

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.

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR 2023 The National Business Initiative (NBI) has been awarded the **Acquisition International Non-Profit Organisation Award** for Social Transformation Initiative of the Year 2023. The Acquisition International Non-Profit Organisation Awards aim to reward the commitment, innovation, and determination of the best NPOs from across the world. These awards seek to reward the most innovative, creative and compassionate

NPOs, and provide a platform for NPOs to demonstrate that they are a true leader within the non-profit sphere. The NBI is proud to be a recipient of this award.

VACANCY: PA/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CEO We are currently hiring an Executive Assistant to join our core organisational support function. The successful incumbent will collaborate closely with the executive management team, ensuring efficient administration and impeccable service delivery. Expertise in organising and streamlining operations will be crucial to the smooth running of our CEO's office. For more information and to apply click, [here](#).

WATCH: GREEN HYDROGEN AND ENERGY TRANSITION BUSINESS FORUM The National Business Initiative (NBI) is excited to be part of a broader business and labour consortium of support to South Africa from Denmark, with a focus on skills development, through our partnership with the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI). This was officially announced by South African Minister of Trade and Industry, Minister Patel, at the Green Hydrogen and Energy Transition Business Forum this week. In attendance were President Ramaphosa, as well as the Dutch Prime Minister and also Danish Prime Minister. President Ramaphosa noted that this is the first time two Prime Ministers are paying an official visit to SA to focus on opportunities in energy transition and Green Hydrogen in South Africa. Click [here](#) to watch a short snippet from this important event.

WATCH: THE NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE (NBI) CELEBRATES IRM GRADUATES! The Installation, Repair, and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative is transforming industries, opening doors to job opportunities, and empowering young minds to become successful entrepreneurs. This #YouthMonth2023, join us in celebrating the remarkable achievements of the IRM programme graduates. *“Our Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative, through its partnerships with Industry Bodies and Employer Associations has played a critical role in unlocking demand for IRM skills and employment in the formal economy and has further contributed to the growth of the township economy by supporting township enterprises and entrepreneurs who train and employ young IRM candidates,”* Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze: Head of Economic Inclusion. Click [here](#) to watch the video, where they share their journeys of empowerment, resilience, and entrepreneurial triumph.

WATCH: 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 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!

LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS Socio-economic transitions have the potential to exacerbate existing inequalities. Without deliberate efforts to ensure inclusivity, marginalised groups and vulnerable communities may bear a disproportionate burden, facing economic hardships and social disadvantages. A just transition approach aims to mitigate this risk by prioritising equity, fairness, and the protection of livelihoods. This was the subject of a panel discussion held during the 2023 Trialogue Business in Society Conference. Panellists included Charlotte Mokoena from Sasol, Steve Nicholls from the Presidential Climate Commission, and Wendy Poulton from Strategic Mindsets. [Trialogue, 22 June 2023.](#)

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND VESSEL TRAVELLING THE GLOBE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY DOCKS IN CAPE TOWN The Energy Observer is the first vessel of its kind - powered by the sun, wind and hydropower while relying on lithium-ion batteries and hydrogen as storage solutions. The vessel left Saint-Malo, France, in 2017 and is sailing across the world until 2024, making its 80th stop in Cape Town. The vessel tests the capabilities of these technologies that will drive the energy transition – while raising awareness of sustainable solutions. [News24, 14 June 2023.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA, GERMANY TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DRIVE GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION, TRADE Electricity Minister Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa has on behalf of the South African government, signed a joint declaration for the planned establishment of a South African-German Hydrogen Task Force that will help to drive the commercial viability of green hydrogen projects, industry and infrastructure in both countries. [Engineering News, 28 June 2023.](#)

