

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.

NBI: A GUIDE TO CLIMATE CHANGE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CEOS Released by the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** in December 2021, this CEO guide is designed to provide pivotal insight into climate change that will help CEOs, executives, and key decision makers understand the urgent need to transition towards a net-zero economy and increase ambition within companies. Access the guide, [here](#).

TVET COLLEGES ARE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO VARSITY Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in SA is an important and viable option for matriculants because it arms them with critical skills they can use to immediately earn a living. **Isaac Mahlangu, The Sowetan, 24 January 2022.**

ENHANCED VISIBILITY As the uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership (UWASP), focused on the Mhlathuze river catchment on the north-east coast of KwaZulu-Natal, about 180 km north of Durban, celebrates its fifth year, the development of a complementary, transformative catchment wide monitoring tool is under way. [Natasha Odendaal, Engineering News & Mining Weekly, 21 January 2022.](#)

RAISE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT COMPANIES AND CITIES WILL PLAY IN SOUTH AFRICA'S ENERGY TRANSITION More than 50 companies with operations in South Africa have already committed to procure 100% renewable power by 2050 or sooner through the RE100 initiative, ahead of plans to decarbonize the national grid. [WBCSD, 17 December 2021.](#)

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2021 - YOUR RIGHT, YOUR ROLE: SAY NO TO CORRUPTION Fighting corruption is a global concern, which has contributed significantly to instability and inequality. The 9th of December marks International Anti-Corruption Day, annually commemorated in recognition of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which was signed in Mexico in 2003. [NBI NewsFlash, 9 December 2021.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

MINING MAJORS INCLUDED IN BLOOMBERG 2022 GENDER EQUALITY INDEX Major mining companies AngloGold Ashanti, Sibanye-Stillwater, Exxaro Resources, Gold Fields, Impala Platinum, Anglo American Platinum (Amplats), Kumba Iron Ore, Harmony Gold and Newmont have all been included in software and media company Bloomberg's 2022 Gender Equality Index (GEI). [Darren Parker, Mining Weekly, 27 January 2022.](#)

MANAGING GLOBAL RISKS: SIX LESSONS ON ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT FROM OVER 250 COMPANIES There is a growing spotlight on sustainability and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. [Andy Beanland, WBCSD, 21 January 2022.](#)

FROM PROMISES TO ACTION: 6 SUSTAINABILITY STORIES TO WATCH IN 2022 During these unprecedented times, there's a great deal of uncertainty about the future. The COVID-19 pandemic rages on, the effects of climate change are already being felt worldwide, and people across the planet continue to face inequity. [Sadof Alexander, WRI, 19 January 2022.](#)

HOW TO FINANCE THE NEW GLOBAL CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY A new global energy economy is emerging, promising to deliver huge commercial, industrial, technological and employment gains to those who take the leap. [Fatih Birol, IEA/WEF, 17 January 2022.](#)

PRIORITIES FOR THE C-SUITE IN 2022 CEOs have known for a long time that they must embrace change and uncertainty. But none have been trained to navigate the many multidimensional, evolving, and overlapping disruptions we see at the beginning of 2022. [Rich Hutchinson, BCG, 10 January 2022.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

EXXARO'S COMMITMENT TO GENDER EQUALITY EARNS TOP INTERNATIONAL ACCOLADE Exxaro Resources, one of South Africa's largest black-empowered diversified mining and energy solutions company, is proud to announce that its commitment to gender equality has been rewarded with its inclusion in the prestigious Bloomberg Gender Equity Initiative (GEI) for a third year in a row. [Exxaro, 27 January 2022.](#)

WOOLWORTHS KEEPS 'MAKING THE DIFFERENCE' WITH NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM Woolworths is taking the next step to develop its Making the Difference learning programme into a full-circle digital platform and expanding the offering to include new features for parents and learners. [BizCommunity, 26 January 2022.](#)

CLICKS SALES SUPPORTED BY COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME, SAYS CHIEF EXECUTIVE Newly appointed Clicks chief executive Bertina Engelbrecht says the JSE-listed retailer's strong growth in sales over the 20 weeks to January 16 this year has been supported by the national Covid-19 programme. [IOL Business, 26 January 2022.](#)

