# **NBI ON A CLEAR DAY 2019**



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# **NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS**

Please note that due to 1 May 2019 being Workers' Day, the next edition of On A Clear Day will be published again on Thursday, 9 May 2019.

NBI'S NEW BOARD APRIL 2019 The National Business Initiative (NBI) recently held its 2019 Membership Council Meeting hosted by FirstRand in Sandton to appoint a new board and would like to take the opportunity to congratulate its board members as follows: Professor Anita Bosch (USB), Brigitte Burnett (Nedbank), Bheki Khumalo (Anglo American), Candy Tothill (Tsogo Sun), Cas Coovadia (Independent), Cindy Mogotsi (Sasol), Fumani Mthembi (Independent), Kamal Harilal (Tiger Brands), Khanyi Chaba (Old Mutual), Kirti Narsai (Johnson & Johnson), Mandy Rambharos (Eskom), Shireen Naidoo (Independent), Zingisa Mavuso (Tongaat Hulett) and Zinhle Mariani (Hollard). The NBI looks forward to continuing with its strategic contribution and collective action towards economic and social transformation in South Africa, with all of you.

SWISS-SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME (SSHAP!) The Embassy of Switzerland and the National Business Initiative (NBI) congratulate all the trainers from Hilton Sandton, Park Inn Sandton and Hyatt Regency Rosebank for completing the Train the Trainers Course for the Swiss-South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme (SSHAP!) conducted by HTMi-Hotel and Tourism Management Institute, Switzerland. SSHAP! comprises a six-month accelerated dual apprenticeship, with integrated theoretical and practical training, targeting three occupational roles in the hospitality industry: front desk, housekeeping and waitering. The programme is a partnership between the Embassy of Switzerland to South Africa, NBI, HTMi-Hotel and Tourism Management Training Institute, Switzerland, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator and large hotel groups. Please contact: Shavilla Harpal for additional details.

## **INDUSTRY NEWS**

**TRANSPARENCY IS KEY TO INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY** Digital transformation, or more precisely The Fourth Industrial Revolution, has inspired tremendous advances in business and government, and has created significant advancement opportunities for both sectors. <u>Silvia Moschini, WEF, 25 April 2019.</u>

THIS IS WHAT GREAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE IN THE DIGITAL AGE Digital leadership is about empowering others to lead and creating self-organized teams that optimise their day-to-day operations. Leadership is no longer hierarchical – it needs participation, involvement and contribution from everyone. *Apoorve Dubey, WEF/The European Sting, 25 April 2019.* 

**FIVE LEADERS "DOING THE RIGHT THING" ON TRANSPORT EMISSIONS** The smell of exhaust fumes is unpleasant and unhealthy, and the gases are known for affecting happiness, intelligence and overall human well-being. Yet millions around the world are forced to breathe in noxious fumes every day as they go about their business—heading for work, going to school or simply stepping out of their homes for a moment. <u>UN Environment/Responsible Business</u>, <u>25 April 2019</u>.

**THESE 3 COUNTRIES ARE GLOBAL OFFSHORE WIND POWERHOUSES** Offshore wind energy is one of the world's most underused resources, with less than one-tenth of wind power based offshore. But the Global Wind Energy Council projects that by 2023 it will account for almost one-quarter of world wind generation. <u>Douglas Broom, WEF/The European Sting, 25</u> April 2019.

**5 REASONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FAIL - AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT** Developing nations need an additional \$2.5 trillion if they are to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. <u>Douglas Broom, WEF, 24 April 2019.</u>

**SEA CREATURES STORE CARBON IN THE OCEAN** — **COULD PROTECTING THEM HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE?** As the prospect of catastrophic effects from climate change becomes increasingly likely, a search is on for innovative ways to reduce the risks. One potentially powerful and low-cost strategy is to recognize and protect natural carbon sinks — places and processes that store carbon, keeping it out of Earth's atmosphere. <u>Heidi Pearson, GreenBiz, 24 April 2019.</u>

**ONLINE TOOL TO SIMPLIFY ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY SCREENING** The National Web based Environmental Screening Tool developed by the Department of Environmental Affairs aims is to provide users with readily available spatial datasets to fast track the environmental assessment process by providing timeous reports with less frustration. *EE Publishers, 24 April* 2019.

**MILLIONS OF JOBS UP FOR GRABS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION** At least 4.7 million jobs will be created by 2050 across energy sectors in Africa through a shift to renewable energy according to a new report released by Greenpeace today. *African Independent, 23 April 2019*.

**SMART AGRICULTURE-AS-A-SERVICE – SECURING TOMORROW'S FOOD SUPPLIES** As the backbone of developing economies, agriculture not only serves to feed a nation but creates employment and, often, contributes significantly to the GDP. <u>African Independent</u>, 9 April 2019.

