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NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

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

STRATEGIC NOTE: EXPANDING INCLUSIVE ENTRY PATHWAYS INTO THE GREEN ECONOMY Persistent and increasingly high levels of youth unemployment in South Africa present one of the greatest obstacles to achieving equitable and inclusive economic growth. [NBI NewsFlash, 4 June 2021](#).

SOUTH AFRICA PUSHED BY PRESIDENTIAL BODY TO BOOST CLIMATE TARGET South Africa, the world's 12th-biggest producer of greenhouse gases, should improve on its target to cut its projected greenhouse gas emissions by 28% by 2030, members of the Presidential Climate Change Commission said. [Bloomberg News, 4 June 2021](#).

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION TOGETHER WITH THE NBI AND GREENCAPE LAUNCH THE CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR IN SOUTH AFRICA AND OPEN THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS A new innovative Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) programme was launched today, which supports South Africa's efforts to implement its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by bringing together stakeholders that can develop and finance climate projects at scale. [NBI Quick Brief, 3 June 2021](#).

CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR LAUNCHED IN SOUTH AFRICA, CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPENED The British High Commission, together with voluntary coalition of South African and multinational companies the National Business Initiative (NBI) and non-profit organisation GreenCape, have launched a Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) programme in South Africa and have issued an open call for proposals. [Tasneem Bulbulia, Engineering News, 3 June 2021](#).

CAPE TOWN ENERGISES STUDENTS FOR THE GREEN ECONOMY The South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre (SARETEC), based at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Bellville campus, is the first national renewable energy technology centre in South Africa. [Cape Town Green Map, 3 June 2021](#).

SANBI AND THE NBI - BUILDING AN ADAPTATION PROJECT PIPELINE: WHAT ARE THE PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADAPTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA? Watch the following video to understand from our panel of experts just how immense the private sector opportunities are for adaptation, [here](#).

THE NBI IS HIRING: A MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION MANAGER AND A PROGRAMME MANAGER – ECONOMIC INCLUSION. See details of both positions by clicking on the relevant link: [Membership Growth and Retention Manager](#) or [Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The NBI, with support from WWF SA and Just Share NPC, is looking for a service provider to design a communication strategy and associated collateral that will enable the capacity building of the South African Finance sector. View full details and the RFP, [here](#).

IN PURSUIT OF GENDER PARITY: GENDER PAY GAP PILOT 2021 The National Business Initiative's (NBI) strategy of driving social and economic transformation aims to tackle the structural barriers preventing an equitable and just society. In 2019, the NBI published a report, [Gender Equity in the Workplace](#), in which we unpacked complex societal and economic inequity, and explored how these dual dynamics affect women. [NBI Quick Brief, 28 May 2021](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY ARE THE TOP PRIORITIES FOR GLOBAL PUBLIC: FORUM, IPSOS POLL The World Economic Forum and Ipsos asked 20,000 people in 28 countries which of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) they thought were most important. There was near unanimity about the top three priorities. [Douglas Broom, WEF, 9 June 2021](#).

AFRICAN LEADERS URGED TO UNITE IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE President Cyril Ramaphosa has called on leaders on the continent to speak with one clear voice to emphasise the primacy of multilateralism, and to express unwavering support for the full implementation of the United Nations Climate Change Convention and its Paris Agreement. [BizCommunity, 9 June 2021](#).

DFFE DEVELOPS SOURCE-TO-SEA INITIATIVE TO STAVE OFF MARINE, PLASTIC LITTER Marine litter, including plastic litter, as a source of marine pollution, has become a matter of increasing global and national concern. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 8 June 2021](#).

WE CAN CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH MORE THAN 9 BILLION PEOPLE LIVE WELL, BY 2050 "Living well" means a world in which everyone's dignity and rights are respected, basic needs are met, and equal opportunities are available for all. [Filippo Veglio, WBCSD, 1 June 2021](#).

IT'S TIME TO REIMAGINE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION A great deal of noble and important work has been done on DEI in recent years, but we have hit a ceiling. [Gabrielle Novacek, Jean Lee and Matt Krentz, BCG, 26 May 2021](#).

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

WHAT NBI MEMBER COMPANIES HAVE DONE 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](#).

ILLOVO SA CANE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO CREATE 860 JOBS IN KZN Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Minister Thoko Didiza yesterday hailed sugar giant Illovo South Africa for the successful culmination of its R127 million life-changing Small-Scale Grower (SSG) Cane Development Project, which has created more than 860 sustainable jobs in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) while empowering women to participate in the rural economy. [IOL Business, 9 June 2021](#).

