

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.

WATCH: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAUNCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GREEN HYDROGEN TVET ECOSYSTEM JUST TRANSITION STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK STUDY. This groundbreaking study, developed in collaboration with the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), the National Business Initiative, the University of Cape Town's Energy Research Centre, Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies, and Bambili Advisory, utilizes advanced modeling to analyze the national energy systems, including hydrogen use, and their economic and greenhouse gas emission impacts. The report highlights the feasibility of a Just Transition towards a green hydrogen

TVET skills ecosystem that promotes transversal skills, economic well-being, and ecological resilience by 2050. Catch the highlights from this insightful webinar, [here](#).

WATCH: NBI'S NEW CEO, SHAMEELA SOOBARAMONEY, JOINED AN EXPERT PANEL RECENTLY DELVING INTO THE BUSINESS CASE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG). Hosted by Creamer Media, the webinar explored how ESG factors can propel companies towards achieving their business goals, while creating a positive impact on society and the environment. Shameela emphasised the vital need for businesses to collaborate around the needs of communities by actively providing the change and funding required for sustainable transformation across South Africa. Watch the recording of this inspiring webinar by clicking [here](#).

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NBI'S ROAD TO COP28 CAMPAIGN: Each year, NBI co-hosts the SA Pavilion at UNFCCC Climate Conferences with Government, through the Department of Environmental Affairs. This project represents, supports & encourages bold, ambitious collaboration between the Public & Private sectors in terms of climate action to address climate change and promote a Just Transition. COP28 is an opportunity for SA to share innovative solutions with the international community to attract further resources & investment through partnership & collaboration as we transition to net zero by 2050 & we invite South African Business to participate. If you would like to join us on the Road to #COP28 then get in touch to find out more!

WATCH: THE CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR (CFA) WILL BE LAUNCHING CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR CFA MEXICO, SOUTH AFRICA, AND PAKISTAN SOON. Watch this [short video](#) for a quick overview of the CFA and the kind of projects they work with.

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 for more information, click [here](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

INDEX SHOWS GREEN-CERTIFIED OFFICE BUILDINGS OFFER BETTER RETURN ON INVESTMENT The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) South Africa Green Annual Property Index for 2022 has shown that green-certified prime and A-grade offices produced an improved total return last year and outperformed noncertified office assets of a similar quality by 50 basis points during the year. [Engineering News, 17 May 2023.](#)

SOLAR ENERGY IN SA: DRIVING A JUST TRANSITION THROUGH QUALITY AND SAFETY In South Africa, the conversation around energy is intensifying. As we grapple with the impact of load shedding and a strained national grid, there's a growing consensus that we need to expedite our transition to renewable energy, particularly solar. Sapvia is an advocate for a Just Energy Transition, and a diversified "energy-agnostic" scenario, thereby acknowledging the continued role of other energy sources and carriers as components of the envisioned energy-mix. Representing more than 500 members comprising project developers, independent power producers, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) companies, banks, telecoms companies, training organisations and more than 380 small, medium and micro-enterprise installer companies, the association has been instrumental stakeholders in discussions around Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme and private power purchase agreements. [IOL, 17 May 2023.](#)

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO TO IGNITE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH Despite their high initial failure rate, small and medium-sized businesses (SMMEs) account for roughly half of all job creation. Therefore, it is essential to assist growth entrepreneurs in transitioning into formal businesses as well as to support and develop them.

