

# ON A CLEAR DAY 2023



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## NBI NEWS/NBI IN THE NEWS

**WHY JOIN THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI)?** South Africa continues to face major challenges underpinned by the fact that we are one of the most unequal societies in the world, with more than half of our population living in poverty, accompanied by escalating unemployment levels. Additionally, climate change threatens to further exacerbate these pressing economic and social issues. The NBI's purpose is to effect change in South Africa in the areas of **Economic Inclusion, Social Transformation, Environmental Sustainability** and **Institutional Capacity**. We believe a thriving society, economy and environment are possible, through the collective action of business, government and civil society. Please contact: [Gillian Hutchings](#) - Head: Membership & Communications for further information about our work and how to become an NBI Member Company.

**QUICK BRIEF: JUST TRANSITION REPORT: DECARBONISING SOUTH AFRICA'S HEAVY MANUFACTURING SECTOR** South Africa has an opportunity to grow its heavy manufacturing sector into a global green manufacturing hub that supports its socio-economic development by decarbonising and diversifying with new green industries. *Decarbonising South Africa's Heavy Manufacturing Sector* is the latest report to be released as part of the series of publications from the Climate

Pathways and Just Transition Project run by the National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG). Read more, [here](#).

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Deadline Extension: 19 May 2023, 18h00 (CAT))** The National Business Initiative (NBI) is looking for a qualified service provider to develop a project management system for the NBI's Installation Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative. Increasing levels of youth unemployment in South Africa presents one of the greatest obstacles to achieving equitable and inclusive economic growth. The IRM Initiative aims to address the unemployment crisis through developing and implementing strategic learning and employment pathways that promote artisanal occupations across the infrastructure and other value chains. The project management system will track and report on the performance of the programme. Please submit your proposal to [IRM@nbi.org.za](mailto:IRM@nbi.org.za) for more information, click [here](#).

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY REVIEW AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN SERVICE PROVIDER** The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) in collaboration with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE), German International Cooperation (GIZ), National Business Initiative (NBI), and the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), secured funding for the implementation of the Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings and Infrastructure Programme (EEPPIP). The programme is established with the aim to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in South Africa through catalysing an energy efficiency transformation within the public-sector environment. The NBI is seeking to appoint a service provider who will be capacitated to assist in delivering on the awareness raising and capacity building workstreams through the development and implementation of a Communications Strategy. The strategy should be carefully designed to provide guidance on the best communication tools and platforms that can be used to showcase the programme's key activities and goals. For information and submissions click [here](#).

**WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN BUSINESS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK TOGETHER** A collaborative effort between BLSA, USAID, the NBI and municipalities in the Eastern Cape means more working toilets at schools in the province. "I often write about our efforts to improve the business environment, from driving solutions to our energy crisis to confronting our logistics challenges. But another very important part of our strategy is far more local – the performance of our municipalities in delivering basic services to their residents. Last week I got to see a success story of what can happen when business and local government work together. This was very much a collaborative effort. The capacity programme is led by the National Business Initiative (NBI) and its Technical Assistance Mentorship & Development (Tamdev) project" Busi Mavuso. [Moneyweb, 2 May 2023](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

**LEADING WOMEN AWARDS 2022: OUTSTANDING FEMALE LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS AT WBCSD LIAISON DELEGATE MEETING** The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has announced the five exceptional women who have received the prestigious **Leading Women Awards (LWA)** for 2022. The awards ceremony took place during the annual Liaison Delegate Meeting of WBCSD, held in Montreux, Switzerland. The Awards are designed to recognize female leaders who have made remarkable contributions to sustainability and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, 4 May 2023](#).

**MORE THAN 200 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE NOW PURSUING COAL EXCLUSION POLICIES** More than 200 financial institutions globally, including five South African banks, have established coal exclusion policies, a new report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) shows. These include asset managers and owners with assets under management of more than \$50 billion, as well as international banks, insurance and reinsurance companies, export credit agencies, multilateral development banks and development finance institutions with assets exceeding \$10 billion. [Engineering News, 3 May 2023](#).

