitments, South African companies can seize these opportunities by committing to doubling energy productivity through the EP100 initiative. Please join with us for a panel discussion to learn how major companies in South Africa and around the world are addressing energy productivity. Jenny Chu, Head of Energy Productivity Initiatives (The Climate Group) will be a part of the discussion. For more details and to RSVP, kindly contact: [Christelle Marais](#).

**TRAINING COURSE: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION | Wednesday, 3 to Thursday, 4 April 2019 | Venue to be confirmed** | The National Business Initiative (NBI), The Climate Group, We Mean Business and the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC) are hosting an Energy Management System (EnMS) training course for Business Professionals. The course aims to enable attendees to develop and implement energy management systems within their organisations. For more details or should you wish to attend this 2 day training session, kindly contact: [Christelle Marais](#).

**NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT: KWAZULU-NATAL | Thursday, 4 April 2019 | The Capital Pearls, Umhlanga** | If you are an NBI Member Company please join us in Umhlanga for this engagement as we explore and take stock of the economy through the eyes of the investor and to gather information on the on-the-ground experiences of doing business in South Africa. Brand South Africa will share findings from its International Investor Perceptions Research and the implications thereof for the South African business community. The Nation Brand Performance, a product curated by Brand South Africa, will provide rich content on industry highlights from 2018 and industry prospects for 2019. [RSVP here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS | Wednesday, 10 April 2019** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) wishes to notify you of the upcoming Membership Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 10 April 2019, from 13:30 for 14:00 to 16:30. Please note that at this meeting, given that the current NBI Board term comes to an end in April, a new Board is to be appointed. We will also report back on the NBI's impact over the last year and an exciting keynote input. Please contact: [Jo-Anne Stanford](#) for further details.

**CREATING A CULTURE OF INCLUSION INNOVATION WORKING GROUP | Tuesday, 16 April 2019 | Venue to be confirmed** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) invites you to participate in the innovation working group focused on creating a culture of inclusion and belonging, which is interested in how organisations unlock value and innovation through improving representation and diversity. The Innovation Working Group aims to create a space where member companies can build innovative and collaborative approaches to transformation challenges that will ensure diverse and productive workforces with improved retention. Please contact: [Khule Duma](#) should you wish to participate.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

**CARBON FOOTPRINTING - FROM STRATEGY TO PRACTICAL TOOL | 13 to 16 March 2019 | The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape** | Imagine being able to look at the environmental disclosure of a company and gaining 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. This is indeed possible. While many of the top 100 companies listed on JSE Limited already calculate their carbon footprints, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Before long, every company will need to calculate its carbon footprint and also strive to reduce it. Soon carbon (and water) foot printing will be implemented and actioned by all listed companies. For more information please [click here](#).

**BRAND SOUTH AFRICA BRIEFING NOTE SA INC PROJECT REVIEW | 19 March 2019 | Brand SA, Houghton** | Brand South Africa extends an invitation to you to participate in a review session of its SA Inc project. Essentially the SA Inc. project aims to develop in-depth qualitative insight into the reputation, profile, presence, and brand positioning of South Africa in select international markets. [Details here](#).

**CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 20 to 24 March 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg** | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: **20 May**; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: **21 May**; Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): **22 May**; GHG Emissions

Inventory (ISO 14064-1): **23 to 24 May**. Offered jointly by ESS and Water Energy Carbon Consulting. For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

**BUILDING RELEVANT BUSINESSES AND WORK EXPERIENCES IN A DIGITAL WORLD | 26 March 2019 | GIBS, Illovo** | The link between employee experience and innovation, and ultimately business relevance is undeniable, yet many business leaders choose to stick their heads in the sand regarding the human element of business. Brad Shorkend and Andy Golding are the co-founders of Still Human and the authors of We Are Still Human (and work shouldn't suck!). They help businesses around the world remain relevant by creating exceptional employee experiences and always being innovation-ready. [GIBS Website](#).

**INTERNATIONALLY LICENSED GRI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WORKSHOP (NEW) | 10 April 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg** | For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

**INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE: INNER CITY HOUSING | NEW DATE: 11 April 2019 | DBSA, Midrand** | This dialogue, the 50<sup>th</sup> since the Infrastructure Dialogue partnership was launched in 2009, will focus on inner-city housing as an important component of spatial transformation. It will explore problems and opportunities faced by residents, job seekers, property owners and developers, financiers and government at the local provincial and national spheres. [More information](#).

**TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2019 | 16 to 17 April 2019 | The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg** | Education, risk and reputation and innovative finance among key themes at Triologue Business in Society Conference 2019. The Triologue Business in Society Conference is a dynamic space in which stakeholders in development can come together to share challenges, lessons and innovations to improve large-scale and lasting impact in development. [BizCommunity, 5 March 2019](#).

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE** (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on **GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) | 14 to 16 May 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg** | For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

**RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION COURSE** (earning 2 CPD credits) | **28 to 29 May 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg** | For more information visit: [www.ess-sustainability.co.za](http://www.ess-sustainability.co.za), e-mail: [seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za](mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za) or phone: **082 395 7582**.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK 2019 | 18 to 22 March 2019 | Accra, Ghana** | Africa Climate Week (ACW) 2019 will convene in the lead-up to the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit in September 2019, bringing together diverse actors from the public and private sectors. Participants will focus on how engagement between Parties and non-Party stakeholders can be further strengthened in key sectors for Africa, including energy, agriculture and human settlements. The event will also showcase the role of future carbon markets to enhance climate action towards the goal of sustainable development and seek to facilitate implementation of countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement on climate change and SDG 13 (climate action), among other Goals. [Click here](#).

**7TH RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT NEW YORK 2019 | 18 to 19 March 2019 | New York, USA** | The Responsible Business Summit New York is North America's leading platform where global businesses gather to create partnerships, share practical insights and shape the future sustainability agenda. This year 400+ CEOs, business leaders, Investors, Government representatives and NGOs will discuss how to lead a sustainable future for all. [Website](#).

**SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN BUSINESS: The AFRICA CEO FORUM | 25 to 26 March 2019 | Kigali, Rwanda |** Organized by Jeune Afrique Media Group, and co-hosted by IFC, a long-stranding partner, the Africa CEO Forum has established itself as the most important annual meeting of the African private sector. [Details here.](#)

**WBCSD TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: REPORTING MATTERS | 5 April 2019 | Geneva, Switzerland |** WBCSD developed Reporting matters in partnership with Radley Yeldar in 2013 to help improve the effectiveness of sustainability reporting. Every year, we analyse sustainability reports from our member companies against a predefined framework and use this data to provide confidential, personalized feedback for members and produce an annual publication with reporting trends and good practice examples. For the past several years, we have supported several Global Network partners who have participated in training and used Reporting matters resources to run their own review processes. Registration details are available [here.](#)

**WBCSD WORKSHOP: SDG INTEGRATION & REPORTING | 18 April 2019 | New York, US |** This interactive workshop convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) will explore the implications of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for business, highlight emerging trends and developments across the business and SDG landscape, and underline best practice around strategic alignment with the SDG agenda. It will also focus on stakeholder expectations and emerging best practice in the field of SDG reporting while explaining how SDG disclosure will be further incorporated in WBCSD's Reporting matters analysis in 2019. [Details here.](#)

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