This is very important for the growth of the local economy, which will be discussed at the inaugural Township Economies Conference and Expo, planned at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg from the 20th to the 21st of June 2023. The event will present a distinctive chance to develop a culture of entrepreneurship and enable SMMEs to access skills development, leading to business opportunities and long-term growth. [IOL, 16 May 2023.](#)

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM POLAND CO-LAUNCHES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TOP MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BOARDS WBCSD's Global Network Partner in Poland, the Responsible Business Forum (RBF), in partnership with Deloitte, has launched an educational program for top management and supervisory boards. The program, titled "*Strategy and Leadership in the Age of ESG*", has been jointly prepared with Queen Hedvig Academy and IMD, one of the world's top business schools, under the auspices of the Chapter Zero Poland initiative. [World Business Council for Sustainable Development, 15 May 2023.](#)

HOW CITIES BUILD, DESIGN AND POWER THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS RESIDENTS' DAILY LIVES AND CITIES' CARBON FOOTPRINTS Buildings alone contribute to 35% of cities' emissions. That figure jumps to 70% in some Global North C40 cities due to the energy used to power, heat or cool buildings. Today's urban planning decisions will affect future generations' quality of life and cities' emissions. Only by adopting a sustainable approach to urban planning can cities meet their climate targets. Cape Town used public engagement to promote net-zero carbon targets and educate locals on sustainable living principles. Alongside the Green Building Council of South Africa, the city led an urban design competition as part of the Cape Town Future Energy Festival. The competition was open to students and built environment professionals; 13 unique projects were part of the competition. [C40 Cities, 12 May 2023.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

ASTRON ENERGY TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT FUND TO ASSIST SMMEs IN KEY SECTORS SUPPLY CHAIN As economic recovery continues to ramp up post the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a huge push to drive the South African economy back to pre-pandemic productivity levels. Astron Energy forms a significant part of the economy and the recovery journey. The fuel giant operates the second largest network of retail service sites in South Africa and the Astron Energy Refinery in Milnerton, Cape Town, which is positioned to play a key supply role in all key sectors of the SA economy. [Engineering News, 18 May 2023.](#)

EY ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF EBS ADVISORY TO FURTHER ENHANCE ITS M&A SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG ADVISORY SERVICES ACROSS AFRICA. EY is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement by EY South Africa to acquire the business assets in EBS Advisory, a market leading ESG Advisory services organisations across Southern, East and West Africa; providing Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) and sustainability advisory services to public and private sector clients; business, investors, and financial institutions. Since 1999, the organisation has executed over 1,000 projects in 62 countries, across four continents. [EY, 18 May 2023.](#)

MPUMALANGA FLOOD VICTIMS BENEFIT IN IDC'S R31 MILLION DISASTER AIDE The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) in collaboration with Ashraful Aid International Humanitarian Organisation, has launched a project to provide food hampers to 3000 victims of the February floods in the Mpumalanga region of South Africa. The IDC has contributed close to 1.6 million ZAR towards this leg of the project. The recent floods have caused significant damage to infrastructure, homes, and agriculture, affecting thousands of people in various provinces of South Africa. The government declared a National State of Disaster, and Ashraful Aid has been providing assistance in the Mpumalanga region over the past two months. [The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, 18 May 2023.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA MUST PURSUE SUSTAINABILITY TO ACHIEVE GROWTH - BCG Effective sustainability-related actions in emerging markets strengthen global market access and attract investment capital, address consumer and talent concerns, deliver higher business-value creation and build resilience to manage risk and disruption, says management consulting firm Boston Consulting Group (BCG). [Engineering News, 17 May 2023.](#)

ERM AND PLANET COLLABORATE TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS HARNESS SATELLITE DATA TO ENHANCE DECISION-MAKING AND ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS ERM, the world's largest pure play sustainability consultancy, has announced a new partnership with Planet Labs PBC, the leading provider of global near-daily satellite imagery and earth data with the highest frequency satellite data commercially available. ERM has been a customer of Planet since 2019 and through this new agreement, will expand the imagery use cases, applications, and reporting capabilities for clients. By linking satellite imagery and insights, the partnership between ERM and Planet accelerates data driven decision-making to inform corporate sustainability strategies, management systems and disclosure. Planet and ERM's joint capabilities can be applied to a multitude of projects including methane emissions monitoring, Nature-Based Solutions planning, climate risk analysis, and impact assessment for capital projects. [ERM, 17 May 2023.](#)