**C40 EXPANDS SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVES IN LATIN AMERICA** C40 is expanding its support for five Latin American cities to develop ambitious climate action implementation plans. From January 2022 to December

2025, C40's Climate Action Implementation (CAI) programme will help these cities on their way to becoming carbon-neutral by 2050 and secure a greener future for more than 35 million residents in the region. [C40 Cities, 3 May 2023.](#)

**THESE ARE SOME OF THE GLOBAL HOTSPOTS WHERE WOMEN INVENTORS ARE DEFYING THE GENDER GAP** While men continue to dominate patent applications, the share of women inventors has grown steadily since the late 1970s. South Korea and China are leading the charge, with more than a quarter of patents filed over the past decade involving women. [World Economic Forum, 3 May 2023.](#)

**STAMPING OUT CORRUPTION CAN GIVE SDGS \$3 TRILLION BOOST** Corruption, and its staggering costs have hobbled sustainable development in all countries, but fresh efforts are making inroads, the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) said at a special meeting to tackle the scourge and give the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development a much-needed boost. "Corruption drains more than 5 per cent of the global GDP," said Lachezara Stoeva. "Of the approximately \$13 trillion in global public spending, up to 25 per cent is lost to corruption." That translates into at least \$3 trillion for public spending. Under the theme, **Unleashing the transformative power of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Improving governance and reducing corruption**, the special meeting aimed at identifying concrete solutions to promote anti-corruption practices at all levels. Participants also reflected on the role of principles for effective governance and highlighted such instruments as the UN Convention against Corruption. [United Nations, 2 May 2023.](#)

## NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

**ERM SUPPORTS LAUNCH OF BCTI'S FLAGSHIP REPORT ON TACKLING INEQUALITY** The Business Commission to Tackle Inequality (BCTI), a cross-sector, multi-stakeholder coalition of leaders and their organizations convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), today revealed its flagship report, *"Tackling inequality: An agenda for business action"*. Tim Strawn, ERM's Regional CEO for EMEA is one of more than 60 BCTI Commissioners who worked with the organization during the last 18 months to help shape the report, which provides new analysis into the critical role of the private sector in addressing inequality and sets out the reasons why business must now act with urgency. [ERM, 3 May 2023.](#)

**SA EQUITY AND MULTI ASSET: A CONSIDERED APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE INVESTING** Over the past decade, Ninety One has found that by including a sustainability driver as part of our investment process, we have gained a greater understanding of the companies that we invest in, which has led to more sustainable investment returns. [Ninety One, 3 May 2023.](#)

**REGENERATIVE FARMING COLLABORATION TO DRIVE CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE THROUGH CARBON CREDITS** Climate Neutral Group (part of Anthesis Group) announces its collaboration with SGS. Through this strategic agreement, already 65 000 hectares of SGS client farms are enrolled into CNG's AgriCarbon™ programme in 2023. SGS is recognised as the world's leading testing, inspection, and certification company. In the agriculture sector, SGS provides crop science solutions including precision farming, agronomy expertise and laboratory services. These services help to facilitate regenerative agriculture with proper soil health management and increased yield. Founded in 2002, CNG – recently acquired by Anthesis Group – is a leading international carbon consultancy, offset developer, and provider of nature-based solutions. To-date, the company has supported more than 3,500 companies around the world to reduce their carbon emissions, mitigating over 15 million tons of CO2 and improving the lives of many thousands of people by contributing to various Sustainable Development Goals. [Climate Neutral Group, May 2023.](#)

**ANGLO PLATINUM MINE SITE INTERCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS SOUTH AFRICA'S PUBLIC-PRIVATE HYDROGEN ECONOMY AMBITION** In a positive display of collaboration between South Africa's public and private sectors, Anglo American Platinum's Mogalakwena platinum group metals (PGMs) operation in Limpopo province hosted a potentially far-reaching hydrogen economy interchange with South Africa's Department of Science and Innovation (DSI). "Anglo American Platinum's partnership with DSI aims to promote the development of the hydrogen economy across the African continent.



