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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**WOOLWORTHS JOINED THE NBI MEMBERSHIP MOVEMENT IN 1997** and has since been involved in the NBI's environmental sustainability work stream, contributing to Thought Leadership and Collective Action, through this commitment. View what **Zyda Ryalnds, CEO: Woolworths** says about the NBI: [#NBIMemberMonday](#)

**THE NBI GIVES ITS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFILE THEIR COMPANIES ON OUR WEBSITE** Please contact: [Tumi Nkosi](#) for further information regarding this. Check out **ABB's** page by clicking [here](#).

**STEVE NICHOLLS, NBI'S HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT** will be attending **Climate Week NYC**, taking place next week, 23 to 29 September 2019. If you are an NBI Member Company and will be travelling to New York to attend **CWNY 2019**, please contact him on: [SteveN@nbi.org.za](mailto:SteveN@nbi.org.za). Follow [#ClimateWeekNYC](#)

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND THE WORKPLACE** Reflecting on this year's Women's Month, it would be remiss to not address the reality of gender-based violence. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief [here](#).

**WHAT ARE THE YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKES?** We have been bombarded with news on environmental catastrophes. From hurricanes to major floods to fires in rather unexpected places (the Amazon and the Arctic Circle), climate change is front and centre in the news, but not in our politics or our solutions. As reflected in international agreements like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Change Agreement, we need significant socio-economic and environmental change. [NBI Quick Brief, 6 September 2019.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS



**3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT SUMMIT** How can we accelerate action on sustainable development? Global leaders are set to take stock of the 17 goals they've set themselves at a meeting on the fringes of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit (SDIS) on September 23-24 brings together hundreds of leaders from government, business and civil society to help find solutions to major challenges around climate change, health, inclusion and technology. [Katharine Rooney, WEF, 18 September 2019.](#)

**YOUNG PEOPLE ARE RIGHT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE; IT'S TIME TO LISTEN** Climate change is not a far-away problem – it is causing huge damage right now in Asia-Pacific and around the world. From air pollution choking many major cities, to more extreme heat and natural disasters, to one million species at risk, the urgent need for climate action is clear. [Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, The European Sting, 18 September 2019.](#)

**CHINA TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE WITH 'NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS'** China said it will try to persuade other countries to support “nature-based solutions” to tackle the root causes of climate change, the country said in a position paper published ahead of a United Nations summit in New York. [Reuters, 18 September 2019.](#)

**WE ARE ON TRACK TO MEET ONE NDP GOAL: RENEWABLE ENERGY** The sector is crucial for the green economy and our future, as spelt out in the National Development Plan. [BusinessLIVE, 18 September 2019.](#)

**#AREYOUGOINGTORECYCLETHAT: SOUTH AFRICANS URGED TO INTERROGATE THEIR WASTE** South Africa's National

Recycling Day is coming up on 20 September 2019, presenting an opportunity for citizens and businesses to reflect on their waste habits and become more conscious of the impact these have on the environment. [BizCommunity, 18 September 2019.](#)

**WHY THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION COULD SPELL MORE JOBS – NOT FEWER** Ever since *Homo erectus* carved a piece of stone into a tool, the welfare of humanity has been on the increase. This technological breakthrough led first to the hand axe, and eventually to the iPhone. We have found it convenient to organize the most dramatic period of change between these two inventions – beginning roughly in the year 1760 – into four industrial revolutions. [Jayant Menon, WEF, 17 September 2019.](#)

**LTS TRACKER GIVES PREVIEW OF COUNTRIES' LONG-TERM STRATEGIES BEFORE UNSG CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT** At the UN Climate Action Summit next week, scores of countries are expected to announce their plans to accelerate and scale up global ambition to implement the Paris Agreement. [Mengpin Ge and Katherine Ross, WRI, 17 September 2019.](#)

**BUSINESS CALLS FOR CLEAR, BOLD CLIMATE DIRECTION FROM UN SUMMIT** *'Don't come with a speech, come with a plan'* – That was the clear call to action from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres ahead of this month's UNSG Summit in New York. [Jen Austin, We Mean Business, 16 September 2019.](#)

**THE POWER OF SUPPLY CHAINS TO CHANGE THE WORLD** The climate science is very clear: to avoid disastrous climate impacts we need to take action now, and it needs to be done at a mass scale. And with the Paris Agreement, almost all the world's nations agree a net-zero economy is the direction of travel. [Sonya Bhonsle, CDP, 12 September 2019.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



**KZN BASED TONGAAT HULETT ANNOUNCES ITS PROJECT WITH ZIMBABWE IS ON TRACK** KwaZulu-Natal based agri-processing business, Tongaat Hulett on Tuesday announced that Project Kilimanjaro, which will result in the development of a significant portion of land to sugarcane, is on track. [IOL Business, 18 September 2019.](#)