#### **NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS**

**HOW VODACOM IS ADAPTING ITS CSI APPROACH TO CHANGING CONDITIONS** Rather than doggedly following an approach which may no longer be relevant, business has an obligation to adapt its corporate social investment (CSI) to changing needs and conditions. **BizCommunity**, **25 April 2019**.

**SASOL GIVES PLUMBING CONSUMABLES TO LEKWA MUNICIPALITY** Sasol handed over 1 000 plumbing consumables to the Lekwa Municipality on 10 April in appreciation of their workplace exposure to plumbing learners. **Standerton Advertiser, 25 April 2019.** 

WOOLWORTHS ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE ROLL OUT OF LOW-COST, REUSABLE BAGS After a six month trial in four of its Western Cape stores, including the launch of their first plastic bag free store, Woolworths will be rolling out its new low-cost, reusable bag to more stores across the country as well as announcing three more 'plastic shopping bag free' stores. <u>IOL Business</u>, 24 April 2019.

MEET THE FINALISTS FOR THE 2019 ABSA BUSINESS DAY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS The finalists of the second annual Absa Business Day Supplier Development Awards have been announced. The awards recognise supplier development best practice in South Africa and acknowledge those successful programmes that are making a lasting impact on the SA economy. <u>BizCommunity</u>, 24 April 2019.

VODACOM'S FEMALE FARMER PROGRAMME SHINES THE SPOTLIGHT ON EMERGING SMALL SCALE FARMERS IN RURAL PARTS OF SOUTH AFRICA In a move that creates equal opportunities for women and youth from South Africa's deep rural areas by equipping them with digital literacy for today's digital economy and knowledge society - Vodacom Foundation, in partnership with UN Women introduced Female Farmers programme in 2018. Agri Portal South Africa, 24 April 2019.

**STANDARD BANK SHAREHOLDERS TO VOTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE** Upcoming AGM includes a resolution on whether the bank should disclose more on climate risk in its lending business. **Moneyweb, 23 April 2019.** 

**ENGEN INTEGRATED ENERGY CENTRE UPLIFTS BUSHBUCKRIDGE COMMUNITY** Engen in partnership with the South African Department of Energy and the Bushbuckridge local municipality officially launched an Integrated Energy Centre (IeC) in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga. **BizNis Africa, 23 April 2019.** 

**JUST THE RIGHT MEDICINE FROM CLICKS** Clicks has again proved its defensive nature, reporting a strong rise in first-half earnings in an environment of low inflation, subdued economic growth and constrained consumer spending. **INCE/Connect, 18 April 2019**.

**ARUP BREAKS GROUND ON NEW HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AIRPORT CITY IN ACCRA** Arup is providing full multidisciplinary services for a new 15-storey mixed-use development in Airport City in Accra, Ghana. It will include 214-room Pullman-branded hotel and 150-serviced residential apartments, as well as a conference centre and is a project of many firsts in Ghana. **Media release, April 2019.** 

MTN BACKS SMALL BUSINESS PLATFORM SEEKING TO BOOST SMES Small businesses are essential for economic growth and job creation in a sluggish economy like South Africa's. But WeAreSME is trying to do its bit to empower small businesses. Power 98.7, 9 April 2019.

**PICK N PAY SHARES RISE ON ANNUAL TURNOVER GROWTH OF NEARLY 10%** Pick n Pay, one of South Africa's largest supermarket chains, yesterday rose after the group reported turnover growth of almost 10 percent in the financial year to the end of March, underscoring the resilience of its South African division, which clawed back market share from competitors. **IOL Business, 9 April 2019.** 

**HARMONY GOLD SHINES ON JSE AS PRECIOUS METAL PRICES CLIMB** Harmony Gold Mining Company rose to become the best performer on the JSE yesterday as mining stocks marched on higher precious metals and iron ore prices. **IOL Business, 9 April 2109**.

**TOYOTA'S PRIUS HYBRID GETS A REFRESH FOR 2019** Toyota's slow-selling Prius hybrid hatch has been given what its maker describes as a simplified design language, which is probably a nice way of admitting that its designers went a bit over the top with the previous model. **IOL Business, 9 April 2019.** 

# **NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS**

**SANEA:** HOW TO PLAN FOR ENERGY RISK & TURN IT INTO OPPORTUNITIES? We are facing far bigger energy troubles than we realise. Find out why in the **2019 Energy Risk Report.** 

**COMMENTS INVITED ON DRAFT CENTRAL APPLICATION SERVICE BILL** Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Naledi Pandor has invited the public to submit comments on the draft bill to support students' access to post-school opportunities and make informed choices. **BizCommunity, 24 April 2019.** 

**THE CRITICAL ROLE OF BUILDINGS IN THE GREEN ENERGY TRANSITION** The International Energy Agency (IEA) has released a report which explores the critical role buildings can play in meeting climate change ambitions, using a portfolio of clean energy solutions that exist today. This is the executive summary of that report. **EE Publishers, 24 April 2019.** 

WBCSD: OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR COUNTRY-LEVEL INSIGHTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS AGENDA We have been working with a number of Global Network partners to display important insights on country-specific developments

and trends when it comes to the implementation of the SDGs agenda. So far we have featured on the SDG Business Hub information from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Korea, and Spain. Please contact: <u>Uta</u> Jungermann if you would like to explore this opportunity to gain visibility for your institution and country.

