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## NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

**NEDBANK'S HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY, BRIGITTE BURNETT**, who also serves on the NBI Board, shares her thoughts on the value of the NBI as a catalyst for collaboration & action: [#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](#).

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS TO FAST-TRACK SERVICE DELIVERY IN GOVERNMENT** The TAMDEV Initiative (Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development) is one of the commitments made by Business following the Presidential Jobs Summit in October 2018. Read NBI's latest Newsflash [here](#).

**BUSINESS LEADERS RECENTLY PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FINANCE MINISTER'S ECONOMIC PLAN TO BOOST GROWTH** The CEO Initiative gathered to show their pledge to the national imperative for higher levels of inclusive growth as a basis for fiscal sustainability. [CEO Initiative, 20 September 2019.](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS



**MOBILIZING ACTION FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES** Every day, new citizens' movements are forming that challenge the status quo. How can leaders across sectors advance solutions to make economies and society more equitable? [WatsupAfrica Development, 25 September 2019.](#)

**WHAT DOES THE WORLD REALLY THINK ABOUT THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?** On 1 January 2016, the United Nations embarked on a bold but structured plan to change the world: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [Sean Fleming, The European Sting/WEF, 25 September 2019.](#)

**CLIMATE WEEK: ZERO-CARBON TRANSITION IS GAINING MOMENTUM BUT MUST ACCELERATE** The transition to a zero-carbon economy is achievable, will bring significant benefits and has already begun, but the governments of the world must come forward with clear bold policies needed to further accelerate action. [We Mean Business, 25 September 2019.](#)

**SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS AND CITY LEADERS JOIN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE** Leading South African business and cities have signed up for a new global initiative – Alliances for Climate Action – to push for accelerated climate action at home and abroad. [WWF-SA, 25 September 2019.](#)

**'WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE' - WHAT WE LEARNED AT OUR SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT IN NEW YORK** In 2015, global leaders agreed on a set of 17 goals - the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - that would help to build a better world for people and the planet by 2030. [Christopher Alessi, 24 September 2019.](#)

**HOW SUPPORTING CLIMATE ACTION ON A LOCAL LEVEL CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD** *Fighting Climate Change is Everyone's Task* is the tagline for the COP25 Climate Conference in Chile in December. [David Jackson, The European Sting/WEF, 24 September 2019.](#)

**NINETEEN LEADING COMPANIES JOIN FORCES TO STEP UP ALTERNATIVE FARMING PRACTICES AND PROTECT BIODIVERSITY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PLANET AND PEOPLE**

Today, nineteen forward-thinking, agriculture-centric companies, together with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), launched a new initiative to protect and restore biodiversity within their supply chains and product portfolios. [WBCSD, 23 September 2019.](#)

**PANDOR TO ADDRESS 'TERRIBLE' GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

International Relations and Cooperation Minister Naledi Pandor says gender equality and gender-based violence are some of the issues she will be addressing in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York this week. [Politicsweb, 23 September 2019.](#)

**87 MAJOR COMPANIES LEAD THE WAY TOWARDS A 1.5°C FUTURE AT UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT**

87 major companies — with a combined market capitalization of over US\$2.3 trillion and annual direct emissions equivalent to 73 coal-fired power plants — are taking action to align their businesses with what scientists say is needed to limit the worst impacts of climate change. [We Mean Business, 22 September 2019.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



**ENTRIES OPEN FOR REVAMPED 2020 SASOL SOLAR CHALLENGE** The 2020 Sasol Solar Challenge (SSC) is officially open for entries. [Engineering News, 25 September 2019.](#)

**STANDARD BANK SIGNS UP TO UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL** Africa's biggest bank by value, Standard Bank, has joined Absa and the Land Bank to become founding signatories of the Principles for Responsible Banking to align their businesses with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Channel Africa, 25 September 2019.](#)

**SASOL RESPONSE TO COOPERATIVE AND POLICY ALTERNATIVE CENTER (COPAC) AND SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY CAMPAIGN (SAFSC)** Sasol is firmly committed to playing our part in transitioning to a lower-carbon economy. We support the Paris Agreement goal and South Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution. [African Petrochemicals, 25 September 2019.](#)

