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NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

MIKE BROWN, CEO: NEDBANK, highlights an aspect of what Nedbank values from their NBI Membership, after 24 years of being part of the NBI's movement as a founding member: **#NBIMemberMonday**

THE NBI GIVES ITS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROFILE THEIR COMPANIES ON OUR WEBSITE

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ESTABLISHING A ROAD-MAP FOR INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT MODELING IN AFRICA Researchers and

practitioners from the South African research and business communities hosted a two-day Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Lab in Stellenbosch, last year. **Future Earth, 19 August 2019.**

NBI'S 3RD 2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY (ACES) MEETING took place on Tuesday this week at Sasol Place, Sandton. ACES is the governance body that NBI member companies can use to influence the strategy and work of the environment team. The engagement was well attended by representatives from 13 of our member companies who received a detailed status report on the progress made under each of the team's following focus areas: Climate, Energy, Water, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Green Economy. Members were particularly interested in hearing more about the work on Just Transitions and Transition Risk that forms part of the Climate Programme, as they recognise that there is an opportunity for the NBI to provide some much-needed research to assist both public and private sector stakeholders. The Environment Team's water programme also received positive feedback, particularly in relation to the Kopano ya Metsi project - the reports were launched earlier this year. ACES members furthermore affirmed the strategic direction in which the Environment team is heading. View Infographic here.

THE SWISS SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME (SSHAP!) The Swiss South African Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme (SSHAP!) is a bold and innovative partnership between the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Swiss Embassy in South Africa aimed at tapping into the job-creation power of the hospitality industry. Read NBI's latest Quick Brief, here.

ALEX MCNAMARA, NBI'S PROGRAMME MANAGER: CLIMATE AND WATER is attending World Water Week 2019 taking place this week in Stockholm, Sweden, 25 to 30 August 2019. Follow the action here: #WWWeek 2019. Please note that a feedback session for NBI members will be taking place in October.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (TAMDEV) The Jobs Summit lays the basis for more responsive and effective collaboration between social partners to deliver on the promise of a better economy for all South Africans, by ensuring that commitments are clear and precise, that they strengthen existing initiatives and develop new ones. Technical Assistance and Mentorship Development (TAMDEV) is an intervention whereby experienced individuals assist in the improvement of service delivery by participating in the execution and support of potential solutions with the aim to strengthen the capacity. TAMDEV is operating from within the National Business Initiative (NBI) and has recently appointed Ruth Troskie as the Programme Manager. The Initiative is supported by ASISA, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA), the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), the National Mentorship Movement (NMM), Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), iLimaLethu Trust, the National Business Initiative (NBI) and the Banking Association of South Africa (BASA). To get involved, please contact: RuthT@nbi.org.za

INDUSTRY NEWS



THE ROLE OF BIG DATA IN AFRICA'S GROWTH Data, research and most importantly big data have become focal points for conversations on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the future of work. As we look ahead to the World Economic Forum in Cape Town, Managing Director of Hepta Analytics, Victoria Munguti joins CNBC Africa for more. *CNBC Africa*, 28 August 2019.

ARE BIOPLASTICS REALLY BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT? READ THE FINE PRINT Have you ever stood in front of a supermarket shelf and wondered if you should buy that product made from bioplastics rather than the conventional kind? Many people assume all bioplastics are made from plants and can break down completely in the environment. But that's not the case. *Anja Krieger, GreenBiz, 28 August 2019.*

4 TIPS FOR MANAGING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE Launching major transformation efforts is a common way that business leaders try to get a leg up on the competition, or just keep their heads above water. But too many of these efforts fail. Change is difficult, and many people not only resist it but seek to undermine it. <u>Greg Satell, HBR, 27 August 2019.</u>

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM LAUNCHES AFRICA GROWTH PLATFORM FOR ENTREPRENEURS The World Economic Forum on Tuesday announced the launch of a new initiative, the Africa Growth Platform, to help the continent's community of start-up enterprises grow and compete in international markets. *Engineering News*, 27 August 2019.

AFRICA SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HIGH GROWTH AND LOW EMISSIONS The urgency to mitigate climate change around the world is growing, with an increasing focus on lowering CO2 emissions. <u>Laura Menzies</u>, *The European Sting/WEF*, 27 August 2019.

SOUTH AFRICAN ECOLOGIST WINS PRESTIGIOUS STOCKHOLM WATER PRIZE Aquatic ecologist Dr Jackie King has been named the 2019 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate, by the Stockholm International Water Institute, for

her contributions to global river management. Engineering News, 27 August 2019.