AFRICA: WHY FIXING FOOD SYSTEMS IS CRUCIAL FOR MEETING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Global leaders have set themselves a series of ambitious goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Ending hunger by 2030 (SDG 2) or reducing premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by a third (SDG 3), for example, will be no mean feat. Faced with such a plethora of commitments, policymakers should look to fixing global food systems as a treasure trove of opportunity. Martin Koehring, All Africa/Thomson Reuters Foundation, 8 April 2019.

**ENTRIES FOR GREEN TALENTS 2019 OPEN** The Green Talents - International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development looks at how research can contribute to more sustainability, how we can, and preserve our planet's resources for future generations, and how we can realise good and healthy living conditions for everyone around the world when global climate change challenges today's economies and lifestyles. **BizCommunity, 10 April 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 blog article entitled: "India: A breeding ground for science-based 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 **April 2019 News Update**, <u>here.</u>

**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 **March 2019 Newsletter**, **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: "Realizing systems transformation – WBCSD embarking on a refresh of its landmark Vision 2050", here.

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

NBI/BRAND SOUTH AFRICA - AN INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVESTMENT CONTEXT | Cape Town and Kwazulu-Natal | 21 and 22 May 2019 | If you are an NBI Member Company please join us 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. Please click on the relevant event to RSVP as follows: The Radisson Blu Hotel V& A Waterfront, Cape Town, 21 May 2019 or The Capital Pearls Hotel, uMhlanga, 22 May 2019.

NBI TLS: THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND TRANSITION RISK - CAPE TOWN | 22 May 2019 | Santam, Tygervalley, Western Cape | Since its publication in 2017, the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) have attracted significant local and international interest, with their recommendations incorporated into key disclosure platforms. The Task Force's recommendations represent a significant step in enabling markets to support the transition to a low-carbon economy, by identifying the information needed to appropriately assess and price climate-related risks and opportunities. The National Business Initiative (NBI) and University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) are hosting a half-day roundtable focused on: an introduction to TCFD and transition risk, the implications of the TCFD's recommendations for South African organisations and their key stakeholders, current company approaches as well as practices and future engagement; and work areas in relation to TCFD. Kindly click <a href="here">here</a> to RSVP. For NBI member companies only.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019**

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING COURSE | 13 May 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | For more information visit: <a href="https://www.ess-sustainability.co.za">www.ess-sustainability.co.za</a>, e-mail: <a href="mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za">seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za</a> or phone: 082 395 7582.

**AFRICAN UTILITY WEEK | 14 to 16 May 2019 | Cape Town International Conference Centre |** The 19th annual African Utility Week is the leading conference and trade exhibition for African power, energy and water professionals. **Further details.** 

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: <a href="mailto:www.ess-sustainability.co.za">www.ess-sustainability.co.za</a>, e-mail: <a href="mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za">seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za</a> or phone: 082 395 7582.

**UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY HR: THE CASE STUDY CONFERENCE | 15 May 2019 | GIBS, ILLOVO |** How can HR managers become more strategic with a technologically focused workforce? **GIBS Website.** 

INTERNATIONALLY LICENSED GRI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WORKSHOP (NEW) | 17 May 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | For more information visit: <a href="www.ess-sustainability.co.za">www.ess-sustainability.co.za</a>, e-mail: <a href="mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za">seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za</a> or phone: 082 395 7582.

CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 20 to 24 May 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, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

WATER GOVERNANCE TRAINING COURSE | 21 to 23 May 2019 | Hatfield, Pretoria | Water Governance refers to the political, social, economic, legislative and administrative systems in place that influence the use and management of water. South Africa, a water scarce country, has a law and policy framework for water which is regarded as among the most progressive worldwide. Our water-related law is based upon the constitutional recognition of the right of access to water and the right to an environment that is not harmful to health and well-being, and ensures prevention of pollution and sustainable use of natural resources. WISA Website

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

IMBEWU: CARBON TAX - HALF DAY WORKSHOP | 11 June 2019 | IMBEWU's Offices, Rosebank, Johannesburg | The Carbon Tax Bill is set to come into effect on 1 June 2019. The Bill has been approved by both the National Assembly and the National Council of Province and is now awaiting the President's signature. IMBEWU will be hosting a half-day workshop on the Carbon Tax Bill to assist organisations with coming to grips with this new legislation. The workshop will also include training on the

Greenhouse Gas Reporting Regulations under the Air Quality Act, which forms a critical component of the carbon tax regime. Book today by emailing the **booking form** to **lulu@imbewu.co.za** or call us on **011 214 0660** for more information.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS 11 to 12 June 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | Offered jointly by ESS and ENACT. For more information visit: <a href="www.ess-sustainability.co.za">www.ess-sustainability.co.za</a>, e-mail: <a href="mailto:seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za">seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za</a> or phone: 082 395 7582.