GREENOVATE AWARDS NOW OPEN TO PROPTECH The Greenovate Awards are back and better than ever this year, with an exciting addition to the line-up – a brand new proptech category. Now in its ninth year, this esteemed annual Greenovate Awards programme by Growthpoint Properties and Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) has become the go-to platform for showcasing up-and-coming talent and innovations in the built industry. Since launching in 2015, the Greenovate Awards have been all about sparking a passion for sustainable development in young students. Initially, the awards only included students of the built environment, then they added an engineering category. This year, for the first time, the Greenovate Awards will include technology solutions for a sustainable built environment. [Growthpoint, 16 May 2023.](#)

'GREEN' WORKFORCE NECESSARY FOR A JUST TRANSITION IN AFRICA - PWC African economies can grow more sustainably by focusing on sustainability and addressing climate change, while also providing new opportunities for its workforce, said assurance, advisory and tax services company PwC in its 'Enabling net-zero through a green workforce in Africa' report. [Engineering News, 15 May 2023.](#)

SUN CITY DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT Offering a helping hand to the community living around Sun City in the North West province is something which Sun City does regularly. The Resort's community outreach is on-going, and far-reaching and some of the in-kind support provided during the first quarter of 2023 included a wheelchair donation to a young girl and linen donations, as well as back to school donations and food to safe houses in Ledig and Moruleng. Read more, [here.](#)

SOUTH32'S HERMOSA GETS A US-POWERED BOOST South32 reported that its Hermosa metals project, in Arizona, has been confirmed by the US Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC), as the first mining project added to the FAST-41 process. Hermosa is currently the only advanced mine development project in the US that could produce two federally designated critical minerals - manganese and zinc, which are essential minerals for powering the world's clean energy future. The current phase of study work for Hermosa's Clark deposit has confirmed its potential to supply battery-grade manganese to the rapidly forming North American electric vehicle supply chain. [Mining Weekly, 9 May 2023.](#)

CONCOR EXPANDS EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE SOLAR CAPACITY As South African businesses embrace the power of renewable energy; leading black owned contractor Concor is busy on another solar project that will contribute to a more sustainable future. The project will add another 5.74MW (4,75 MWac) to the already existing 1MW solar power plant at Eastgate Shopping Centre in Johannesburg. This project aligns with Liberty 2 Degrees' execution of its Net Zero 2030 targets, both reducing energy reliance from the grid as well as its focus on creating Good and Smart Spaces. According to Martin Muller, Contract Manager at Concor, this second phase project will comprise approximately 550 tonnes of structural steel roof constructed on concrete plinths on the upper parking area of the centre. Read more, [here.](#)

NOTICES/REPORTS/OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

AWARDS: ENTER SA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND INFLUENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS The Eco-Logic Awards in partnership with Peoples Weather Channel as featured on DSTV and Openview, and WildAid, showcases and supports those who provide products, services and interventions that are 'Good for People and Planet'. The awards are opportunity for every one of us to support and participate in building a safer, kinder, and more sustainable society and environment to

live in. By entering or nominating an Eco-Champion into South Africa's most prestigious and influential annual environmental award show, you can be a part of the Eco-Logical movement driving positive change and restoring our connection to nature and the planet. Come see how Going Green Fun, Fashionable and Financially Beneficial for all is! For more information and to enter, click [here](#).

ESG AFRICA CONFERENCE Get ready to join the most impactful and forward-thinking minds across Africa, as we empower leaders to drive a more sustainable future at the ESG Africa Conference. This highly anticipated event provides an unparalleled platform for industry pioneers and experts to come together and tackle the common challenges associated with embedding ESG practices within organisations. Make sure to mark your calendars and take advantage of our early bird ticket prices, available for only **R5,950 (Excl VAT)** for the full 2-day event. This exclusive rate is only valid until the end of **June 2023**. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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. Access the report, [here](#).

REPORT: BATTERY METALS 2023: POWERING THE GREEN ECONOMY Creamer Media's 'Battery Metals 2023: Powering the green economy' report provides an overview of the battery metals market in this context. Globally, the focus of the report is on supply and demand and the creation of a sustainable battery value chain, as well as the environmental and social impact of battery metals production. In Africa, the report's focus shifts to some of the key mining projects under way on the continent. [Engineering News, 17 May 2023](#).