WWF ANNOUNCES SIMPLIFIED RECYCLING LABELS TO AID CONSUMERS AND WASTE PICKERS CAPE

TOWN Step one to solving the scourge of plastic pollution is clear and unambiguous labelling. Now, with the aid of WWF, a group of leading retailers are rolling out standardised recycling instructions, known as On Pack Recycling Labels (OPRLs), which will indicate whether the packaging can or cannot be recycled. <u>WWF-SA, 27 February 2019.</u>

RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDS KEY TO THE FUTURE With global warming being one of the world's most pressing problems, the pursuit of clean sustainable energy becomes not only necessary, but urgent. According to the Department of Energy (DoE), South Africa's energy demand is expected to double before 2030. *Bibington Maravanyika, Leadership, 27 August 2019.*

TRANSFORMATION LAGGING IN PRIVATE SECTOR, MINISTER CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN ON CULPRITS

There has been little transformation in the top management of private sector workplaces since the passing of the Employment Equity Act some 20 years ago, Labour and Employment Minister Thulas Nxesisaid on Tuesday. Engineering News, 27 August 2019.

SA ENTERS GLOBAL RACE TO COMBAT PLASTIC POLLUTION AND FIND ALTERNATIVES Late in July, Japan and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) signed an agreement at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in Pretoria, to cooperate to counter plastic pollution in South Africa. Rebecca Campbell, Engineering News, 23 August 2019.

THIS IS HOW CITIES AROUND THE WORLD CAN AVOID A WATER CRISIS In Chennai and Harare today, millions of Indians and Zimbabweans find themselves short of water. History, unfortunately, is repeating. São Paulo, in 2014, nearly drained its main reservoir as officials sluggishly responded to a drought. <u>Brett Walton, Circle of Blue/WEF, 22 August 2019.</u>

DBSA, GREEN CLIMATE FUND COLLABORATE ON GREEN BANKING PROGRAMME The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) have signed an agreement that will kick off a programme to accelerate investments into climate projects and break market barriers in Southern Africa. <u>Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 22 August 2019.</u>

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS



EDGARS LAUNCHES A NEW 'OPEN EXPERIENCE' CONCEPT STORE Edgars launched a new 'open experience' concept store at the Fourways Mall, an inspiring space for all South Africans who want to express themselves through fashion. **IOL Business, 29 August 2019**.

SASOL'S LOUISIANA ETHANE CRACKER REACHES BENEFICIAL OPERATION Chemicals and petrochemicals group Sasol says its world-scale ethane cracker – the heart of its Lake Charles Chemicals Project (LCCP), in Louisiana, in the US – has reached beneficial operation. Engineering News, 28 August 2019.

STANDARD BANK JOY OF JAZZ HONOURS 11 OF SA'S ARTS TRAILBLAZERS Standard Bank Joy of Jazz acknowledged the efforts of 11 of South Africa's leading artists in promoting the arts. Hosted by radio personality Lupi Ngcayisa, the Jazz Honours were handed out at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg.

BizCommunity, 27 August 2019.

GROWTHPOINT'S DE KLERK APPOINTED NEW SA REIT CHAIRPERSON Growthpoint Properties

CEO Estienne de Klerk has been elected chairperson of the South African Real Estate Investment Trust (SA Reit)

Association. **Engineering News, 27 August 2019**.

IMPERIAL LOGISTICS TO ALIGN EUROPEAN BUSINESS WITH AFRICAN AMBITIONS Imperial Logistics will, in future, look at how better to align its European business with its African business, says CEO Mohammed Akoojee. **Engineering News, 27 August 2019.**

EXXARO DECLARES DOUBLE DIVIDEND ON LOWER PROFIT, REVENUE Black-empowered coal mining and energy resources company Exxaro on Thursday rewarded shareholders with a double dividend on lower profit and revenue in the six months to June 30. **Mining Weekly, 22 August 2019.**

ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE 2019 MTN BUSINESS APP OF THE YEAR AWARDS, IOT CONFERENCE & AWARDS 2019 sees MTN Business bringing two events on the annual ICT calendar together. South African developers wanting to make a mark in the growing app development or the IoT spaces are invited to submit their original tech solutions for consideration for this year's editions of the MTN Business App of the Year Awards and IoT Conference & Awards. BizCommunity, 22 August 2019.

