

# 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.

**COMPANIES MUST DO MORE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA** Tuesday marked International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia; observed annually since 2005. This day aims to raise awareness around LGBT rights globally and specifically, violations against the LGBTQIAP+ community. **NBI Quick Brief, 17 May 2022.**

**THUTHULA NDUNGE, NBI'S PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR: ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP** will be participating in a panel discussion at the **OECD Roundtable on Collective Action against Corruption** taking place next week on **Tuesday, 24 May 2022** at the **Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Balalaika in Sandton**. View details and the draft agenda, **here**.

**SOUTH AFRICA GEARING UP TO NEGOTIATE 'NEW PARADIGM' CLIMATE FINANCE DEAL** South Africa aims to pursue a financing solution that embraces a "different paradigm" with regard to the allocation of risk, as well as return expectations and

investment horizons, when negotiating the terms and conditions of an \$8.5-billion climate finance offer made in November by several developed countries. [Terence Creamer, Engineering News, 9 May 2022.](#)

**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](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**UN REPORT URGES BETTER COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY, SDGS** The report highlights strategies that countries could use to “drive fundamental transformation towards sustainable development” and recommends putting in place the necessary legal, policy, and institutional measures to enable all countries, particularly developing nations, to build back better social protection and healthcare systems. [IISD, 18 May 2022.](#)

**HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE SPOTS INVESTMENT RISKS EARLIER THAN ESG** Taking a human rights approach to investing can help identify risks before they become material, according to the authors of a new study from the Business for Social Responsibility (BSR). [Natasha Turner, ESG Clarity, 16 May 2022.](#)

**WOMEN MUST BE INVOLVED AND NOT JUST INCLUDED IN A TRANSITION** A panel of experts came together last Tuesday to put an important topic back at the top of the agenda –how to ensure women are part of the just transition to green energy. [Gayle Edmunds, City Press/News24, 15 May 2022.](#)

**GOVERNMENTS TAKE NOTE: SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS LEAD TO FASTER EMISSIONS CUTS, THE RIGHT POLICY CAN CUT THEM FASTER STILL** The latest progress report from the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) shows that record numbers of companies are working towards science-based targets (SBTs) to cut their emissions. [Maria Mendiluce, WMB Coalition, 13 May 2022.](#)

**HOW STARTUPS DRIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WHILE GROWING RESPONSIBLY** Startups are crucial in bringing about societal change as well as driving economic recovery and responsible growth. [Jeremy Jurgens, WEF, 12 May 2022.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**PICK N PAY'S BIG PLANS: NEW BRANDS, COST-CUTTING, BOXER EXPANSION AND OMNICHANNEL GROWTH** The "biggest and most important change in Pick n Pay for many years". That's how Pick n Pay Group CEO Pieter Boone has described the retail company's new four-year strategic plan revealed this week. [BizCommunity, 18 May 2022.](#)

**NEDBANK INVESTS IN RAPIDDEPLOY FOR RAPID RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY** Financial services firm Nedbank has made an equity investment into emergency response technology platform RapidDeploy to deliver life-saving rapid response technology for public safety. [Engineering News, 18 May 2022.](#)

**EXXARO RESOURCES' YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS CHOSEN FOR UN SDGS INNOVATORS PROGRAMME** Exxaro is pleased to announce that four of its brilliant young employees, Simone Naicker, Basetsana Malekele, Makolo Kanku and Muhammad Jassat have been selected to be part of the United Nations Global Compact's prestigious Young Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Innovators Programme. [South Africa Today, 18 May 2022.](#)

**RMB VENTURES INVESTS IN INHANCE SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS** Financial services firm Rand Merchant Bank private equity arm RMB Ventures has concluded an investment in supply chain technology and services business Enhance Supply Chain Solutions. [Engineering News, 17 May 2022.](#)

**FNB HELPS BRIDGE DIGITAL DIVIDE WITH AFFORDABLE SMART DEVICES PAYABLE OVER 24 MONTHS** FNB has innovated around affordability of aspirational brands by announcing new 'Hero Device Deals' to help customers stay connected for less and assist with their education, security, home and business or work-related needs. [IOL Business, 17 May 2022.](#)

**AB INBEV, SAB COMMITTED TO AFRICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY - CEO MICHEL DOUKERIS** South African Breweries (SAB), part of AB InBev, reiterated its commitment to supporting economic growth and sustainability in Africa and South Africa during a visit to the country this week by AB InBev global CEO Michel Doukeris. [BizCommunity, 16 May 2022.](#)

**VODACOM COMMITS TO USING RENEWABLE-ENERGY BY 2025** Vodacom's pledge to halve its environmental impact by 2025 is well underway with a target set to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions. Within the next three years, Vodacom aims to diversify its energy mix which includes buying electricity needed for its operations from renewable-energy sources. [Vodacom, 5 May 2022.](#)

**SAPPI FORESTS: PROVIDING TANGIBLE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE SDGS** Speaking at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Forestry Congress, held in Seoul (Korea), from 02 to 06 May 2022, Sappi Forests Vice President Duane Roothman, shone a light on South African commercial forestry plantations, as well as the invaluable role they play in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [SAPPI, 5 May 2022.](#)

