

ON A CLEAR DAY 2020



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THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE'S (NBI'S) RESPONSE TO COVID-19 [View here.](#)

THIS YEAR IS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI), formed in 1995 at the request of former president Nelson Mandela to mobilise business collective action to support the new democracy. To celebrate our anniversary, we will be launching a special 25-year commemorative logo as well as an online History of the NBI social media campaign, in order to celebrate our milestones over the years. We have had many memorable moments since our inception and we look forward to taking you through this journey down memory lane. [@NBISA.](#)

NBI'S WOMEN'S MONTH CAMPAIGN: AUGUST 2020 During this month, the NBI is profiling what our member companies are doing to tackle the systemic issues of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and gender inequality. Please contact: [Gillian Hutchings](#) should your company wish to feature in this campaign. [View here.](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

USE COVID LESSONS TO 'DO THINGS RIGHT' FOR THE FUTURE, URGES UN CHIEF Lessons learnt from efforts to address the global pandemic must be used to "do things right for the future", UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said, addressing a gathering of Speakers of Parliaments. [UN News, 20 August 2020.](#)

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE IN BOARDROOMS The COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences are testing companies like never before. The severity of its impact on business and economic activity is still evolving, and companies are focusing on new strategies and priorities for the months ahead. [HR Future, 19 August 2020.](#)

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN DEMONSTRATES HOW ECONOMY-WIDE TRANSFORMATION CAN HALT CLIMATE CHANGE The draconian coronavirus lockdowns across the world have led to sharp drops in carbon emissions, but this will have "negligible" impact on the climate crisis, with global heating cut by just 0.01C by 2030, a study has found. [Damian Carrington, YES!, 19 August 2020.](#)

COVID-19 HEATS UP ENERGY TRANSITION IN AFRICA Covid-19 has amplified the existential crisis facing the fossil fuel industries and has potentially accelerated the global transition to cleaner energies, with far-reaching consequences for economies in sub-Saharan Africa. [BizCommunity, 18 August 2020.](#)

BLSA CALLS FOR GOVT TO PLAY ITS CRUCIAL ROLE IN FACING SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS The economic crisis facing the country is serious and, to confront it, requires the very best from leaders, business, government, labour and other social partners, business organisation BLSA CEO Busi Mavuso says. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 17 August 2020.](#)

NOW'S THE TIME FOR SWIFT ACTION. LET'S REBUILD OUR CRIPPLED ECONOMY – B4SA Business for South Africa (B4SA) has welcomed the President's announcement to move the country to Level 2 of the national lockdown and allow South African businesses and entrepreneurs to resume trading in virtually all sectors of the economy. [Editor, BizNews, 17 August 2020.](#)

HUMANS LEAVE DEEPER IMPRINT ON ANTARCTICA'S BIODIVERSITY A research team including Conservation Scientist and Honorary Research Fellow Dr Bernard Coetsee from the Global Change Institute at Wits University, has confirmed that Antarctica is more widely impacted by humans than previously thought. [WITS/Daily Maverick, 13 August 2020.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

WHAT NBI MEMBER COMPANIES ARE DOING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 [View here.](#) If you are an NBI member company and would like to be profiled on this website page, please contact: [Gillian Hutchings.](#)

TOYOTA AND DURBAN CHAMBER LAUNCH A JOINT SMME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME Toyota South Africa Motors in partnership with the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry NPC, has launched a business development programme for 13 SMEs that are Toyota suppliers. [IOL Business, 19 August 2020.](#)

SPECIAL PROJECTS AT RMB TURBINE ART FAIR TO DELIVER AN ECLECTIC SHOWCASE OF ARTISTIC VISIONARIES A highlight of RMB Turbine Art Fair (RMB TAF) each year is the series of special projects on show. This year will be no different with an exciting mix of talent and experiences that will be available for viewing from the 28th August until 2nd September 2020. [RMB, 18 August 2020.](#)

SA BREWERIES WELCOMES LIFTING OF ALCOHOL BAN, CALLS ON PUBLIC TO DRINK RESPONSIBLY The South African Breweries has welcomed the announcement of lifting the alcohol ban from Monday after President Cyril Ramaphosa's addressed the nation on Saturday night. [IOL Business, 15 August 2020.](#)

STANDARD BANK WINS INNOVATION IN DIGITAL BANKING (AFRICA) AWARD Standard Bank Group has been awarded the 2020 Innovation in Digital Banking Award (Africa), by The Banker publication. [IOL Business, 13 August 2020.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

WEF BRIEF EXPLORES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIRCULAR PLASTICS ECONOMY The World Economic Forum (WEF) has released a briefing note that analyzes opportunities to scale a more circular economy for plastics [IISD, 18 August 2020.](#)

SEVEN TIPS FROM WOMEN LEADERS IN SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT Women need to raise each other up and channel the power of collaboration to amplify success and impact [BusinessLIVE, 18 August 2020.](#)

