

# 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](#).

**THE NBI DEVELOPED AN APPLICATION TO VISUALISE SEVERAL CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO SHOWCASE AT COP24 2018** This APP is now freely available for download off the google play store and the apple app store! Follow the link for more information and download instructions [here](#).

**KOPANO YA METSI: MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE ROUNDTABLE** The National Business Initiative (NBI), in collaboration with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Development Bank of Southern Africa, will host an expert roundtable on 1 March 2019 on how to transform the wastewater sector in South Africa into an economic success story. [Details here](#).

**SA NEEDS INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO REALISING PRESIDENTIAL JOB CREATION COMMITMENTS** The landmark framework agreement signed at the presidential jobs summit during October last year has the potential to turn the tide of youth unemployment. [IT-Online, 14 February 2019](#).

**CALL FOR INVITATION TO TENDER** The National Business Initiative (NBI) seeks to Employ for various Experts to provide specialist services, to support the development of the Public & Private Sector Energy Efficiency Programme (PPSEEP) feasibility assessments for application to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). [View here](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**IMPROVING AFRICAN RESEARCH CAPACITY A KEY INGREDIENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Participants in the recent meeting of the Climate Research for Development (CR4D) Institutional Collaboration Platform (ICP) in Uganda adopted a five-

year strategic plan that emphasises the three climate research priority areas of science, practice and policy, and strategies to enhance uptake of climate research outcomes at policy level and resource mobilisation. [BizCommunity, 21 February 2019.](#)

**ENABLING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – DELIVERING ON AFRICA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENDA** African economies have in recent years experienced a surge in business activity, thanks in part to the emergence of an increasingly prosperous middle class. This consumer boom has not only strained retail supply chains but has placed overwhelming demands on national utilities. [Engineering News, 21 February 2019.](#)

**FIVE WAYS TO FIGHT SOCIAL INJUSTICE** The World Day of Social Justice is celebrated on February 20<sup>th</sup> with an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous co-existence within and among nations. [Responsible Business, 20 February 2019.](#)

**4 MYTHS ABOUT MANUFACTURING IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION** Like all good industry trends, the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) for manufacturing has come to mean many things. While most would agree that it involves the incorporation and interconnectivity of new technologies across production systems, questions remain around the business case to actually implement these solutions. [Ian Cronin, Adrian Widmer and Diego Hernandez Diaz, GreenBiz, 20 February 2019.](#)

**SCIENCE BASED TARGETS INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES MAJOR UPDATES FOLLOWING IPCC SPECIAL REPORT ON 1.5°C** The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) will introduce major new updates to enable companies to set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets consistent with the most ambitious aim of the Paris Agreement, to limit average global warming to 1.5°C by the end of the century compared to pre-industrial temperatures. [Science Based Targets, 20 February 2019.](#)

**HOW TO BREAK DOWN WORK INTO TASKS THAT CAN BE AUTOMATED** Virtually every organization is wrestling and experimenting with automation. But most are missing the benefits that come from deep and systemic change. [Ravin Jesuthasan and John Boudreau, HBR, 20 February 2019.](#)

**EUROPEAN FARMS COULD GROW GREEN AND STILL BE ABLE TO FEED POPULATION** Europe would still be able to feed its growing population even if it switched entirely to environmentally friendly approaches such as organic farming, according to a new report from a thinktank. [Rebecca Smithers, The Guardian, 20 February 2019.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA SET TO INTRODUCE LONG-AWAITED CARBON TAX IN JUNE** South Africa is on course to put a price on carbon pollution, after the National Assembly passed a long-awaited Carbon Tax Bill on Tuesday. [Megan Darby, Climate Change News, 20 February 2019.](#)

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSES CARBON TAX BILL** Based on the polluter pays principle, companies which exceed the threshold of carbon emissions, will be charged R120 per ton of carbon dioxide emissions. [Lindsay Dentlinger, EWN, 19 February 2019.](#)