**FNB LIFE CLAIMS TOP SPOT FOR MOST SATISFIED CUSTOMERS IN SA** FNB life has disrupted the status quo by displacing traditional insurers to take the top accolade for most satisfied customers in the South African Customer Satisfaction Index (SAcsi) for Life Insurance Companies. [IOL Business, 24 September 2019.](#)

**ABSA, KCB JOIN GLOBAL BANKS COMMITTING TO CLIMATE ACTION** East Africa's largest commercial bank KCB and South Africa's Absa said on Monday they had joined leading global financial institutions in launching principles for responsible banking at the United Nations headquarters, with 130 banks collectively holding US\$47-trillion in assets signing up. [Engineering News, 23 September 2019.](#)

**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.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS & SURVEYS



**THE GOOD LIFE GOALS: FOR WORLD-CHANGING BUSINESSES** The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Futerra have worked together to create [a new guide to the Good Life Goals for business.](#) This resource will help companies understand how to use the Good Life Goals to make the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant and actionable to their employees and customers. It provides instructions on how to get started and offers a variety of inspirational examples for companies on the types of actions and initiatives they

can advocate and support.

**SPECIAL REPORT ON THE OCEAN AND CRYOSPHERE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE** The IPCC approved and accepted *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* at its 51st Session held on 20 – 23 September 2019. The approved Summary for Policymakers (SPM) was presented at a press conference on 25 September 2019. [Download the report.](#)

**CORPORATE REPORTING DIALOGUE SHOWS HIGH LEVEL OF ALIGNMENT BETWEEN MAJOR GLOBAL REPORTING FRAMEWORKS ON TCFD RECOMMENDATIONS** The Corporate Reporting Dialogue – an initiative bringing together the major standard setters and framework providers globally – released a [report](#) today showing high levels of alignment between the frameworks on the basis of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations.

**NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS WILL PLAY VITAL ROLE IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE EMPHASIZES NEW REPORT** The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the Nature4Climate (N4C) coalition launched “[Natural climate solutions: the business perspective](#)”, a guide to natural climate solutions for the private sector.

“**IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE RHINOS...**” Although no longer front-page news, rhino poaching continues at a rate which risks the future of rhinos globally. As we pause to commemorate the world’s rhino species on World Rhino Day (22 September 2019) and acknowledge the people around the world who dedicate their lives working towards rhino conservation, it’s important to highlight that the act of poaching is just the final outcome of far bigger, more complex challenges which lead us to this sad scenario. [WWF-SA, 20 September 2019.](#)

**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.](#)

## **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. Read their recently published **Newsletter**, entitled: "**Economic opportunity through bold climate action**", [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

**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](#).

**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](#).

**TLS: ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION | MEASURING THE IMPACT | Friday, 18 October 2019 | Workshop 17 Watershed, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town** | In our South African context of high inequality, poverty and increasing unemployment, the ability to create an inclusive economy is fundamental in driving social and economic transformation.

We urgently need collaborative responses and action to change the trajectory towards a more stable, equitable and sustainable society. This requires a real commitment to the development, support and growth of the SME sector that continues to face major challenges in our economy. The purpose of this Thought Leadership dialogue is to grapple with these challenges, and to explore practical and implementable solutions through a case study. Growthpoint's initiative Property Point recently released a [Development Impact Report](#) that assesses the economic impact of programmes in supporting and growing SMEs over 10 years of operating. The insights from the report highlight the importance of measuring and evaluating interventions to ensure real impact and change.

Kindly click [here](#) should you wish to attend this session taking place in Cape Town.

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



**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

**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.](#)

**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.](#)

**WEBINAR: NEW GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESS | ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT | 2 October 2019 | 8:00 am to 9:00 am UTC-7** | BSR, along with Business Fights Poverty and CARE, will host a webinar to explore the new ILO Convention in more depth. BSR members and partners looking to strengthen their policies on violence, harassment, and women's empowerment should attend. Register [here](#).

**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.](#)

**COP25 | Santiago de Chile, Chile | 2 to 13 December 2019 | [Official website.](#)**



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