C40 CITIES LAUNCHES NEW FUND FOR INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION IN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD C40 Cities launched a new fund for cities to deliver inclusive and transformative climate action. The Inclusive Climate Action Cities Fund (ICA Fund) will support science-driven, locally led climate initiatives in cities around the world, starting with Bogotá, Dar es Salaam, Los Angeles, Quezon City, Vancouver and Warsaw. The ICA Fund is supported by the Open Society Foundations and builds directly on the ongoing success of C40's Global Green New Deal pilot programme. It is C40's first-ever fund for cities specifically focused on facilitating inclusive climate action and a just transition to a green economy, and a response to unmet challenges C40 cities are calling for support on. [C40 Cities, 28 June 2023.](#)

REIMAGINING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AFRICA: TURNING DIVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY [Report]: Compiled in collaboration with McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey in Africa took a granular look at Africa's economic performance across countries, cities, and companies to highlight successes and suggests ways the continent can reignite growth after a decade of slowdown, identifying ten practical steps for decision-makers in business and government to consider. After a promising opening to the millennium, Africa's growth has downshifted since 2010 and lags that of its global peers. Yet continent-wide statistics mask divergence across countries even though the continent's largest economies—Egypt, Nigeria, and South Africa—are experiencing slower growth, almost half of its people live in countries where economies have grown consistently over the past 20 years. Read the full report [here.](#)

AFRICAN NATIONS CALL ON G7 TO FORM JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE TO STEM BILLIONS OF ILLICIT OUTFLOWS African countries have called for the formation of a joint working committee with the G7, central banks and civil society to stop large sums of money being lost by the continent each year to illicit capital outflows. [Engineering News, 23 June 2023.](#)

SOUTH AFRICA PLANS \$1.5BN WATER FUND WITH CLIMATE FINANCE A South African State development bank plans to create an almost \$1.5-billion water infrastructure fund and is seeking finance from the Green Climate Fund. The fund is part of a raft of measures being taken by South Africa's government as it tries to kick-start its moribund economy by investing in infrastructure projects ranging from power plants and ports to water-supply programs. This week, the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) said it will participate in the creation of a \$1-billion green hydrogen investment fund. [Engineering News, 22 June 2023.](#)

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

MINE 2023: 20TH EDITION The world's big mining companies must find a new formula for success. The era of critical minerals has arrived, and it's the most momentous change the industry has seen in decades. Miners can no longer depend on yesterday's portfolios and practices to create value in this newly dynamic and fiercely competitive landscape. And mining CEOs seem to know it: of those polled in *PwC's 26th Annual Global CEO Survey*, 41% don't think their companies will be economically viable in ten years if they continue on their current path. The era of critical minerals must therefore be an era of reinvention. Access the report, [here.](#)

ENTREPRENEURIAL WINNING WOMEN™ SOUTH AFRICA EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women executive leadership programme identifies a select group of high-potential women entrepreneurs whose businesses show real potential to scale; and helps them do it. Apply today to join a global cohort of women entrepreneurs who are looking to realise their bold ambitions. For more information and to apply, click [here.](#)

10 THEMES TO GUIDE THE YOUTH AS THEY ENTER THE WORKFORCE In a welcome Youth Month tradition, Coronation CEO Anton Pillay spends quality time with learners to impart valuable life and career advice ahead of their journeys into adulthood and the world of work. This year, Pillay visited the Grade 10 and 11 learners from Christel House (educational

NGO) in Ottery, as well as students from various university investment societies interested in pursuing a career similar to Pillay's. Pillay focused on the critical skills required to excel despite South Africa's alarming youth unemployment rate, the prevailing environment of economic uncertainty and the likely impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work. Read more, [here](#).

25M ADULT WOMEN IN NIGERIA HAVE NO FORMAL BANK ACCOUNTS A study jointly undertaken by Genesis Analytics and Commissioned by the Gender Centre of Excellence in close collaboration with the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, has revealed that 25 million adult Nigerian women are unbanked and over 16 million rural women rely exclusively on informal financial services. [Genesis Analytics, 24 June 2023.](#)

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GREEN HYDROGEN ECONOMY, TAKING SHAPE SA announced a new R18 billion fund called SA-H2, which is dedicated to financing Green Hydrogen projects in the country. The fund is to be supported by climate-focused blended finance investment firm Climate Fund Managers, the Dutch government's Invest International, South African life insurer and investment group Sanlam and the development finance institutions – Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), among other. [Industrial Development Corporation, 23 June 2023.](#)

