

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](#).

EMBEDDING SOCIAL DIALOGUE The NBI hosted the President of Danish Confederation of Trade Unions, the Vice President of 3F (United Federation of Danish Workers) and the Director of International Business Development at the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI) on their recent visit to South Africa to launch 3F's new regional office in Braamfontein. The delegation reflected on the partnership between the NBI and DI with respect to: creating awareness of Sustainable Development Goals as a model for achieving social, economic transformation; Unlocking Water Investment in South Africa; and Developing Greens Skills through Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges. Read more [here](#).

AN EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY | WE NEED COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION TO DRIVE CHANGE Read NBI's latest News Update to see what our Transformation programme will be focussing on in 2019, [here](#).

THE NBI'S WESTERN CAPE WATER TASK FORCE will be meeting next week on Thursday, the 7th of March 2019 at ABSA, Century City for a special consultation on the City of Cape Town's draft water strategy which is shortly to be finalised. The consultation is being conducted in collaboration with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government and will focus on refining the strategy in the light of the work of the task force over the past 12 months. For further information, please contact: **Alex McNamara**.

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 tomorrow, 1 March 2019 on how to transform the wastewater sector in South Africa into an economic success story. [Details here.](#)

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). **Tender submission closes on 6 March 2019.** [View here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

WOMEN HAVE ONLY THREE QUARTERS OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF MEN, FINDS WORLD BANK Women on average have only three-quarters of the legal protections given to men during their working life, ranging from bans on entering some jobs to a lack of equal pay or freedom from sexual harassment, the World Bank said on Wednesday. [Sonia Elks, Moneyweb, 28 February 2019.](#)

NEW STUDY FINDS YOUNG FORESTS HAVE A HUGE CLIMATE IMPACT Forests store vast quantities of carbon and play a huge role in the world's carbon cycle – as well as in human hopes of mitigating global warming. [Responsible Business, 28 February 2019.](#)

DESPITE BARRIERS, SOUTH AFRICA IS A GOOD PLACE FOR IMPACT INVESTMENTS There's no doubt that the world faces tremendous challenges. There is enough food in our world to feed the hungry - but it's not evenly distributed. There's sufficient medicine available to treat a number of dread diseases - but this often doesn't reach those who need it. There are innovative ways to supply water and generate energy - but they cost money. [Suzette Viviers & Stephen McCallum, BizCommunity, 27 February 2019.](#)

SA GETS BACKING FOR PLAN TO RAISE GREEN ENERGY OUTPUT South Africa's state-owned Development Bank of Southern Africa is funding a program intended to give renewable energy projects in the electricity-starved country a boost by making them more appealing to commercial banks. [Roxanne Henderson, Bloomberg/Moneyweb, 27 February 2019.](#)

CARBON FARMING: HOW AGRICULTURE CAN BOTH FEED PEOPLE AND FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE Imagine "carbon emissions", and what springs to mind? Most people tend to think of power stations belching out clouds of carbon dioxide or queues of vehicles burning up fossil fuels as they crawl, bumper-to-bumper, along congested urban roads. [BizCommunity, 27 February 2019.](#)

WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY Roughly a year and a half ago, when the Dutch materials company DSM examined where its businesses stood in terms of circular practices, the company's leadership wasn't particularly happy with the process for doing so. [Carol J Close, GreenBiz, 26 February 2019.](#)

THESE 11 COMPANIES ARE LEADING THE WAY TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY The circular economy is more than just a buzz phrase. With the global population predicted to approach 9 billion people by 2030, we are using more resources than the planet can provide. Our future depends on reusing what we have in a sustainable way. [Alex Thornton, The European Sting/WEF, 26 February 2019.](#)

HOW GENDER STEREOTYPES KILL A WOMAN'S SELF-CONFIDENCE Researchers believe gender stereotypes hold women back in the workplace. Katherine Coffman's research adds a new twist: They can even cause women to question their own abilities. [HBS, Dina Gerdeman, 25 February 2019.](#)

NBI Member Company News

SHELL BUYS VIRTUAL POWER PLANT FIRM LIMEJUMP Shell New Energies has continued its spending spree this week, with the acquisition of UK-based energy technology company Limejump. [Smart Energy International, 28 February 2019.](#)

MTN PARTNERS WITH ESEYE TO LAUNCH THE ANYNET FEDERATION Eseye, a global provider of IoT services, is today delighted to announce a partnership with MTN, the leading Africa Mobile Network Operator (MNO). [IOL Business, 28 February 2019.](#)

