

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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## NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

**NBI'S SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** is an advisory body of representatives from member companies and external advisors who work closely with the NBI in addressing social transformation. Participation and engagement in this committee is crucial for the successful and sustained delivery of NBI's transformation programme, which aims to activate recommitment to working towards equality and inclusion, build on best practice and create innovative and effective solutions towards social transformation, facilitate meaningful and constructive dialogues and build understanding that supports social cohesion and coordinate collective and collaborative approaches to create a more equal, effective and cohesive society. Our committee meetings focus on understanding our members' strategic needs, updating members on the programme, NBI's social transformation events and current industry trends and best practice. For further information or to participate in the committee, please contact: [Bridgette Mdangayi](#).

**THE NBI IS SURVEYING LGBTQI+ EMPLOYEES** as part of our research to understand LGBTQI+ experiences in the workplace and to create strategies which support and enhance inclusion and representation in the workplace. Those interested in participating in our survey should click [here](#). Please take note that participation in the survey is limited to employees who personally identify with the LGBTQI+ community.

**WBCSD VISION 2050 REFRESH** 200 global companies united around a common vision creating a world in which over 9 billion people are all living well and within the boundaries of our planet, by 2050. the WBCSD is working with its Global Network partners, including the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, to realise an engagement programme in form of a global roadshow across key geographies. The **NBI and the WBCSD** are therefore hosting a workshop in Johannesburg on **Thursday, 12 March 2020** to give companies the opportunity to engage and provide input into this process, which is due to be completed by October of 2020. Participants will also be given positive, opportunity-based, action agenda needed for the decade to come, in support of achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Please contact: [Justine Alston](#) if you are an NBI member company and wish to attend this workshop. View this [video](#) and read this [article](#) to learn more.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**IT'S TIME TO RE-IMAGINE BUSINESS IN AFRICA** Business around the world is currently focused on a crucial issue for its survival and growth: how to reimagine the role of corporations. [Sipho Pityana, FIN24, 5 March 2020.](#)

**NO EQUAL MEASURES AS GENDER-EQUALITY GOALS FAIL OUTRIGHT** More than a third of countries studied are moving slowly — or in the wrong direction — on key measures, including gender-based violence. [Matthew Lavietes, Business Day, 5 March 2020.](#)

**MINISTER IVAN MEYER WELCOMES DECISION TO DECLARE THE DROUGHT A NATIONAL DISASTER** Western Cape Minister for Agriculture in the Western Cape, Dr Ivan Meyer welcomes the announcement made yesterday by the National Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to declare the drought a national disaster. [Cape Gateway, 5 March 2020.](#)

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020 HIGHLIGHTS BOARDROOM INEQUALITY** 8th March is International Women's Day 2020 and this year's theme, #EachForEqual, focuses on the need to take collective action to create a world that's fair and unbiased. [Mosima Selekisho, HR Pulse, 4 March 2020.](#)

**WHAT'S DRIVING THE INDUSTRY SHIFT TO CIRCULARITY?** The types and volume of industry-level circular activity vary widely. In general, consumer-facing industries have seen the largest volumes of circular activity, often driven by demands from consumers, governments and employees. [Peter Lacy, Jessica Long and Wesley Spindler, GreenBiz, 3 March 2020.](#)

**RENEWABLE ENERGY COULD POWER THE WORLD BY 2050. HERE'S WHAT THAT FUTURE MIGHT LOOK LIKE** What would a more sustainable world powered by renewable energy look like? We have a better sense, thanks to a special collection of research from experts from around the globe. [Jonny Wood, European Sting/WEF, 3 March 2020.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**AB INBEV FULL YEAR GLOBAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT | SAB PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS** AB In Bev announced its financial results on February 27th 2020, and as a proud member of the AB In Bev family, The South African Breweries would like to offer you the opportunity to peruse our [2019 Annual Report.](#)

**GRINDROD'S NEW FOCUS YIELDS RESULTS** Grindrod's focus on key trade corridors is paying off as it positions itself to provide freight services in key trade corridors in the region. [inceConnect, 5 March 2020.](#)