FNB PARTNERS WITH FUTURE FEMALES TO GROW SA WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS First National Bank said on Wednesday it had joined forces with Future Females as the main sponsor of all its South African chapters in a bid to accelerate the pace of developing women entrepreneurship. **IOL Business, 21 August 2019.**

VODACOM LAUNCHES WOMEN FARMERS PROGRAMME TO TRANSFORM SMALL SCALE AGRI SECTOR This week, Vodacom Foundation, in partnership with UN Women and South African Women in Farming (SAWIF) formally launched the Women Farmers Programme countrywide at The Capital on The Park Hotel, Sandton.

TechSmart, 21 August 2019.

STANDARD BANK TOP WOMEN AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED Topco Media in partnership with Standard Bank have released the names of those companies and individuals named as winners in the 2019 Top Women Awards. **BizCommunity**, **16 August 2019**.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS



COCT COUNCIL PASSES CITY'S FIRST RESILIENCE STRATEGY The City of Cape Town's Council recently approved the city's first **resilience strategy**, developed following the aftermath of the worst drought Cape Town has faced in recent history. **BizCommunity**, **28 August 2019**.

WORSENING DROUGHT RISK IMPACTS 55 MILLION PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, SAYS WWF REPORT The climate crisis is creating a drought crisis affecting tens of millions of people every year across the world as well as energy and food supplies, warns a new report from WWF Germany. EGSA Energy Governance SA/WWF, 27 August 2019.

PLASTICS|SA RELEASES PLASTICS RECYCLING FIGURES FOR 2018 Plastics|SA has released the latest plastics recycling figures which, according to the South African plastics industry umbrella body, show that SA has a dynamic, growing and well-supported plastics recycling industry. **BizCommunity**, 21 August 2019.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA Learn what types of business funding are available for South African SMEs and how you can use business finance to grow your

business. Read here.

QUALITY UNKNOWN: THE INVISIBLE WATER CRISIS The world faces an invisible crisis of water quality. Its impacts are wider, deeper, and more uncertain than previously thought and require urgent attention. **The World Bank, 20 August 2019.**

SAICA SURVEY: TAX DISCLOSURES IN ANNUAL REPORTING The objectives of this survey are to determine the purpose; usefulness; and deficiencies of current tax disclosures in companies' annual reporting. We would appreciate if you would assist in responding by Monday, 9 September 2019. **SAICA Survey.**

APPLICATIONS FOR SASOL'S POPULAR BURSARY ARE NOW OPEN The Sasol Foundation has opened applications for its popular all-inclusive bursaries. **BusinessTech**, **12 August 2019**.

SA BREWERIES CALLS ON YOUTH-OWNED AGRIBUSINESSES TO APPLY FOR KICKSTART'S PROGRAMME South African Breweries (SAB) on Thursday has called on youth-owned businesses in the agricultural sector to apply for its KickStart's Urban Agriculture programme which aims to create sustainable employment. IOL Business, 11 August 2019.

JUST TRANSITIONS AND THE GREEN ECONOMY NAVIGATING THE FAULT LINES Many companies and organisations are under pressure to consider their exposure to and impact on economic, social, technological and environmental challenges and opportunities. Download publication **here.**

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 recently published **Insights**, **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 **August 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 latest **blog article** entitled, "**Are 200 CEOs stuck in yesterday's corporate sustainability?**, 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 announcement: "WBCSD and WEF to scale up impact on pressing sustainable development issues", here.

NBI EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019

ENABLING ECONOMIC INCLUSION - MEASURING THE IMPACT |

Friday, 30 August 2019 | Workshop 17, Sandton | 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 require 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. Should you wish to attend this session, please contact: Nombulelo Ndaba.

TAMDEV: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTORSHIP, DEVELOPMENT |
IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY | Friday, 6 September 2019 | ASISA, Newlands, Cape Town |
A sustainable and functional government is critical in our pursuit of building the economy and creating jobs within the communities of South Africa. We urgently need collaborative action between business and government to address the barriers to service delivery in order to create stable and functional organs of State through the building of capacity and improvement of skills. The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting an Awareness Session in the Western Cape where we will share with business Tamdev's mandate and approach in creating opportunities for the building of parity in knowledge, understanding and capacity across partners enhancing, potential success of collective projects. The insights from business are an important component in the measuring and evaluating of sustainable and critical interventions to ensure improved capacity in service delivery. Kindly click here to RSVP.