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW MIXED-USE BARLOW PARK PRECINCT TO START IN MAY The R3-billion-plus redevelopment of Barlow Park Precinct, a co-investment between **Barloworld**, Atterbury Property and African Rainbow Capital, will start in May, Atterbury confirmed in a statement on Thursday. [Engineering News, 28 February 2019.](#)

SASOL HALF-YEAR PROFIT RISES South African petrochemicals group Sasol on Monday reported an 18% jump in half-year profit on the back of higher crude oil prices, a weaker rand to the dollar and higher margins in its speciality chemicals unit. [Engineering News, 25 February 2019.](#)

STANDARD BANK LAUNCHES NEW WHOLESALE FINANCE PROPOSITION Standard Bank's Group Vehicle and Asset Finance division has launched a new wholesale finance proposition that will offer original equipment manufacturers, distributors and their dealer-networks a single partner providing comprehensive vehicle and asset finance capabilities across the African continent. [FIN24, 25 February 2019.](#)

BMW JOIN FORCES WITH DAIMLER TO TRANSFORM MOBILITY SERVICES The BMW Group and Daimler have joined forces in a €1 billion investment to transform mobility services. [Climate Action, 25 February 2019.](#)

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.](#)

ABB'S PERSPECTIVE ON SHAPING DIGITAL ECONOMIES IN INDIA ABB CEO Ulrich Spiesshofer has been meeting with leaders in India during the NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Forum in Mumbai, where he delivered the keynote address and received NASSCOM's Global CEO Award for shaping ABB as a pioneering leader in digital industries. [ABB, 20 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.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WORKING TOWARDS A CLEAN SA Government is set to launch a ground-breaking initiative that seeks to mobilize all South Africans to become more environmentally conscious. [EnvironmentSA, 28 February 2019.](#)

AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2019 Africa Energy Indaba 2019 Once Again Proven its Worth to the Continent. The much-anticipated Africa Energy Indaba Conference held in collaboration with strategic partners, the World Energy Council, NEPAD Agency and SANEA was yet again, a raging success. [Leadership, 28 February 2019.](#)

WARNING TO THOSE DRILLING WATER BOREHOLES The wanton illegal drilling of boreholes continues to take place at an alarming rate regardless of the regulations that have been put in place. The regulations make it clear that no one is permitted to drill a borehole and distribute its water before being issued with proper authorisation. [IOL, 27 February 2019.](#)

SEVERE THREAT TO WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY DUE TO LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY A new study by the United Nations has found that the world's food supply is under threat from the loss of biodiversity. [Rachel Cooper, Climate Action, 22 February 2019.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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 press release entitled, "**Top FMCGs in race to keep up with conscious consumers**", [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 **February 2019 news update**, [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 **newsletter** just published, [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: **"Social & Human Capital Coalition launches the Social & Human Capital Protocol"**, [here](#).

NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2019

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

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO THE POINT SESSION ON EQ VS AI #MANVSMACHINE | 28 February 2019 | The Equinox, Sandton | ALERT! ALERT! THE ROBOTS ARE COMING!! Are you ready for your business to be replaced by Artificial Intelligence or do you have the edge to survive the digital age? Staying relevant in a shifting world is a constant challenge for entrepreneurs. Society and the workplace are evolving as is technology. How do small businesses take advantage of this? Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Big Data sound like weird expressions out of the movies but in reality, we need to understand and embrace

these concepts sooner rather than later. At this Entrepreneurship To The Point session, we take a look into the future of work in understanding the convergence of technology and human behaviour. Book via [Quicket](#) or email: info@ettp.co.za.

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, e-mail: 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](#).

IN CONVERSATION WITH MARK BARNES, CEO OF THE POST OFFICE | 6 March 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | We catch up with Mark Barnes to find out how his strategy has repositioned the image of the South African Post Office. [GIBS Website](#).

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, e-mail: 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.](#)

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.](#)

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN BUSINESS: The AFRICA CEO FORUM | 25 to 26 March 2019 | Kigali, Rwanda | Organized by Jeune Afrique Media Group, and co-hosted by IFC, a long-stranding partner, the Africa CEO Forum has established itself as the most important annual meeting of the African private sector. [Details here.](#)

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. Registration details are available [here.](#)

WBCSD WORKSHOP: SDG INTEGRATION & REPORTING | 18 April 2019 | New York, US | This interactive workshop convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) will explore the implications of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for business, highlight emerging trends and developments across the business and SDG landscape, and underline best practice around strategic alignment with the SDG agenda. It will also focus on stakeholder expectations and emerging best practice in the field of SDG reporting while explaining how SDG disclosure will be further incorporated in WBCSD's Reporting matters analysis in 2019. [Details here.](#)

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