SURVEY: SUSTAINABILITY IN FINLAND 2023 SURVEY: FEW COMPANIES HAVE ABANDONED UNSUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES, YET REGENERATIVE BUSINESS IS ALREADY BRINGING RESULTS According to the latest Sustainability in Finland Survey conducted by FIBS, WBCSD's Global Network Partner in Finland, sustainability is driving innovation and investment among companies in Finland, but unsustainable business practices still persist: 63% of companies have made investments in sustainable development in the last three years and almost as many (59%) have made innovations. Yet only 16% have abandoned unsustainable business practices, and even fewer (13%) have removed unsustainable alternatives from their product or service portfolio. [World Economic Forum, 17 May 2023](#).

OPINION: THE POWER OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN REVOLUTIONISING AFRICA'S TOWNSHIP ECONOMY As Africa continues to experience rapid urbanisation, the township economy has emerged as a critical engine of growth for many cities across the continent. However, for the township economy to realise its full potential, there is a pressing need to invest in skills development. According to recent studies, the skills and knowledge deficit is a major barrier to growth and development in the township economy. Many individuals in these communities lack the necessary education, training, and mentorship to capitalise on economic opportunities and create sustainable businesses. As a result, unemployment and poverty remain significant challenges in many townships across Africa. To address this issue, it is essential to invest in skills development programs that equip individuals with the knowledge and tools required to succeed. These programs may assume various forms, comprising of vocational training, apprenticeships, and mentorship programs. [Engineering News, 16 May 2023](#).

SURVEY: A WIDE GENDER GAP EXISTS AT CENTRAL BANKS: IMF SURVEY Less than half of workers employed in advanced economy central banks are women, but on average only a third of women are economists or managers, according to an IMF Survey. Instead, women occupy 80 percent of administrative and HR roles, which shows that occupational segregation is quite pervasive. [World Economic Forum, 11 May 2023](#).

WHAT IT TAKES TO ATTRACT PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION Investment in renewable energy reached parity with investment in fossil fuels for the first time in 2022, marking a long-awaited shift toward climate-friendly financial flows. But while reducing emissions is crucial, it is only one aspect of comprehensive climate action. As the latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change makes clear, the world is rapidly approaching a level of warming that will

make it significantly harder to manage drought, heat waves, rising sea levels and other climate-related disasters. Along with scaling efforts to curb emissions, therefore, we must invest substantial resources in building climate resilience and adapting to the changes already underway. [World Resource Institute, 10 May 2023.](#)

WHITE PAPER: PRIVATE MARKET IMPACT INVESTING: A TURNING POINT Impact investments – investments made with the intention of achieving positive, measurable social and environmental benefits while generating financial returns – can provide attractive risk-adjusted gains. These investments can create value for investors and contribute meaningful solutions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. [World Economic Forum, 8 May 2023.](#)

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. 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 comment on G7 summit**” [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: May 12, 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: “**Natural Climate Solutions in Action: Empowering local communities to fight climate change**” [here.](#)

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2023

INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICIES AND THE IMPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE HEAVY MANUFACTURING SECTOR | 23 May 2023 | 14:00-16:00 (SAST) via Zoom | The National Business Initiative (NBI) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) invite you to join us for our upcoming Thought Leadership Dialogue on International Trade Policies and the Implications and Opportunities for the Heavy Manufacturing Sector. The rapid expansion, globalisation and increasing complexity of trade has created intricate patterns of interdependencies between production, consumption, and job creation across economies and political boundaries. The World Trade Organisation has been notified of more 4,600 trade-related climate measures over the past decade. Join us for this important Thought Leadership Dialogue as we engage with industry experts to unpack the implications and opportunities presented by international trade policies and mechanisms, such as CBAM, for South Africa and explore what is needed to sustainably unlock the decarbonisation pathway for the South African heavy manufacturing. | [Website & further details.](#)

INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE: THE EFFECTS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON SMMES IN SOUTH AFRICA | 31 May 2023 | 11:00-12:30 (SAST) via Zoom | Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) are the backbone of South Africa’s economy and contribute significantly to the country’s GDP growth. However, the ongoing energy crisis has resulted in extreme levels of energy poverty across communities. The lack of an adequate, affordable, reliable, and environmentally sustainable energy supply poses a significant threat to the development and longevity of these businesses, as well as the opportunity to ramp up SMME growth across South Africa. In his 2023 Budget Speech, Finance Minister Enoch

Godongwana stressed that the lack of a reliable energy supply is the biggest economic constraint that South Africa is grappling with currently. In response to this increasing crisis, the National Business Initiative (NBI) will be hosting an upcoming Intergenerational Leadership Dialogue: The Effects of Loadshedding on SMMEs in South Africa on 31 May 2023. | [Website & further details.](#)

ONLINE & HYBRID EVENTS/WEBINARS/COURSES/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES | 2023

THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE AT COP28: WHY GETTING IT RIGHT MATTERS FOR THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE ACTION | 18 May 2023 | 15:00-16:30pm (CEST)|Online | The world's first Global Stocktake will be the focal point of this year's COP28. This process was never intended to just be an accountability tool or a measuring stick for where we are; endless reports have already told us that country and corporate climate promises aren't measuring up. It was also designed to accelerate us toward where we need to be. But does it have the teeth to make a meaningful impact? How can it supercharge our transition to a greener, safer future? | [Further details.](#)

STATE OF THE POWER SYSTEM | 23 May 2023 | 9:00-10:00am (EDT)|Online | Despite the rapid adoption of wind and solar energy in recent years, fossil fuels currently account for over 80% of the world's energy and over 75% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Global climate goals are still within reach but only by radically shifting from fossil fuels to clean energy. Join Systems Change Lab on May 23 at 9 a.m. EDT (3 p.m. CEST) for an important discussion with leading policy leaders and energy experts about what can be done to accelerate the global clean energy transition. | [Further details.](#)

ESG RISK IN YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN | 24 May 2023 | 08:00-10:00 (SAST)|Norton Rose Fulbright, 3 Pencarrow Crescent, Durban | Recent events have placed a spotlight on risk management and mitigation in the supply chain. Consumers are demanding more transparency; accountability and sustainability but at the same time the tenuous economic situation of consumers all over the globe is changing buying behaviour and impacting the ability to forecast demand. | [Further details.](#)

CLIMATE WATCH TRAINING: LATEST TRENDS IN COUNTRIES' PER CAPITA EMISSIONS | 24 May 2023 | 10:00-11:00am (EDT)|Online | Join us for an interactive training to learn how to use Climate Watch to gain insights on countries' climate commitments, generate custom visuals and access raw data for further analysis. This training will focus on per capita emissions, explaining the various ways to analyse per capita emissions by country and sector, as well as over time. We will show how to find this information on Climate Watch, where to download data and visuals, and more! | [Further details.](#)

COP28 AND BEYOND: HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CLIMATE-VULNERABLE COUNTRIES | 25 May 2023 | 2:30 - 4pm CEST | 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.](#)

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.](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN ASSISTING SOUTH AFRICA TO OVERCOME LOADSHEDDING? | 21 June 2023 | 14:00 (SAST) via Zoom | Join Creamer Media and a panel of experts for a discussion on renewable energy in South Africa. The discussion will unpack the following questions: What reforms have sparked the current rapid expansion in renewable energy and how rapidly are renewable energy solutions growing in South Africa? What is the breakdown of the major demand drivers for renewable energy solutions among businesses, households and small and large-scale investments? What technology platforms deal best with the variable nature of wind and solar energy sources? Is there potential for upstream manufacturing of renewable energy components in South Africa? What downstream advantage will increase renewable energy use have for South African industry? | [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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