MANAFACTURING INDABA: THE MANUFACTURING EVENT FOR AFRICANS, BY AFRICANS | 25 to 26 June 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg | The annual 2-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. The aim of the Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together manufacturers, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. The event is designed specifically for private and public company representatives to hear from industry experts as they unpack challenges and find solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors and explore regional trade into Africa. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.manufacturingindaba.co.za">www.manufacturingindaba.co.za</a>.

BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES | 24 to 29 June 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape | In this course, a variety of biodiversity and ecosystem service frameworks will be introduced and discussed in light of how they help us understand our connection with and dependence on nature. In the face of global change and natural resource depletion, it has become an imperative to understand the links between biodiversity and ecosystem services such as freshwater, crop production, grazing, and climate regulation, which underpin the economy and well-being of different groups in society. For more information or to apply click <a href="here">here</a>.

**FOOD SYSTEM TRANSITIONS** | **15 to 20 July 2019** | **Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape** | Recognising the structural inequalities in the food system, and its large-scale negative impacts on the environment is key to exploring existing and proposed alternatives and responses. This course offers an overview of various responses, places them in the context of broader global transitions and provides some frameworks to guide analysis. For more information or to apply click <a href="here">here</a>.

**GLOBALISATION, GOVERNANCE & DEVELOPMENT | 22 to 27 July 2019 | Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch, Western Cape** | This course will help participants understand the global debates about alternatives to the current crisis-ridden global economic order. For more information or to apply click <u>here</u>.

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**CERES CONFERENCE 2019** | **29** April to **1** May **2019** | **San Francisco**, **CA** | The Ceres Conference 2019 will convene more than 600 influential investors, senior corporate executives, policy makers and capital market leaders to reaffirm the business case for sustainability and share best practices to empower leadership, build solutions, and drive change. This year's conference will also celebrate the milestone of Ceres' 30th Anniversary. **Ceres Website**.

**GREENBIZ WEBCAST CIRCULAR ECONOMY: THE STATE OF THE MARKET | 1 May 2019 |** Where is the circular economy going in 2019? Circularity isn't just another sustainability framework - it's a radically different way of doing business. It's an emerging business strategy that enables companies and organizations to innovate in ways that address resource scarcity and climate risk, respond to consumer and societal pressure to reduce waste, and unlock a \$4.5 trillion economic opportunity. **GreenBiz Website**.

CDP WEBINAR: 2019 ESSENTIALS ON CDP DISCLOSURE | 8 May 2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM SAST | Public disclosure of environmental information is becoming increasingly important for companies, with CDP running the leading global disclosure system: last over 7,000+ companies responded to their climate change, water security and forests questionnaires. CDP Website.

WEF: THE TRANSFORMATION OF INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS: GLOBALIZATION 4.0 | 15 to 16 May 2019 | Geneva, Switzerland | The need to address the fundamental changes in the functioning of the global economy was at the top on the agenda of the

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019. These changes are driven by environmental challenges, geostrategic competition, economic disparities and technological disruption, which in Davos were conceptualized as Globalization 4.0. The Industry Strategy Meeting is designed to answer these two key questions: How will Globalization 4.0 affect industries? How can the Forum work with business leaders to shape the future of the global economy? **WEF Website.** 

**GREENBIZ WEBCAST: CIRCULAR PACKAGING: THE STATE OF PLAY | 21 May 2019 |** A confluence of forces is roiling the packaging industry. The combination of concerns about plastic waste, the emergence of the circular economy, and the blossoming of advanced, environmentally friendly materials is changing how manufacturers and brands are thinking about packaging. In this one-hour webcast, a panel of industry experts will talk about the trends: where we are, how companies and their packaging suppliers are responding, and the barriers still to overcome. **Register here.** 

6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES 2019 | 17 to 18 June 2019 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | The objective of the conference is to present and share ongoing research activities in the fields of Gender & Women's Studies with the relevant scientific and research communities. It will bring together leading academics, activists, scientists, and researchers from around the world. The conference aims to offer international perspectives with an emphasis on economic, social, and psychological aspects of empowerment and leadership, victimization, exclusion, and social problems. Registration details.

#### **National Business Initiative**

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