**BIG CHANGES FOR DISCOVERY VITALITY IN 2020** Focus shifts massively towards 'health outcomes'. In communication to brokers, Discovery says "points thresholds required to reach Bronze, Silver and Gold Vitality status will be lowered to encourage engagement and to align thresholds with points earning categories and health outcomes". [Moneyweb, 18 September 2019.](#)

**ABB SIGNS MAJOR FRAMEWORK CONTRACT WITH APG FOR LARGEST EVER GRID EXPANSION IN AUSTRIA** ABB

Power Grids switchgear potentially worth over \$100 million over the next 5 years. [ABB, 18 September 2019.](#)

**EXXARO TO TAKE FULL OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLES COMPANY CENNERGI** Diversified resources company Exxaro Resources has concluded an agreement with Khopoli Investments, a subsidiary of Tata Power Company, to acquire Khopoli's 50% shareholding in independent power producer Cennergi for R1.55-billion. [Engineering News, 17 September 2019.](#)

**FNB ISLAMIC BANKING WINS BIG AT GIFA** FNB Islamic Banking has been awarded the Best Islamic Banking Window 2019 for the third consecutive year at the Global Islamic Finance Awards (Gifa) at an awards ceremony held on Monday in Cape Town. [IOL Business, 17 September 2019.](#)

**MTN LAUNCHES NEW PLANS AIMED AT SMES** MTN has introduced a new mobile price plan aimed at small and medium enterprises (SMEs). [BusinessTech, 16 September 2019.](#)

**AB INBEV TARGETS \$5BN IN ASIAN UNIT'S HONG KONG IPO** Anheuser-Busch InBev NV is aiming to raise about \$5 billion in a Hong Kong listing of its Asian unit by the end of September, people familiar with the matter said, reviving a plan scrapped two months ago for what would have been the world's biggest initial public offering of 2019. [Moneyweb, 12 September 2019.](#)

**VODACOM TANZANIA, SMART LAB PARTNER TO BOOST START-UPS** Vodacom Tanzania and Smart Lab have launched the Vodacom Digital Accelerator, a programme that intends to help early-stage and growth-stage technology startups become profitable and revenue generating businesses. [IT-Online, 12 September 2019.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



**BUSINESS CLIMATE RESILIENCE: THRIVING THROUGH THE TRANSFORMATION** Published a shortly after the landmark [report by the Global Commission on Adaptation](#), WBCSD's report brings together important global developments and latest thinking on climate adaptation and resilience, with particular focus on private sector climate resilience.

**NEW STUDY HOPES TO BREAK CHAIN OF FEMICIDES** After another sombre week of femicide and funerals, a new study hopes to help guide the government in protecting vulnerable teenagers by understanding adolescent homicides in South Africa. [Shaun Smillie, New Frame, 17 September 2019.](#)

**THE CLIMATE DECADE IS COMING – ARE YOU READY?** There's no more waiting for every government, no more 'we'll do it if



they do it' – we all need to escalate our actions to get emissions down. Right down. [Helen Clarkson, The Climate Group, 13 September 2019.](#)

**HOW DO WE BUILD A #SUSTAINABLEWORLD?** Delivering on the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Agreement is no easy task. The global risks highlighted by these agendas will need global solutions. [WEF, 11 September 2019.](#)

**THE GLOBAL COMMISSION ON ADAPTATION CALLS FOR LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION TO CREATE SAFER, STRONGER AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.** Read the full report [here.](#)

**ENTREPRENEURS: TIME TO DELIVER CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS** Unprecedented glacial melts in Greenland in 2019. Permafrost releasing carbon monoxide at rates not factored into the climate change models. Killer heat waves threatening 200 million people in northern India. Millions marching across the world demanding climate change be taken seriously by governments. [Elske Joubert, ESG Green Pages, 9 September 2019.](#)

## 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 18 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **News Article** entitled, “**What the 1.5°C - degree report means for city climate action**”, [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 **September 2019 Water Stewardship News & Updates**, [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. Review their latest **Company Profile** on Unilever, [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 **news article** entitled: “**Stepping up business action to 1.5°C**”, [here.](#)

## NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

**5TH ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel Johannesburg|**

**‘Strengthening the water value chain through partnership’** is the topic for this year’s by invitation-only event, which brings together representatives from the public and private sector, municipalities, banking institutions and civil society. No value chain is stronger than its weakest link. But can a weak link be strengthened through partnerships? This is the question that will guide the cross learning during the day’s events, which will feature dynamic examples of collaborative governance through partnerships and practical case studies and success stories. The learning event will also provide a platform for dialogue amongst relevant partners from public, private and civil society sectors where alternative water and sanitation service solutions can be fostered, lessons shared and scalability in the South African context explored. [Click here to register.](#)

**EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY LOW CARBON ECONOMIC TRANSITION SCENARIOS IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELATED GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRENDS | Wednesday, 9 October 2019 | FutureSpace IAC 96 Rivonia Road, Sandton** | The transition to global net-zero economies by 2050 is underway and accelerating. Business needs to engage in these conversations or risk undermining their competitiveness. We need to understand the risk, how planning is done by government and what role business could or should play. Join us for an exclusive, member only event where we share an update on the NBI’s research and an overview of government planning processes. In addition, we will deal with the complexity of a Just Transition in the context of transition ambition as well as discuss the need to support government in enhancing the detail and ambition in the NDCs and LEDS, in the build up to COP26 in 2020. RSVP [here.](#)

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



**BEYOND IMPOTENCE AND GLOOM: SA’S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FUTURE, AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT | 25 September 2019 | GIBS, Illovo** | Join the GIBS Ethics and Governance Think Tank for a robust conversation with a great line up of prominent speakers. [Website and further details.](#)

**SMARTER MOBILITY AFRICA 2019 | 1 to 2 October 2019 | Sun Arena at Time Square, Pretoria** | Smarter Mobility Africa brings together mobility thought leaders from business and government to consider, collaborate, co-create and consolidate efforts for accelerating the transition to electric and smart mobility. [Website and further information.](#)

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 2 to 3 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg** | Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. 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.

**WINDABA: SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER WIND ENERGY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION | 8 to 9 October 2019 | Cape Town International Convention Centre** | The 9th annual Windaba Conference and Exhibition will once again be proudly brought to you by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) in proud partnership with the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) under the theme "Unleashing renewable power for African development". [WINDABA Website](#)

**CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 21 to 24 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: 21 October; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: 22 October; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): 23 to 24 October.** 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.

**IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 22 October 2019 | IMBEWU's offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg** | IMBEWU's Environmental Law Update Workshop is SACNASP accredited (one CPD point) and will cover the key developments in environmental legislation in 2018 and 2019, including amendments to, and new regulations promulgated. To book, email the [booking form](#) to [lulu@imbewu.co.za](mailto:lulu@imbewu.co.za) or call us on 011 214 0660.

**LANDFILL MANAGEMENT 101 COURSE | 11 to 12 November 2019 | Diep in die Berg Conference Centre, Pretoria** | 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

**UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019 | 23 September 2019 | New York, US** | In September world leaders will convene in New York for the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit. In line with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on the impacts of a global warming of 1.5 °C, one of the key objectives of the summit is to secure political will leading to ambitious 2020 commitments, as well as long-term strategies with concrete steps and interim targets towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050. [Further information.](#)

**CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK (CWNY) | 23 to 29 September 2019 | New York, US** | Run in coordination with the UN and the City of New York, Climate Week continues to grow as the time and place for the world to showcase amazing climate action and discuss how to do more. Climate Week NYC is run by The Climate Group, the international non-profit focused on accelerating climate action. [CWNY Website.](#)

**SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM NORTH AMERICA 2019 | 25 September 2019 | New York, US** | The Largest Finance Forum During Climate Week NYC. The Forum will welcome over 350 attendees, including asset owners and managers, banks, development institutions, policymakers, think tanks and NGOs, looking to drive the sustainability agenda. It is the number one meeting place during Climate Week NYC for the sustainable finance community. [View website.](#)

**MODELLING AND MANAGING THE ENERGY TRANSITION | 25 September 2019 | Norton Rose Fulbright NY, US** | Climate Week NYC: Baringa, with Norton Rose Fulbright, are hosting an event exploring how to model & manage the energy transition, and subsequently draw out risk impacts, and opportunities, for firms. Read more/register: [here](#)

**WORLD MANUFACTURING FORUM | 25 to 27 September 2019 | Cernobbio, Italy** | The World Manufacturing Forum (WMF) is an annual international conference which seeks to raise awareness and seek cooperative solutions to global manufacturing

challenges through discovery, dialogue, and sharing of best practices between government, manufacturing, and innovation leaders. The motto of this year's edition is "New Skills for Future Manufacturing". [Further information.](#)

**2019 C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT | 9 to 12 October 2019 | Copenhagen, Denmark** | The C40 World Mayors Summit will feature innovative events, plenary sessions, breakout sessions, press conferences and cultural activities, serving as a unique forum for member cities to present the **innovative** actions they have taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience. [C40 Website.](#)

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