**EVOLUTION IN AFRICAN MINING: INVESTING IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION, ESG, AND THE ECONOMIES** The mining industry faces new challenges to evolve African mining. While powering new strategies and transforming the energy transition, ESG, and the economies, these advancements will change how African mines operate and require careful consideration of the impact of those changes on mining stakeholders. [FTI Consulting, 4 May 2022.](#)

## NOTICES/REPORTS/OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS 2022** Are you ready to showcase your gender empowerment? Celebrating top women and the companies behind them, these annual awards honour and applaud outstanding leadership, inspiration, vision and innovation, in organisations that play a role in advancing women to the forefront of the economy. Covering all major economic sectors, and awarding business from SMME- to national-level. [Website & further details.](#)

**INVESTING INTO CLIMATE RESILIENCE AS A PRAGMATIC PATH TO AFRICA'S NET-ZERO** A new report from the Africa Finance Corporation sets out the continent's stance of balancing the need for emissions reduction with critical development imperatives as Africa starts to look to net-zero and the upcoming COP27 UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt. [ESI Africa, 13 May 2022.](#)

**WBCSD PUBLICATION: CIRCULAR TRANSITION INDICATORS V3.0 – METRICS FOR BUSINESS, BY BUSINESS** With sustainability going mainstream, there is rising pressure on companies to demonstrate circular performance. The Circular Transitions Indicators (CTI) framework helps companies respond to this growing demand by providing a simple and sector-agnostic way to measure circularity and giving insights into how to reduce primary resource use and waste generation. [WBCSD, 11 May 2022.](#)

**6 KEY INSIGHTS INTO ACCELERATING THE ENERGY TRANSITION** The World Economic Forum's Energy Transition Index (ETI) has shown that the world has made steady, albeit measured, progress in its energy transition journey over the past decade. [WEF, 11 May 2022.](#)

**LATEST INSIGHTS FROM CDP, THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE SYSTEM - CDP, 10 May 2022.**

**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.](#)

**CASE STUDY: REPAIR AND REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC WASTE IN THE RETAIL SECTOR** GreenCape, in partnership with the City of Cape Town, has published a new case study titled: *Returning the 'spark' to electronic waste: Repair and redistribution of electronic waste in the retail sector.* To access the case study, [click here.](#)

**CLIMATE CHANGE BILL OPEN FOR COMMENTS AMID CLIMATE CRISIS OUTCRY** Amid the outcry for proactive climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, particularly in the agriculture industry, the portfolio committee on environment, forestry and fisheries opened comments for the Climate Change Bill which **need to be submitted by 27 May 2022**. [IOL, 27 April 2022](#).

**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](#).

## 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 **Media Release**, entitled: **“Announcing the Business Case for Collective Landscape Action Initiative”**, [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 **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 (13.05.22)”**, [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: **“Solving human and societal challenges – the real drivers behind innovation”**, [here](#).

## NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2022

**NBI COP27 ROADSHOW LAUNCH: Calling South African Business to be part of the UN Climate Conference in Egypt, as Africa takes centre stage at COP27 | Tuesday, 24 May 2022 via Zoom | 09:00 to 10:30 SAST** | Building on the momentum achieved at COP26, we invite you to join us at the upcoming South Africa Pavilion COP27 Roadshow event as we highlight the key focal areas for this year’s pavilion, outline our programme of work for the Road to COP27, and call on business to collaborate with us in the delivery of this key national platform. | [Further details & Zoom registration link](#).

## ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2022

**ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM WEBINAR | 24 May 2022 via Zoom | 09:00 to 11:30 SAST** | This event will focus on latest water outlook updates outlining the status of the City of Cape Town’s water supply augmentation schemes for future water security and climate resilience as well as provide input from the City’s energy, waste and partner organisations including WWF’s Table Mountain Water Source Groundwater Programme, and the EDP hydro-economic study for the Western Cape Water Supply System | Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**OECD WORKSHOP ON PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION STANDARDS IN ACADEMIC CURRICULA | 23 May 2022 | The Oliver Tambo Moot Court, Faculty of Law, UCT & Online via Zoom | 09:00 to 13:00 SAST** | The Workshop will include an introductory presentation of The Project "Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness" in South Africa, implemented by the OECD and launched in November 2021, as part of the Siemens Global Integrity Initiative. The contents of the Workshop will also cover OECD anti-corruption and business integrity standards and best practices, as well as highlight how they can contribute to improving market conditions and competitiveness. | [Further information & registration link.](#)

**OECD ROUNDTABLE ON COLLECTIVE ACTION AGAINST CORRUPTION | 24 May 2022 | Protea Hotel, Sandton & Online via Zoom | 09:00 to 15:30 SAST** | This Roundtable is the first of a series of meetings organised to encourage the creation of a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform with key public and private decision-makers and civil society representatives in South Africa, aiming to foster collective action against corruption and sustainable alliances in favour of business integrity in strategic economic sectors. | [Additional information & registration link.](#)

**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.](#)

**GLOBAL STARTUP AWARDS AFRICA | 14 & 15 June 2022 | Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC)** | Hosted by the Global Innovation Initiative Group (GIIG), the event is a culmination of a six-month-long process of extensive and rigorous research, networking, and collaborations across the globe, with the aim of finding Africa's most promising innovators. | [Website and additional information.](#)

**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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