TLS THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) AND TRANSITION RISK | Wednesday, 11 September 2019 | Grindrod, Durban | 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 National Business Initiative (NBI) is hosting a half-day roundtable focussing 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 and practices and future engagement and work areas in relation to TCFD. If you are an NBI Member company, please click here to RSVP.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2019



THE POWER OF AUTHENTICITY | 29 August 2019 | Roodebloem Studios, Woodstock, Cape Town | The launch event explores the topic of *'The Power of Authenticity'*. Inspirational celebrity panellists will share their s of how authenticity helped them achieve success in their business and personal lives. To celebrate Women's Month, Illumi.Nation takes a stance on gender and shines the light on limitations which gender stereotypes have placed upon us. Book here.

CMO SUMMIT | 3 September 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | This year's summit is themed 'The Futur Marketing', covering topics such as preparing for a digital future, gaining actionable insights for improving CX, up to speed on AI and analytics, and more! **CMO Summit Website.**

4TH WRC SYMPOSIUM | 11 to 13 September 2019 | Sandton Convention Centre | This is a key event in the South African water sector calendar and an opportunity for various sector stakeholders, beneficiaries and lead come together to take stock, review new benchmarking content and share ideas that will advance efforts toward water secure future. **Website and further information.**

THINK LIKE A FUTURIST BREAKFAST – UNDERSTAND THE TRENDS AND FORCES SHAPING THE WC | 16 September 2019 | GIBS, Illovo | A future-focused toolkit to understand trends and strategy. We define a futurist as someone who intentionally builds the capacity to see and understand the implications and meaning change. We unpack this definition by looking at 7 key skill areas. GIBS Website.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE (earning 2 SACNASP CPD credits), followed by the course on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators) | 17 to 19 September 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | For more information visit: www.ess-sustainability.co.za or phone: 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED IIRC COURSE ON INTEGRATED REPORTING FOR PRACTITIONERS | 2
October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | 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 39

WINDABA: SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER WIND ENERGY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION | 8 to 9 October 2 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 the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) under the theme "Unleashing renewable power for African developm WINDABA Website

CARBON-RELATED COURSES | 21 to 24 October 2019 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg | SA G Reporting Regulations: 21 October; SA Carbon Tax Requirements: 22 October; GHG Emissions Inventor (ISO 14064-1) and Carbon Projects, Trading and Offsetting (ISO 14064-2): 23 to 24 October. Offered jointle 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.

IMBEWU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE WORKSHOP | 22 October 2019 | IMBEWU's offices, Rosek Johannesburg | IMBEWU's Environmental Law Update Workshop is SACNASP accredited (one CPD point) ε will cover the key developments in environmental legislation in 2018 and 2019, including amendments to, and regulations promulgated. To book, email the booking form to 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, e-mail: seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za, phone: 082 395 7582.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

WORLD WATER WEEK 2019 | 25 to 30 August 2019 | Stockholm, Sweden | World Water Week is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues. Experts, practitioners, decision-makers, business innovators and young professionals from a range of sectors and countries come to Stockholm to network, exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions to the most pressing water-related challenges of today. In 2019, World Water Week will address the theme "Water for society – Including all". SIWI Website.

RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKETS 2019 | 4 to 6 September 2019 | San Diego, US | Renewable Energy Markets (REM) is the clean energy industry's most important annual event focused on the states, businesses, organizations, and households that choose clean, renewable electricity every day. Website.

24TH WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS | 9 to 12 September 2019 | United Arab Emirates | The 24th World Energy Congress aims to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media. With over 10,000 participants expected, the Congress will attract over 250-star speakers, 50 ministers, 500 CEOs, 500 Media with an exhibition space that will cover 40,000 sqm. **Register here.**

UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019 | 23 September 2019 | New York, US | In September world leaders will

convene in New York for the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit. In line with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on the impacts of a global warming of 1.5 °C, one of the key objectives of the summit is to secure political will leading to ambitious 2020 commitments, as well as long-term strategies with concrete steps and interim targets towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050. **Further information.**

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.

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM NORTH AMERICA 2019 25 September 2019 New York, US | The Largest Finance Forum During Climate Week NYC. The Forum will welcome over 350 attendees, including asset owners and managers, banks, development institutions, policymakers, think tanks and NGOs, looking to drive the sustainability agenda. It is the number one meeting place during Climate Week NYC for the sustainable finance community. View website.

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**.











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