THE DOLPHIN BAY BRIEF How robotics improves our production process. [Dolphin Bay, 26 January 2022.](#)

PICK N PAY ROLLS OUT LICENCE RENEWAL SERVICE TO MORE STORES, AT LOWER COST Retailer Pick n Pay launched its new vehicle licence disc renewal service nationally on January 25. [Engineering News, 25 January 2022.](#)

STANDARD BANK IS NOW 99% DIGITAL Standard Bank Group Ltd. said 99% of its transaction volumes in South Africa are now cashless, a trend that has helped the continent's largest lender by assets to cut costs. [Moneyweb/Bloomberg, 24 January 2022.](#)

WHY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION IS KEY TO MATRIC ACHIEVEMENTS For the more than 700 000 learners who wrote the National Senior Certificate (NSC) exams at the end of 2021, matriculating high school has called for determination, perseverance and resilience. [Vodacom Group, 20 January 2022.](#)

CLIMATE NEUTRAL GROUP MERGES WITH ANTHESIS Climate Neutral Group merges with Anthesis to deliver a complete Net Zero offering to meet the needs of the decisive decade to deliver a complete Net Zero offering to meet the needs of the decisive decade. [Climate Neutral Group, 19 January 2022.](#)

CEOS ACROSS THE WORLD ARE CONFIDENT OF STRONGER GLOBAL RECOVERY THIS YEAR - PWC SURVEY Chief executive (CEO) optimism has hit a 10-year high as three-quarters expect a stronger global economy this year, according to PwC Global CEO Survey. [IOL Business, 19 January 2022.](#)

BCG-WEF PROJECT: THE NET-ZERO CHALLENGE The race to net-zero emissions will forever change the way many companies do business. The immediacy, pace, and extent of change are still widely underestimated. Early movers can seize significant advantage. [BCG, 17 January 2022.](#)

AB INBEV UNVEILS NEW LOGO AND VISUAL BRAND IDENTITY At AB InBev, we're reimagining what a beer company can be. Our new visual expression better represents who we are, what we stand for, and where we want to go. [AB InBev, 13 January 2022.](#)

MONDI SETS AMBITIOUS SCIENCE-BASED PLANS TO TRANSITION TO NET-ZERO BY 2050 Global packaging and paper leader Mondi has accelerated plans to take action on climate by committing to transition to Net-Zero by 2050. [Mondi, 11 January 2022.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

CAPE TOWN-BASED WASTE RECLAIMERS GET MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa (WWF SA) and the Johannesburg-based African Reclaimers Organisation (ARO) have teamed up to work with Cape Town-based waste reclaimers to help them unite and organise. [BizCommunity, 26 January 2022.](#)

WBCSD AND DELOITTE RELEASE NEW GUIDANCE TO HELP BUSINESS SUPPORT HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN THE WORKPLACE The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Deloitte this week launched new guidance to support the global business community in advancing workplace cultures that protect and nurture the highest standards of employee wellbeing. [WBCSD, 25 January 2022.](#)

ENTER THE ECO-LOGIC AWARDS 2022 ONLINE You are invited to nominate or enter an eco-champion that you believe is making a positive contribution towards creating an eco-logical society and environment – or enter yourself, your own organisation, product or project under one (or more) of 11 Categories. For further information and to view the 11 categories, please click [here](#). **Deadline for entries: 31 March 2022.** The awards ceremony hosted by the Enviropaedia, will take place on **World Ocean’s Day: 8 June 2022.**

WINNING THE RACE TO NET ZERO: THE CEO GUIDE TO CLIMATE ADVANTAGE The race to net zero will forever change the way in which many companies do business. CEOs across all sectors need to navigate an unprecedented global transformation. On the path to net zero, they must successfully transform their strategy, operations, business portfolio, and organization. Read the full guide, produced in collaboration by the **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)** and the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, [here](#).