INVESTOR LEADERSHIP NETWORK AND UNITED STATES TREASURY COMMIT TO ACCELERATION OF TRANSITION FINANCE The Investor Leadership Network (ILN), with the leadership of CDPQ, Natixis Investment Managers, and Ninety One, launched a new commitment alongside United States Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at the Summit for a New Global Financial Pact in Paris to work together over the next three years to accelerate pension fund and institutional investments in emerging and developing economies in the critical areas of energy transition and sustainable infrastructure. [Ninety One, 23 June 2023.](#)

MAINSTREAM RENEWABLE POWER JV APPLIES FOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM PERMIT IN THE SOUTHERN BALTIC SEA Mainstream Renewable Power and Hexicon's joint venture in Sweden, Freja Offshore, has today submitted an application under the Swedish Economic Zone Act (SEZ) for the Cirrus offshore wind farm in the southern Baltic Sea, approximately 50 kilometers southeast of Karlskrona, within Sweden's economic zone. Once fully developed, Cirrus will have a capacity of up to 2 GW and the potential to provide electricity to half a million homes in southern Sweden. [Mainstream Renewable Power, 22 June 2023.](#)

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP ENTERS 40,000-TON CARBON REMOVAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH CARBONCAPTURE INC. Boston Consulting Group (BCG), one of the world's leading management consulting firms, and CarbonCapture Inc. (CarbonCapture), a leading direct air capture (DAC) company, announced a partnership that covers both BCG's purchase of CarbonCapture's atmospheric carbon dioxide removal services as well as an intention to support CarbonCapture's business strategy through BCG's management consulting services. The 40,000-ton carbon removal agreement with CarbonCapture will span a five-year period, supporting BCG's commitment to achieve net zero climate impact by 2030. This represents the second largest publicly announced global direct air capture (DAC) offtake deal by volume, and the largest in the professional services industry globally. [Boston Consulting Group, 21 June 2023.](#)

ESKOM AND THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS SIGN LETTER OF INTENT TO COLLABORATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 'JUST' INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT JOB CREATION AND COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT AROUND GROOTVLEI POWER STATION Eskom and the Kingdom of the Netherlands signed a letter of intent (LOI) yesterday to further their collaboration on the development and implementation of 'Just' initiatives that enable job creation, drive economic growth and improve the local environment surrounding the Grootvlei Power Station as the power station transitions from coal generation into a renewable energy hub. Eskom and the Kingdom of the Netherlands developed a previous LOI in July of 2022, which paved the way for this LOI through a pre-feasibility study for a "climate-smart, labour-intensive agriculture/horticulture development" at the Grootvlei Power Station in Mpumalanga. Using technology in agriculture to minimise the effects of climate change while creating jobs in the sector are points of mutual importance for Eskom and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. [Eskom, 21 June 2023.](#)

B-BBEE OWNERSHIP SCHEME FOR SOCIAL IMPACT Growthpoint Properties has asked its shareholders to approve a R250 million broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) ownership scheme for a major empowerment transaction that will continue to fund the flagship corporate social investment (CSI) initiatives that Growthpoint supports. The proposed transaction would see Growthpoint allocate shares to a special-purpose CSI Trust, which would use dividends from its Growthpoint shares to fund future CSI initiatives focused on education, entrepreneurship and enterprise development. These initiatives are actioned through Property Point, which delivers programmes that support growing small black businesses in the property sector and education projects such as Growsmart, which assists primary school learners in Western and Eastern Cape. [Growthpoint, 21 June 2023.](#)