The DSI are on site at Mogalakwena today to engage in dialogue focused on the development of the Hydrogen Valley,” the PGMs mining and marketing company stated in a comment on LinkedIn. [Engineering News, 2 May 2023.](#)

**NEW ENGEN DIESELUBE 700 SUPER: TOUGH ENOUGH FOR HIGHER PERFORMANCE, KIND ENOUGH TO ENABLE REDUCED EMISSIONS** Engen has launched an advanced formulation of Engen Dieselube 700 Super, expertly engineered with upgraded CK-4 API technology, to provide core strength to counter harsh African conditions. Engen Dieselube 700 Super’s upgrade from CI-4 Plus to CK-4 API technology is a boon for the agricultural sector, as it allows farmers to maximise the capabilities of their expensive agri-machinery. *“The new Engen Dieselube 700 Super is specifically engineered to deliver durability in the tough African climate, with the added benefit of extending your service intervals,”* says Sharveen Maharaj, Engen’s head of Lubricants. [Engen, 28 April 2023.](#)

**“FORWARD-THINKING” KOMAZA PARTNERS WITH DOLPHIN BAY** Our new client Komaza is the latest signatory to the Dolphin Bay Quality Pledge – and the Kenyan company sees the pledge as confirmation that they have made the right choice by joining the Dolphin Bay family. *“The Quality Pledge is a beautiful idea,”* said Komaza Processing Director Charles Kimiti. *“It’s a new thing for us, but it tells us that Dolphin Bay will go out of their way to ensure that we are compliant with regulations and quality standards. “That’s a good thing from Komaza’s point of view, because it means that Dolphin Bay is a responsible company.”* Komaza signed the pledge as part of its onboarding as a new Dolphin Bay customer, having signed a CCA supply agreement with us just a few months ago. The company’s business plan is built on sustainability, with its mission being to revive the productivity of degraded lands in the most deforested areas. It sources its timber from a network of 25 000 smallholder farmers in Kenya, aiming to turn underutilised land into thriving microforests while sustainably serving Africa’s increasing demand for treated timber. [Dolphin Bay, 27 April 2023.](#)

**EXTREME E AND OFFICIAL SUSTAINABILITY PARTNER, EY, SHARE SEASON 2 CARBON FOOTPRINT AND RECORD FIRST 100% RENEWABLE MOTORSPORTS EVENT** Extreme E has published its second Sustainability Report (pdf), compiled, and produced in collaboration with EY. The Report reveals the racing series’ environmental footprint for Season 2, maintaining the carbon-neutral status it established from the outset and continuing to champion e-mobility by racing electric vehicles only. EY teams calculated that 9,045 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e was emitted during Season 2 (1808.8 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per race), all offset through the purchase of Verified Carbon Standard environmental certificates for two deforestation programs in Brazil’s Amazon. [EY, 25 April 2023.](#)

**SIBAYA CASINO DONATES TO BACK KWAZULU-NATAL NGO’S FIGHTING GBV 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR.** Giving back to the community in which it operates, Sibaya Casino has committed to investing R10-million towards programmes aimed at fighting Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and femicide. Sahara Shelter, Wentworth Victim Friendly Centre, Amanzimtoti Trauma Centre, Aryan Benevolent Home VJ Kara Safehouse, Open-Door Crisis Care Centre, in Phoenix, Wentworth, Pinetown, Amanzimtoti and Chatsworth were some of the beneficiaries that received support from Sibaya in the form of purchases to upgrade facilities and funding towards empowerment and skills development programmes for survivors that are based at these shelters. Read more [here.](#)

**BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP RELEASES 2022 ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT** Boston Consulting Group (BCG) released the *“Expanding Our Reach, Enhancing Our Impact: 2022 Annual Sustainability Report.”* As the firm marks its 60th anniversary in 2023, the report explores the many ways in which BCG is working to solve some of the world’s most urgent challenges. It also highlights the progress BCG has made on its own sustainability journey. BCG led more than 1,500 societal and planetary impact projects at 780 clients over the course of 2022. BCG has also invested over \$1 billion since 2020 to drive progress on societal and planetary impact with leading private, public, and social sector organizations, including both pro bono and direct financial support. [Boston Consulting Group, 24 April 2023.](#)