## NBI Member Company News

**WOOLWORTHS CEO CONFIDENT THAT RIGHT STRATEGIES ARE IN PLACE** Woolworths Holdings on Thursday announced results for the 26 weeks ended 23 December 2018. [FIN24, 21 February 2019.](#)

**#BUDGET2019: FNB WELCOMES R950M SUBSIDY FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS** FNB has welcomed the announcement that first-time home buyers will benefit from a R950 million subsidy over the next three years as part of government's "Our Help To Buy" initiative. [IOL Business, 20 February 2019.](#)

**RMB'S 8TH WHERE TO INVEST IN AFRICA EDITION HONES IN ON INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA** 'Where to invest in Africa 2018/19' offers insights into investment opportunities for the benefit of Africa and its private and public funders alike. [BusinessLIVE, 19 February 2019.](#)

**ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM APPOINTS CRAIG MILLER AS NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR** Anglo American Platinum announced the appointment of Craig Miller as Finance Director, following Ian Botha's resignation, as announced in September 2018. [IOL Business, 19 February 2019.](#)

**DOLHIN BAY BRIEF** [February 2019.](#)

**GROWTHPOINT AND THE WASTE TRANSFORMERS LAUNCH WASTE-TO-ENERGY INITIATIVE AT N1 CITY MALL** The improper disposal of waste is one of the fastest growing risks to our planet and way of life. [EnvironmentSA, 14 February 2019.](#)

**NEDBANK, SAA EXPAND VOYAGER MILE PROGRAMME TO CHEQUE CARDS** Nedbank customers can now earn South African Airways (SAA) with every swipe of their cheque card. [BizCommunity, 14 February 2019.](#)

**VODACOM PARTNERS WITH FACEBOOK TO LAUNCH FACEBOOK FLEX IN LESOTHO** Vodacom Lesotho has announced a new partnership with Facebook to launch Facebook Flex, a connectivity service that allows peoples to stay connected with news updates all free of charge. [Africa Tech, 14 February 2019.](#)

**2019 BUDGET WILL PRESENT SOUTH AFRICA WITH 'A PATH OF HOPE' – PWC** With Finance Minister Tito Mboweni scheduled to deliver the 2019 Budget Speech, in Cape Town, on February 20, expectations are high as the country waits to hear how he plans to balance competing expenditure priorities to stimulate economic growth, in spite of fiscal consolidation measures. [Engineering News, 13 February 2019.](#)

**PICK N PAY EXPANDS RANGE OF REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS** Pick n Pay is trialling an environmentally-friendly R5 bag as an affordable reusable alternative to plastic carrier bags. The new budget bag is made from green recycled plastic bottles and will initially be introduced in 22 stores across the country to gauge customer reaction. [BizCommunity, 13 February 2019.](#)

**TSGO SUN WINS 19 TRIPADVISOR TRAVELLERS CHOICE AWARDS IN 2019** Thirteen Tsogo Sun hotels and resorts have won 19 TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Awards this year in various categories, as voted by world travellers on criteria that include remarkable quality, service and value. [SAfrica, 13 February 2019.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**NEW REPORT: 4.5% OF GDP THE PRICE TAG FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** According to a new World Bank report, investments of 4.5% of GDP will allow developing countries to achieve their infrastructure-related Sustainable Development Goals and stay on track to limit climate change to up to 2°C. [Beyond the Gap](#) also finds infrastructure investment compatible with full decarbonisation need not cost more than more polluting alternatives. [BizCommunity, 21 February 2019.](#)

**WOMEN SUMMIT TO CONQUER NEW TERRITORY** The fourth annual Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit, which takes place in Durban next month, will focus on innovation and non-conformity with the theme, 'New Wealth Creators'. [SAfrica24, 21 February 2019.](#)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET** [Bloomberg, 20 February 2019.](#)