**TRANSNET INVESTS R2M IN NEW EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS** Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) has invested R2 billion to replace aging equipment this current calendar year to improve operations. [IOL Business, 4 March 2020.](#)

**BIDVEST INCREASES INTERIM TRADING PROFIT** A strong performance offshore, with the South African operations holding their own, saw Bidvest Group lift its interim trading profit 19.8 percent to R4billion as it eyes opportunities to expand its hygiene-services business globally. [IOL Business, 3 March 2020.](#)

**PICK N PAY REVEALS NEW ONLINE SCHEDULED GROCERY DELIVERY SERVICE** Pick n Pay is the first South African food retailer to introduce an online scheduled grocery delivery service that enables customers to set up an automatic weekly or monthly delivery of items they buy regularly. [BizCommunity, 3 March 2020.](#)

**STANDARD BANK SELLS GREEN BONDS IN BIGGEST AFRICAN SALE YET** Standard Bank Group Ltd.'s South African unit sold a \$200 million green bond to the International Finance Corp. in the largest sale of its kind from the continent yet. [Bloomberg, 2 March 2020.](#)

**VODACOM'S CAPE TOWN HQ AWARDED 5-STAR GREEN STAR CERTIFICATION** Following a refurbishment and implementation of various sustainable interventions, Vodacom's Century City building in Cape Town has been accredited with a five-star Existing Building Performance (EPB), Version 1 Certification by the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA). [BizCommunity, 2 March 2020.](#)

## NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**KEEP THE LIGHTS ON THIS EARTH HOUR** WWF South Africa is turning this year's Earth Hour celebration upside down by urging its supporters to "shine a light" on the issue of the day – how to keep our lights on in a way that is good for both people and the planet. [WWF-SA, 4 March 2020.](#)

**JOIN SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP GENDER EMPOWERED NETWORK** Nominations for the 17th annual Standard Bank Top Women awards celebration are now open. [Further information.](#)

**THE FORD FOUNDATION** This month—a month celebrating women's vital contributions throughout history—we are excited to launch [The Future Is Hers](#), an in-depth look at the intrepid individuals and institutions we have supported and the impact they have made in the lives of women and girls everywhere.

**WORLD WILDLIFE DAY 2020 MARKED BY SOUTH AFRICA** The 3rd of March marks the celebration of the World Wildlife Day 2020 under the theme Sustaining all life on Earth. [Knowledge Bylanes, 3 March 2020.](#)

**WBCSD LAUNCHES NEW SDG LEARNING PLATFORM** New "[SDG Essentials for Business](#)" resource supports companies' efforts to raise awareness and understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and empower their staff to drive meaningful contributions to the SDGs.

**2020 ECO-LOGIC AWARDS CALLING SA'S GREENEST** South Africans can look forward to the 9th annual Eco-Logic Awards which will take place 05 June 2020 (World Environment Day). Hosted by the Enviropaedia, entries are now open for individuals, organisations and communities who are making a difference through environmentally sustainable initiatives. [Further information.](#)

## 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 19 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their **latest insights** just published, [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 2020 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. Watch their latest **News Article**, entitled: "Transitioning to net-zero: what governments can learn from business best practice", [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 **Report** published today, entitled, “**Smarter metrics for climate smart agriculture**”, [here](#).

## NBI EVENTS/WORSHOPS | 2020

**BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: WBCSD VISION 2050 REFRESH | Thursday, 12 March 2020 | Summer Place, Hyde Park |** The NBI and the WBCSD are hosting a workshop in Johannesburg to give business the opportunity to engage and provide input into the above process, which is due to be completed by October of 2020. Participants will also be given positive, opportunity-based, action agenda needed for the decade to come, in support of achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Kindly [click here](#) for further information or should you wish to attend this engagement. For NBI Member Companies only.

**BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION - UNLOCKING PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND PROJECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA | Tuesday, 24 March 2020 | FutureSpace, Sandton |** The NBI and SANBI have launched this 3-phase project designed to help identify areas of vulnerability, areas where our member companies are working on adaptation projects already and where, through collaboration, we can scale up these projects to enhance impact and to attract climate finance. Event 4 will focus on nature-based solutions anchored in biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation that address the drivers and impacts of climate change, while securing the flow of ecosystem services that support economic growth and human well-being. Please contact: [Reitumetse Molotsoane](#) for further information or [RSVP here](#).

## SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS/WORKSHOPS | 2020

**MANAGING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE COURSE | 9 to 10 March 2020 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg |** 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**.

**RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION COURSE (NCPC CERTIFIED)| 11 to 12 March 2020 | Glenhove Events Hub in Johannesburg |** 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**.

**SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 15 to 18 March 2020 | Diemersfontein Wine Estate, Wellington, Cape Town |** The [Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's](#) Sustainability Practitioner Programme enables 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 organisation. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership [online application form](#) - all applicants are subject to selection panel approval.

**SEED SOUTH AFRICA SYMPOSIUM 2020 INVITATION | 17 to 18 March 2020 | CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria |** The theme for this year is: “**Water Wise and Climate Smart Entrepreneurship for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilient Communities**”. The symposium is a flagship event implemented through the “Reaping the potential of Entrepreneurship for a Climate- Smart Inclusive Green Economy in South Africa (ECSIGE) Project which is funded by The Government of Flanders and implemented in partnership with the Climate Innovation Centre SA and Adelphi Research. To register for participation in the symposium (use the promotional code “**SSAS20!@20**”), kindly [click here](#).

**CLIMATE RISK IS HIGH BUSINESS RISK | 24 March 2020 | GIBS, Illovo |** It is no longer good enough to play on the sidelines, businesses around the world need to take a stand on sustainability and lead by example. Businesses need to

question their purpose, connect with the world, the needs of society and our common humanity. They need to act, rather than react. [GIBS Website](#).

**TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2020 | 21 to 22 April 2020 | Wanderers Club, Melrose** | Responsible Business Consultancy Triologue in collaboration with corporate partners and sponsors, will present the 13th annual Triologue Business in Society Conference, themed 20/20 vision in April. This industry-leading annual event promotes thought leadership, cross-sector collaboration and innovation for more effective development, and brings together more than 400 corporate, non-profit, government, media and academic delegates. Visit the [Triologue Website](#) for more information and to register.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS | 2019

**WEBINAR: SECURING A SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE IN AN EVER-DRIER WORLD | 9 March 2020 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EDT** | WRI Water experts will discuss what the findings reveal about the state of water security around the world and investigate what role investors can play. [WRI Website](#).

**THE RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS SUMMIT NEW YORK 2020 | 17 to 18 March 2020 | NY, USA** | The Responsible Business Summit New York 2020 will convene 750+ leaders from across the globe to share their latest strategies, and more importantly, tangible insights into how they are helping deliver the required transformation of business. How they're delivering a sustainable economy. [Further information and registration](#).

**CDP WEBINAR: A GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICE CDP DISCLOSURES IN 2020 | 19 March 2020 | 16:00 GMT** | Alongside special guest, Camilla Gori from CDP, we will be exploring the important influences shaping the CDP Questionnaires, the significance of climate reporting on our journey to Net Zero, as well as providing practical guidance on how to improve your company's score and reach for that A list! Register [here](#).

**WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING | Montreux, Switzerland | 20 to 23 April 2020** | [Register here](#) (password: montreux2020) to join 400 global sustainability professionals from all sectors at our traditional Liaison Delegate meeting in lovely Montreux, Switzerland. Please note that our Global Network session will take place on Monday 20 April morning.

**AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK 2020 | Kampala, Uganda | 20 to 24 April 2020** | Africa Climate Week 2020 will convene under the theme, 'Partnering for Transformation towards a Low-carbon Climate-resilient and Prosperous Africa: Managing Risks, Seizing Opportunities'. The event aims to mobilize and enhance partnerships and collaborative approaches, including to respond to the urgent need to understand the risks and impacts of climate change and integrate this knowledge in planning at all levels and in all sectors. [Further details](#).



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