**ABSA GROUP COLLABORATES WITH WOMEN IN TECH TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND HELP THEM THRIVE IN THEIR TECHNOLOGY CAREER** Absa Group is proud to announce its collaboration with Women in Tech, an international non-profit organisation whose mission is to close the gender gap and support women in pursuing careers in technology. The collaboration will provide an opportunity for women in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector across

Africa and the globe to connect and converse on issues pertaining to the gender gap, provide access to critical skills and mentorship; as well as elevate job creation. [Absa, 24 April 2023.](#)

## NOTICES/REPORTS/OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

**REPORT: GREENCAPE REPORTS HIGHLIGHT MOST PROMISING GREEN ECONOMY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES** South African nonprofit organisation GreenCape has released the 2023 edition of its yearly green economy market intelligence reports (MIRs), which highlight the most promising market opportunities in key green economy sectors in South Africa. The reports are published in partnership with the UK's Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (PACT) programme, Germany's Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, and the Western Cape government's Department of Agriculture. [Engineering News, 4 May 2023.](#)

**REPORT: MORE THAN 60 BUSINESS AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS RECOGNIZE INEQUALITY AS A SYSTEMIC RISK AND LAY OUT A ROADMAP FOR PRIVATE SECTOR ACTION** The Business Commission to Tackle Inequality (BCTI), a cross-sector, multi-stakeholder coalition of leaders and their organizations convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), today revealed its flagship report *Tackling inequality: An agenda for business action*. This report provides new analysis into the critical role of the private sector in addressing inequality, and the powerful reasons why business must act with urgency. In its report, the BCTI recognizes that the high level and structural nature of inequality in our world today represents a systemic risk that poses an existential threat to our society and economy. The BCTI identifies how inequality is eroding trust in our political and economic systems, fuelling civil unrest and polarization, constraining economic growth, and undermining our collective capacity to tackle complex global challenges. [The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, 3 May 2023.](#)

**REPORT: THE FUTURE OF JOBS REPORT 2023** The Future of Jobs Report 2023 explores how jobs and skills will evolve over the next five years. This fourth edition of the series continues the analysis of employer expectations to provide new insights on how socio-economic and technology trends will shape the workplace of the future. [World Economic Forum, 30 April 2023.](#)

**GLOBAL CITIZEN APP 3.0 MAKING SOCIAL ACTION DAILY HABIT FOR A MORE EMPOWERED WORLD** The leading international advocacy organisation launches an updated mobile app designed to help users incorporate activism into their daily lives through actionable tasks and tangible steps. The world's leading international advocacy organisation, Global Citizen, has relaunched its Global Citizen app to help users make a positive impact on the planet, society, and a step closer to ending extreme poverty every day. Through a selection of simple and actionable tasks, users are prompted to take tangible steps toward creating a better world – for themselves and future generations. [Bizcommunity, 28 April 2023.](#)

**REPORT ON NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS PUBLISHED** Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Barbara Creecy, has published South Africa's 8th *National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report (NIR)*. The report contains a detailed inventory of South Africa's annual greenhouse gas emissions from 2000 to 2020. *"The greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is central to tracking the implementation of South Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). We are proud of the robust format of our monitoring which has been developed over the past 15 years and includes both public comment and independent verification and is designed to support domestic and international reporting obligations,"* Creecy said. The report covers sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals by sinks. Among the causes of major greenhouse gases from human activity are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). [Bizcommunity, 28 April 2023.](#)

**REPORT: ACHIEVING A JUST TRANSITION IN THE ENERGY SYSTEM** Developed collectively by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the Council for Inclusive Capitalism and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) this report represents a compilation of insights and case studies to support energy companies in their efforts to advance a just transition to a net-zero carbon energy system. The report leverages the Just Transition Framework for Company Action, developed by the Council for Inclusive Capitalism and its network of partners, as a tool to explore emerging practice and

learnings across key areas of business action when it comes to advancing robust just transition strategies. [The World Business Council, 27 April 2023.](#)