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE (CDE): Road to Economic Recovery [ENCA, 18 August 2020.](#)

ENVIRO DEPT ADOPTS CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries has outlined a set of objectives, interventions and outcomes to enable the country to give expression to its commitment to the Paris Agreement. [Marleny Arnoldi, Engineering News, 18 August 2020.](#)

TRUDI MAKHAYA: THE GREEN ECONOMY IS THE FUTURE, REBUILDING WON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT With 12 million people out of work and many more unable to put food on the table, President Cyril Ramaphosa's economic adviser sets out her office's ideas on how to fix an economy as Covid-19 peaks. [Daily Maverick, 18 August 2020.](#)

2020 ECO-LOGIC AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED The finalists in the 2020 Eco-Logic Awards hosted by the Enviropaedia across 12 categories have been announced. [BizCommunity, 12 August 2020.](#)

WBCSD LEADING WOMEN AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR 2020 NOMINATIONS The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is pleased to announce the fourth edition of the Leading Women Awards (LWA), designed to recognize outstanding female leaders and to showcase their work in sustainability towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [WBCSD, 16 July 2020.](#)

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 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **News Article** entitled, "*Celebrating CDP at 20: A Q&A with co-founder Paul Dickinson*", [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 **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 **Blog Article**, entitled: "*Zero-Carbon Transition – Latest signals of change*", [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** recently published, entitled: "*Protein Impact Framework : a flexible tool for companies to assess the sustainability & health impact of animal and plant-based proteins*", [here.](#)

NBI WEBINARS | 2020

NBI: 3RD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY (ACES) MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS | Tuesday, 25 August 2020 | 09:00 to 12:00 | Please contact: [Sibusiso Nxumalo](#) for further information.

WEBINARS | 2020

JBS MASTERCLASS: BUSINESS IN SOCIETY | 21 August 2020 | 11:00 to 12:30 | The JBS Masterclass on Business in Society explores and tackles some of the theories and emerging socio-political issues facing the business and enables enterprises to design robust strategies that are ethical and responsive to emerging socio-political matters. [Register here.](#)

WWWEEKATHOME | 24 to 28 August 2020 | The annual World Water Week in Stockholm has been cancelled this year and in its place [WWWeekAtHome](#), a series of online sessions will be organised during the week of 24-28 August. The

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) will be participating in the WWWeekAtHome through co-organised sessions and contributing to other sessions. View programme [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT WEBINAR ON ISO 50001 ENERGY MANAGEMENT STANDARD | 25 August 2020 | 09:00 to 11:00 | The webinar will discuss how the NCPC-SA, through the Industrial Energy Efficiency (IEE) Project, can assist companies on their EnMS journey and how the SABS can facilitate a smooth certification process. Our aim is to dramatically increase the number of certified companies in South Africa, leading to sustained and meaningful energy savings for industry and the country. [NCPC-SA Website](#).

ONLINE EVENT: ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 25 to 27 August 2020 | This time of unprecedented challenges requires systemic solutions and radical new ways of doing business. Join industry-leading speakers and more than 10,000 professionals participating from around the world to learn, connect and accelerate the circular economy. [GreenBiz Website](#).

BCW E&A WEBINAR: “AFRICA – THE OPPORTUNITY CONTINENT” | 3 September 2020 | 15:00 SAST | Join a webinar with BCW Africa’s Chairman & CEO, Robyn de Villiers; South African industrialist, social entrepreneur and philanthropist, Ivor Ichikowitz, and Founder & Chairman of Brand Africa and Brand Leadership Group, Thebe Ikalafeng to discuss the many opportunities Africa offers, now and in the future. [Further information and registration link](#).

CLIMATE WEEK NYC | 21 to 27 September 2020 | Run in coordination with the United Nations and the City of New York, Climate Week NYC continues to grow as the time and place for the world to showcase amazing climate action and discuss how to do more. The number of events is increasing, and Climate Week NYC 2020 is on track to surpass last year's record of 150 events. Find out more about [Climate Week 2020](#).

ONLINE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT | 28 to 30 September 2020 | The Skills Development Summit 2020 will provide a much-needed discussion on the state of our rapidly changing world. The Fourth Industrial Revolution promises to change the way that we conduct business and industry, especially in manufacturing and agriculture, but also threatens many jobs. The Skills Development Summit will be presenting a vision of how skills development and jobs can be retained in this shifting world, especially in the context of rural and urban development. [Registration and website](#).

CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SA | ONLINE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME | 5 to 8 October 2020 | This programme is designed for middle to senior managers in organisations from the private or public sector to equip them with a high-level understanding of role of sustainability in future proofing their organisations. Sustainability rests on a simple premise - the inter-connectedness of all things. It requires re-generative thinking. It is something that must become deeply embedded in the day-to-day operations of an organisation to guide it to a different future, particularly in a developing world context. Apply [here](#) or email: [Alice Cropper](#) for more information.



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