**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.](#)

**OUR FOOD SYSTEM REQUIRES A RADICAL OVERHAUL** This is the key message contained in a new WWF South Africa report titled "Agri-Food Systems: Facts and Futures" released on Monday. [WWF-SA, 18 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.](#)

**THULI MADONSELA: THE PERILS OF EXCLUSION FROM OPPORTUNITY** As we approach World Social Justice Day on February 20, one's natural instinct is to reflect on the state of social justice in SA, Africa and the world. At home, the reflective moment is also inspired by the fact that in April we will celebrate 25 years of democracy. [Thuli Madonsela, BusinessLIVE, 13 February 2019.](#)

**ENTRIES ARE OPEN FOR THE 2019 ABSA BUSINESS DAY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS** The Absa Business Day Supplier Development Awards, which recognise excellence in supplier development in SA, are inviting organisations to enter their top initiatives. Closing date: 1 March 2019. [BusinessLIVE, 7 February 2019.](#)

**TRACKING PROGRESS OF THE 2020 CLIMATE TURNING POINT** The world is already experiencing severe impacts of climate change, from extreme heat waves, sea level rise to species die-offs and crop failures. [WRI, February 2019.](#)

**SURVEY: WHAT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICIES DO EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY WANT?** We know that diversity matters. In addition to being the right thing to strive for, having a diverse workforce helps companies acquire and retain the best talent, build employee engagement, increase innovation, and improve business performance. [HBR, 5 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 latest news article entitled, "**CDP and ICLEI: Introducing streamlined climate reporting**", [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 blog article entitled; "**Support the UN's Leaving No One Behind campaign for World Water Day**", [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 blog article entitled: "**How food and agri businesses can harness soil to store carbon and create value**", [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: “WBCSD’s Forest Solution Group leads development of SDG roadmap to catalyze forest sector’s impact on the SDGs, [here](#).”

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

**NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA: AN INVESTOR’S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA’S INVESTMENT CONTEXT | Wednesday, 27 February 2019 | Brand SA, Houghton** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Brand South Africa invite you to a jointly-hosted event to consider in depth South Africa’s investment projections given the current state of the country. This engagement will 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. If you are an NBI member company and would like to attend this session, please [RSVP](#) here.

**KOPANO YA METSI: MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE ROUNDTABLE | Friday, 1 March 2019 | Protea Hotel, Hatfield** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and South African Local Government Association (SALGA) invite are hosting an expert roundtable on how we transform the wastewater sector in South Africa into an economic success story. The roundtable will focus on understanding how wastewater can be tackled in a system-wide approach, and how we can build on our existing efforts. The session will be limited to key role-players in the water, wastewater and municipal space. Please contact: [Mmaphefo Thwala](#) for further details.

**ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENDER PAY-GAP IN SOUTH AFRICA | Friday, 8 March 2019 | Sanlam, Sandton** | The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a roundtable discussion to unpack the gender pay-gap in South African workplaces. It is estimated that women in South Africa earn 23% less than men. The gender pay-gap reinforces inequality in the most unequal society in the world. Given that most South African households are headed by women, the pay-gap between men and women has far-reaching consequences. Companies can unlock higher levels of productivity, morale and retention by taking active steps to address the gender-pay gap. Please 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.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

**ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2019 | 21 February 2018 | GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg** | Economic stagnation requires action, but will it be delivered in an election year or will the system continue to crack? Beyond the obvious headlines and current rhetoric, this conference examines the fundamentals, opportunities, inherent weaknesses and prospects for the South African economy in 2019. [GIBS Website](#).

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | <IR> for Managers: 22 February 2019; <IR> for Practitioners: 13 to 14 March 2019.** 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**.

**THE 2019 BIG TRENDS BREAKFAST | 25 February 2018 | GIBS, Illovo, Johannesburg | Making sense of the noise: The #s that will shift our 2019 and the 'so what' and 'now what?'** This breakfast event provides a powerful look at the political, socio-economic, technological, digital and business trends that will impact our 2019 and beyond. [GIBS Website](#).

**INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT | 18 to 23 February 2019 |The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape |** This course focuses on the rise to global prominence of the challenge of sustainability in general and sustainable development in particular. Public policy debates at the global levels of governance are increasingly focussing on the challenges posed by natural resource limits to the ways production and consumption are currently structured and managed within a world that is sharply divided between the rich (located mainly in the global North) and poor (located mainly in the global South). For more information or to apply please [click here](#).

**CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 4 to 8 March 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA GHG Reporting Regulations: 4 March; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: 5 March; Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): 6 March; GHG Emissions Inventory (ISO 14064-1): 7 to 8 March.** 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.

**COMPLEXITY THEORY & SYSTEMS THINKING | 4 to 9 March 2019 | The Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape |** The main aim of this course is to make it possible for participants to develop a general, albeit basic, understanding of complexity and complex systems. This understanding should not only be technical, but should help in the analysis of our complex world. Complexity theory has implications for our conceptions of knowledge, ethics and of course, sustainability. For more information or to apply please [click here](#).

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 10 to 13 March 2019 | Diemersfontein Wine Estate, Western Cape |** Inviting managers in the private or public sector to influence and guide their organisation to take an integrated approach to sustainability across all functions. The programme is widely regarded as the most effective of its kind. Designed for those specifically charged with driving sustainability in their organisation, this programme provides access to the latest data on the global challenges facing us, tools and frameworks for action, and bold business responses from around the world. Participants explore the strategic implications for their own business, and effective approaches to engage all levels of the organization. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership: [online application form](#) - all applicants are subject to panel approval. For more information: [click here](#).

**INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSES ON INTEGRATED REPORTING | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | <IR> for Managers: 12 March 2019; <IR> for Practitioners: 13 to 14 March 2019.** 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.

**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) footprinting will be implemented and actioned by all listed companies. For more information please [click here](#).

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC) ON WATER – ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL CRISIS (2018)** This course gives an introduction to many different aspects of water, including finance, diplomacy, and water services. The SDG Academy and the Stockholm International Water Institute have come together to offer this MOOC on some of the most important water issues. The course focuses on the key role water plays in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, not least SDG 6, about sustainable water and sanitation for all. The course intends to explain the global water crisis through linkages between water, environment, and societal development, focusing on how to tackle issues such as growing water uncertainty and deteriorating water quality. [Details here](#).

**WBCSD SDG DEEP DIVE WEBINARS | 22 and 26 February 2019** | WBCSD continues our efforts to advance the conversation and business understanding around the SDGs, provide a platform for peer-to-peer exchange and share updates on important developments. Together with colleagues from the WBCSD's Reporting matters team, Radley Yeldar and PwC, we will take the opportunity to zoom in on the state of play of SDG reporting and key insight on trends across the corporate disclosure landscape. [Register here](#).

**GREENBIZ 19 | 26 to 28 February 2019 | Phoenix, USA** | Join more than 1,200 of the world's brightest thinkers and most influential sustainability leaders for an unparalleled look into the pressing challenges, emerging trends and biggest opportunities in sustainable business today. [GreenBiz Website](#).

**WEBINAR: ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARD SIX MILESTONES FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION | 28 February 2019** | In a new paper, World Resources Institute assesses progress toward six milestones set by Mission 2020 – in energy, transport, land use, industry, infrastructure and finance – that if met would put governments and industries on the path toward achieving the 1.5°C goal. [WRI Website](#).

**SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM EUROPE | 12 March 2019 | Paris, France** | The highly successful Sustainable Investment Forum Europe, hosted by Climate Action in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative will bring together 300+ investment professionals looking to drive the move towards a sustainable and low carbon economy. [Website](#).

**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](#).

**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. We are pleased to be able to offer this training again in 2019 at a significantly reduced price. Registration details are available [here](#).

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