**REPORT: WHAT'S NEXT FOR COMPANIES PROCURING RENEWABLE POWER? NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION TO A SUSTAINABLE POWER SYSTEM** This report presents the successes achieved in corporate renewable power procurement while examining what the transition to a sustainable power system means for ambitious leadership in corporate renewable power procurement in the future. [The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, 26 April 2023.](#)

**WHITE PAPER: BLOCKCHAIN FOR SCALING CLIMATE ACTION** The environment and climate sectors require digital transformation to keep up with the changing planetary ecosystem and to coordinate urgent and global action in areas including biodiversity loss, disaster displacement and energy grid deficiencies. This paper is an output of the Crypto Sustainability Coalition's Working Group on Web3 Climate Action, exploring the relationship between blockchain innovation and climate action, focusing on real work examples and use cases. [World Economic Forum, 25 April 2023.](#)

**WHITE PAPER: ACCELERATING ASIA'S ADVANTAGE: A GUIDE TO CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION** This paper emphasizes the unique and crucial contribution that Asia can make to climate action and calls for businesses across the region to be at the forefront of this important drive. While there are significant economic opportunities to be realized, corporate ambitions and commitments are meaningful only if combined with allied action. [World Economic Forum, 21 April 2023.](#)

## 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. Since their inception in 2000, CDP has played a transformational role in driving climate disclosure and action from businesses, investors, cities, and governments around the world. Read their latest **Press Release**, entitled: **"CDP's environmental disclosure system opens for reporting on plastics for first time at request of investors with US\$130+ trillion in assets "** [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 **March 2023 Newsletter**, [here.](#)

**WE MEAN BUSINESS COALITION (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 **"Net Zero Transition – The Latest Signals Of Change: April 28, 2023 "** [here.](#)

**WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD)** WBCSD is an international, CEO-led organization of almost 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 recently published **Insight Article**, entitled: **"Renewable electricity procurement: blazing a trail from innovation to leadership"** [here.](#)

## NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2023

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SESSION (TLS) | THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S EMERGING RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY LANDSCAPE | 18 MAY 2023 via Zoom | 11:00 to 13:00 (SAST)|** The National Business Initiative (NBI), Climate Group, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), have partnered to establish the **RAiSE (Renewables Ambition in South African Electricity) Hub** to unlock the power of corporate procurement and generation of renewable energy in South Africa. RAiSE is excited to invite you to a thought-provoking dialogue on **"The Role of Business in South Africa's Emerging Renewable Electricity Landscape"**. This session is the first in a series of

conversations on South Africa's evolving power system and the role of business in shaping South Africa's future power system. | [Website & further details.](#)

## ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2023

**DECARBONIZING FOOD PRODUCTION TO ADVANCE HEALTHY FOOD AND NUTRITION | 9 May 2023 | Washington, DC |** Tetra Pak, in collaboration with the Embassy of Sweden and World Resources Institute, invites you to a thought-provoking panel discussion addressing the policy solutions needed to create resilient, end-to-end food and nutrition systems in the United States to support healthy people and a healthy planet in the face of climate change and biodiversity loss. | [Website & further details.](#)

**TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE | 9-10 May 2023 | Hybrid- The Wanderers Club in Illovo, Johannesburg |** The Trialogue Business in Society Conference is the premier annual conference in South Africa showcasing important developments across the corporate responsibility sector, with a focus on the 'S' in ESG. The target audience is corporates and non-profit organisations, and the aim is to enhance knowledge and collaborations to help businesses perform more sustainably in society. In 2023, Trialogue is planning another hybrid conference (in-person in Johannesburg and online) under the overarching theme inclusive and purposeful business. Some of the confirmed and potential topics are the just energy transition, digital inclusivity, catalysing impact in the green economy and inclusive philanthropy. | [Website & further details.](#)