ABB AWARDED COLLABORATIVE MES AGREEMENT, SUPPORTING SAPPI'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ACROSS ITS ENTIRE PRODUCTION FLEET ABB has been selected by Sappi Limited to support a major digital transformation project across its global manufacturing footprint in Europe, North America, and South Africa. [startupAFRICA, 8 June 2021](#).

CORONA BECOMES FIRST GLOBAL BEVERAGE BRAND TO ACHIEVE A NET ZERO PLASTIC FOOTPRINT GLOBALLY Corona has become the first global beverage brand with a net zero plastic footprint, meaning the brand recovers more plastic from the environment than it releases into the world. [AB InBev, 8 June 2021.](#)

FNB LAUNCHES ITS NEW #THECHANGEABLES BRAND CAMPAIGN FNB has launched a new brand communication campaign, #TheChangeables, to celebrate South Africans who take challenges in their stride, transform obstacles into opportunities, and embrace change as a way of building a better future for themselves and others. [BizCommunity, 7 June 2021.](#)

CLICKS PLANS TO EXPAND COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES Clicks says it is prioritising the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines at its stores across the country, and has to date administered more than 15,000 vaccines at its 60 retail pharmacy registered vaccination sites. [BusinessTech, 4 June 2021.](#)

IMPERIAL TO HONOUR WOMEN IN SPORT IN AFRICA In line with its commitment to develop and empower women on the African continent and in sport, JSE-listed Imperial Logistics Limited (Imperial) is now an official partner to the Momentum gsport Awards. [Imperial, 3 June 2021.](#)

NEDBANK SUPPORTS SA'S FINAL-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH NO-COST PROFESSIONAL BANKING FOR 2021 Covid-19 has impacted massively on all South Africans, but few people have experienced the challenges of the pandemic more acutely than our nation's medical professionals and frontline workers. [Nedbank, 31 May 2021.](#)

NEW TOILET FACILITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL In an effort to combat the lack of facilities and infrastructure in rural schools, the Wild Coast Sun officially unveiled new toilet facilities at Khanyisani Primary School in Redoubt last Friday. [Sun International, 31 May 2021.](#)

EXXARO ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH SAICA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT Exxaro's Enterprise and Supplier Development (ESD) initiative recently announced a collaboration with SAICA Enterprise Development (SAICA ED). [Exxaro, 31 May 2021.](#)

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

AFRICA'S BUSINESS LEADERS NEED TO ADOPT A LEADERSHIP AGENDA TO TAKE ON TOMORROW – PWC AFRICA BUSINESS AGENDA REPORT Read the key findings from the 8th edition of PwC's [Africa Business Agenda 2021 Report](#) launched this week.

OPINION: G7 SUMMIT: TIME TO PUT WOMEN FRONT & CENTRE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY The leaders of the G7 group of nations will soon gather in Cornwall, United Kingdom, (June 11-13) to devise plans to 'build back better' from the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit takes place in the wake of a crisis that has both revealed and further exacerbated existing economic and social inequalities, including gender inequalities. [Global Issues, 8 June 2021.](#)

CALL FOR INPUTS ON DRAFT NATIONAL GREEN FINANCE TAXONOMY In June 2020, National Treasury launched a multi-stakeholder process to develop a national Green Finance Taxonomy, which responds to recommendations in the draft Technical Paper on [Financing a Sustainable Economy](#), published in May 2020. [Further information.](#)

WASTEWATER ZERO COMMITMENT: GUIDANCE DOCUMENT The World Business Council for Sustainable Development have developed a [Wastewater Zero Commitment](#) mechanism to drive business action for reducing impacts of wastewater on climate, biodiversity and water security. [WBCSD, 4 June 2021.](#)

RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT Problematic food packaging, poorly informed consumers, poor design of plastic packaging, an unstable supply chain, and a lack of cooperation between brand owners, producers and retailers are among the many reasons why South Africa is lagging behind when it comes to recycling. These findings are contained in a new WWF report titled "Plastics: From Recycling to (post-consumer) Recyclate" which looks at recycling from an industry perspective. [WWF-SA, 31 May 2021.](#)

TRIALOGUE STRATEGIC CSI AWARD 2021 Enter your strategic CSI projects for consideration for the Trialogue Strategic CSI Award 2021. The winner can look forward to a complimentary double-page feature in the next edition of the Trialogue Business in Society Handbook, worth R89 000, as well as extensive media coverage. Strategic CSI aims to drive positive developmental impact well beyond business reputational management. A strategic project is one that is implemented to meet social benefits through core business practice. **Entries close 31 July 2021.** To learn more about strategic CSI and previous winners, click [here](#).