17TH EDITION - GLOBAL RISKS REPORT 2022 The Global Risks Report series published by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, tracks global risks perceptions among risk experts and world leaders in business, government, and civil society. Based on the latest Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS), it examines risks across five categories: economic, environmental, geopolitical, societal, and technological. Download the full 2022 Report, published on 11 January 2022, [here](#).

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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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: **“RE100 companies need better renewable electricity options from national governments, shows latest report”**, [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 (posted by Jason Morrison, Pacific Institute)**, entitled: **“COP26: A Bold Step Forward for the Water Resilience Agenda”**, [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 (21.01.22)**, [here](#).

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) WBCSD is an international, 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 recently published **Insight Article**, entitled: **“An exciting future for positive agriculture at a global scale”**, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2022

CO-CREATING OPPORTUNITY DIALOGUE: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION IN A POST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION CONTEXT | Thursday, 3 February 2022 | 10:00 to 12:00 SAST | The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with the **Sanlam Group**, is hosting an important online dialogue, which will explore innovative opportunities for value co-creation, post the November 2021 Local government elections. This event is the first **NBI C-Suite Dialogue**, a series of high-level conversations where executives can offer advice and gain key insights on a range of important topics, through sharing best practice with their peers. This dialogue will focus on unpacking the concept of servant leadership; defining a democratic and functional society and the impact on our economy of achieving these outcomes; the interplay between social cohesion (including service delivery) and business; as well as highlighting opportunities for collaboration and co-creation between the public and private sectors. | [Further details and Zoom registration link.](#)

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

GREENBIZ 22 | 15 to 17 February 2022 | Scottsdale, Arizona, USA | The Premier Annual Event for Sustainable Business Leaders - join the dynamic GreenBiz 22 community of more than 1,000 professionals to explore the latest trends, learn from your peers and form valuable connections | [GreenBiz Website.](#)

SOLAR POWER AFRICA 2022 | 16 to 18 February 2022 | Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC) | Solar Power Africa focuses solely on creating an environment that fosters the exchange of ideas, knowledge and expertise for furthering solar energy development in Africa. | [Website and registration link.](#)

ONLINE GIBS: THE BIG TRENDS BREAKFAST 2022 - NAVIGATING DISRUPTION | 23 February 2022 via Microsoft Teams | 08:00 to 10:00 SAST | A lot has been said about disruption but how do you manage, lead and thrive in periods of disruption? Join Global Strategist and Senior Faculty at GIBS, Abdullah Verachia on how you build adaptive leadership in uncertain contexts. | [GIBS Website.](#)

WEBINAR: PROJECT AND MARKET INFORMATION SESSION: STIMULATING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE IN INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND BOTSWANA | 24 February 2022 | 12:00 to 14:00 SAST | [Preliminary Programme](#) | Sustainable resource use, low-carbon economic development and environmental protection are gaining traction in Southern Africa, which is evident in the direction of environmental policy development. During this online session, we will demonstrate that industry has already begun its transition as well as highlight opportunities for industries to continue with this positive trajectory. | [Further information and Zoom registration link.](#)

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SYSTEMS MODEL EXPANSION | 3 to 5 March 2022 | The International AWESOME Conference aims to hold a premier interdisciplinary platform to address gender equality. The conference invites thinkers, researchers, practitioners, educators, and innovators from complex systems thinking, women and gender studies, technology innovation, and related fields to present, discuss and exchange ideas and perspectives of the potential of complexity science, system thinking, and innovation for women's empowerment and gendered interventions. [Further details and registration link.](#)

CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SA | VIRTUAL SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME (SPP) | 7 to 11 March 2022 | [Workshop Overview](#) | The seminar will expose participants to critical social and environmental pressures and help them to assess the impact of these pressures on organisations; develop systems for responding creatively to them; and consider how to integrate these into their organisation's strategy and operations within their

spheres of influence. Participants will deepen their thinking with peers and leave feeling empowered to convey to their executives or line managers the business logic of placing sustainability at the core of strategy. | To apply, please complete the online application form, [here](#).

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