**LOCAL MANUFACTURING: REBUILDING SOUTH AFRICA'S INDUSTRIAL BASE AND EXPORTS | 10 May 2023 | Johannesburg |** Creamer Media is hosting a webinar focusing on local manufacturing, sponsored by Nedbank. **A panel of experts will discuss the following topics:** 1. What has been driving the decline in South African manufacturing's contribution to GDP over the past twenty years? 2. Which industries in the South African manufacturing sector have continued to perform well in recent years? 3. What are some of the key policy interventions required to boost South African manufacturing and exports? 4. How are South African businesses responding to the persistent electricity, rail and other infrastructure crisis hampering economic growth and investment? | [Further details.](#)

**JOINT WORKSHOPS ON TOOLS FOR PLANNING, SCENARIOS AND POLICY ANALYSIS OF THE WATER-ENERGY-LAND NEXUS FOR EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AFRICA | 14 May 2023 | Addis Ababa |** World Resources Institute (WRI) and RE4AGRI are hosting joint workshops on Tools for Planning, Scenarios, and Policy Analysis of the Water-Energy-Land Nexus for Equitable Development in Rural Africa. The two workshops aim to support African researchers, analysts and policy makers on topics relating to the water-energy-land nexus and rural development - focusing on models, data and content that is open access and open-source, and how these can be used to support scenario analysis and policy design. | [Further details.](#)

**ENLIT AFRICA | 16-18 May 2023 | Virtual |** Enlit Africa hosts Africa's entire power & energy industry in this premier conference and exhibition space. As the leading platform, we gather Africa's energy community for three days to meet and inspire each other in Cape Town from 16 - 18 May 2023. Enlit Africa includes live and digital events, exhibitions, and exclusive one-on-one interviews with leaders in the energy sector. Our host publication - ESI Africa - supplies compelling energy news & media content. In addition, there's product launches, innovative technology showcases, and more | [Website & further details.](#)

**ANNUAL AFRICA ESG /IMPACT INVESTING & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SUMMIT- SOUTHERN AFRICA FORUM 2023 | 25-26 May 2023 | Cape Town, South Africa |** The Annual Africa ESG / Impact Investing & Sustainable Finance Summit Forums are premium events hosted annually across the Africa continent with regional forums in Southern, East and central and West and North Africa bringing together local, continental and global thought leaders, experts, policy makers, institutional investors, researchers, impact investors, financial institutions, philanthropists, activists, DFI's, governments, private sector and various NGO's to address issues related to ESG, Impact Investing, sustainable finance, and climate change. | [Website & further details.](#)

**REUTERS EVENTS: GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION 2023 | 7 - 8 June 2023 | New York, USA** | Global Energy Transition 2023 unites the world's energy and industrial leaders to accelerate net zero pathways, forge sustainable business models and deliver on the transition imperative. Over two days, executives will have a unique opportunity to establish benchmarks, break news and strategize meaningful models to deliver the transition. Alongside a 750+ congress, the event will offer a series of executive receptions and networking functions, in-depth roundtable and workshop sessions, and an exclusive net zero showcase and innovation zone. | [Website & further details.](#)

**AFRICA ENERGY FORUM 2023 | 20-23 June 2023 | Nairobi, Kenya** | Once again, we will unite governments, utilities and regulators with development finance institutions, commercial banks, power developers, technology providers, EPCs and professional services. Over the last 24 years, the Forum has earned a reputation as the most meaningful gathering of decision-makers in African energy to form partnerships, identify opportunities and move the industry forward. We hand-pick the most credible organisations in the sector, delivering an intensive networking experience. | [Website & further details.](#)

**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2023 | 10-19 July 2023 | New York, USA** | The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held from Monday, 10 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. This includes the three-day ministerial segment of the forum from Monday, 17 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2023 as part of the High-level Segment of the Council. The last day of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC will be on Thursday, 20 July 2023. The theme will be "*Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels*". In the forum, participants will be able to further discuss the effective and inclusive recovery measures to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explore actionable policy guidance for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at all levels. The HLPF in 2023, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature of the SDGs, will also review in-depth Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation, and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. | [Website & further details.](#)

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