BRICS SOLUTIONS FOR SDGS AWARDS 2021 The South Africa Chapter of the BRICS Business Council, in partnership with the National Business Initiative, is delighted to invite South African companies and organisations to participate in the global BRICS Solutions for SDGs Awards 2021, recently launched by the India Chapter, who are in the Chair of the BRICS platforms for 2021. [NBI NewsFlash, 14 May 2021](#)

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. Over the past 20 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest **Blog Article** entitled: **“Companies have a major role to play in restoring ecosystems”**, [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 latest **News Update**, published this week, [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: **“G7 finance policies are urgently needed to achieve net-zero goals”**, [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 **News Article** entitled: **“Wastewater Zero Commitment: business action to eliminate industrial wastewater pollution by 2030”**, [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2021

NBI INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE: SOLIDARITY IN THE WORKPLACE | Friday, 18 June 2021 | 11:00 to 13:00 via Zoom | Why are Intergenerational Leadership Dialogues crucial for achieving solidarity in the workplace? Achieving solidarity in the workplace is a nuanced and complex journey with intergenerational dialogues as one of the most important vehicles to transport us there. During this dialogue, the discussion will focus on how solidarity is built across generations, both at work and society at large, as a vehicle of transformation. [Full details and Zoom registration link](#).

COLLECTIVELY GROWING TOWNSHIP ECONOMIES: AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE BRIDGES BETWEEN THE FORMAL AND TOWNSHIP ECONOMY | Tuesday, 29 June 2021 | 10:00 to 12:00 via Microsoft Teams | The NBI is hosting a virtual event where we will present our **IRM Township Hub Programme** through which companies in the formal sector can derive value and engage with township-based IRM enterprises to increase opportunities for enterprise growth and employment. [Full details and registration link](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS | 2021

ONLINE GREENBIZ EVENT: ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY | 15 to 17 June 2021 | The circular economy is a bold vision for tomorrow — and today — empowering leaders across industries and communities to increase resilience, mitigate climate risk and unlock new business opportunities. [GreenBiz Website](#).

WBCSD'S GREEN BRICK ROAD TO COP26 - NET ZERO | 16 June 2021 | 13:00 to 14:30 CEST | This session will aim to demystify net zero as a concept including both the reduction and removal components and will address recent controversies to ensure that business commitment are credible and impactful. [Register here](#).

VIRTUAL 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER RESEARCH | 21 to 22 June 2021 via Zoom | ICGR is an event which brings likeminded researchers together from across the world. This year the global covid-19 pandemic has caused the event to move online where participants will meet in a virtual space to share their research and discuss the issues closest to gender research. [Further details](#).

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2021 | 22 to 24 June 2021 | Responsible business consultancy Trialogue, in collaboration with corporate partners and sponsors, will present the 14th annual interactive virtual platform. The conference, aligned with global focus, will explore corporate and non-profit responsibility in helping to build a more equitable, inclusive, and greener society. We will also consider how a more lasting social compact between government, business and civil society can be forged. Visit the Trialogue [conference page](#) to view the sessions and speakers, purchase tickets and obtain a group discount.

CDE ZOOM WEBINAR: TREVOR MANUEL ON SA AND THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: HOW DO WE RESOLVE OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISES? | 23 June 2021 | 17:00 to 18:00 SAST | Trevor Manuel will be in conversation with Ann Bernstein, CDE's Executive Director. Register [here](#).

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE: CARBON FOOTPRINTING ONLINE SHORT COURSE | 23 to 25 June 2021 | This course will focus on the carbon footprints of organisations in particular, but also the tools and methods which can be applied to any entity. You will learn to look at the environmental disclosure of a company and gain 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. [Further information and registration](#).

VIRTUAL LAUNCH: BUSINESS COMMITMENT TO WASTEWATER ZERO | 24 June 2021 | 10:00 CEST | WBCSD in collaboration with CDP and UN Habitat will be hosting a webinar to launch the **Wastewater Zero Commitment** that will enable business contribution to the UN SDG 6.3 - calling for halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse. [Register here](#).

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