RECYCLING GETS BIZANA LEARNERS THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TO REUSE WASTE Towards the end of 2022, Sun International collaborated with the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) in a two-year partnership to create eco-classrooms and build environmental resilience in 18 schools and their communities around the country. The South Coast's Wild Coast Sun donated R112,000 towards the WESSA programme and has since been working with Plangeni Junior Secondary School situated in Bizana, first in March for Global Recycling Day and again in May with teacher-learner workshops. 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: FOSTERING EFFECTIVE ENERGY TRANSITION 2023 After a decade of progress, the global energy transition has plateaued amid the global energy crisis and geopolitical volatilities, according to the World Economic Forum's Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2023 report. The Energy Transition Index, which benchmarks 120 countries on their current energy system performance and on the readiness of their enabling environment, finds that while there has been broad progress on clean, sustainable energy, there are emerging challenges to the equity of the transition – just, affordable access to energy and sustained economic development – due to countries shifting their focus to energy security. [World Economic Forum, 28 June 2023.](#)

WHITE PAPER: GREEN HYDROGEN IN CHINA: A ROADMAP FOR PROGRESS Hydrogen is a promising solution for decarbonizing hard-to-electrify sectors, and China has incorporated it in its latest national development strategy. Yet, although China is the world's largest hydrogen producer and consumer, less than 0.1% of the hydrogen it produces is from renewable sources of energy. [World Economic Forum, 27 June 2023.](#)

CITIES NEED A SYSTEMS-CHANGE APPROACH TO BUILD CLIMATE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES Cities occupy just 3 percent of the Earth's land, but account for most of the global energy consumption and carbon emissions. Many cities are also more vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters due to their population densities and interconnected infrastructure. To avoid the most harmful impacts from climate change — including human, social and economic losses —

we know building climate-ready cities is crucial. However, recent studies indicate that we are far from reaching global goals set out for making our cities more resilient. [World Resources Institute, 26 June 2023.](#)

REPORT: TOP 10 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES OF 2023 The Top 10 Emerging Technologies of 2023 report, now in its 11th year, highlights the technologies set to positively impact society within the next three to five years. This comprehensive report goes beyond listing the top 10 technologies and their associated risks and opportunities. It provides a qualitative assessment of each technology's potential impact on people, the planet, prosperity, industry and equity. [World Economic Forum, 26 June 2023.](#)

RELEASE: WRI ROSS CENTER PRIZE FOR CITIES CALLS FOR PROJECT SUBMISSIONS THAT ARE “ACCELERATING MOMENTUM FOR CLIMATE-READY COMMUNITIES” World Resources Institute (WRI) Ross Center for Sustainable Cities launched the fourth cycle of the WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities, a global competition celebrating and spotlighting transformative urban change. With the window for climate action rapidly closing this decade, the theme for this cycle is “Accelerating Momentum for Climate-Ready Communities.” WRI is seeking initiatives that address the magnitude of climate challenges by increasing the speed, scope and scale of action to create climate-ready cities. [World Resources Institute, 26 June 2023.](#)

WHITE PAPER: DATA UNLEASHED: EMPOWERING SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMES) FOR INNOVATION AND SUCCESS Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), as the backbone of any economy, play a vital role in stimulating job creation, fostering economic growth, and driving innovation and entrepreneurship. Despite their crucial role, they encounter obstacles to fully leveraging the data derived from the Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies. [World Economic Forum, 26 June 2023.](#)

WORKING PAPER: STRENGTHENING GENDER EQUITY IN LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION PROCESSES IN AFRICA Written jointly with Women’s Climate Centers International (WCCI), this WRI working paper illustrates seven enabling factors needed to effectively integrate gender equity considerations into locally led adaptation processes. Featuring powerful case examples from Africa’s agricultural sector, the paper’s recommendations are relevant to all funders and implementers seeking to enhance communities’ climate resilience while fostering local agency, gender equality, and long-term transformative change. [World Resources Institute, 21 June 2023.](#)

REPORT: GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT 2023 The Global Gender Gap Index annually benchmarks the current state and evolution of gender parity across four key dimensions (Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment). It is the longest-standing index tracking the progress of numerous countries’ efforts towards closing these gaps over time since its inception in 2006. [World Economic Forum, 20 June 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: **“PCAF and CDP align data quality systems to support standardization.”** [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 [**June 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: June 23, 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: "[CFO Network: Exploring sustainable business transformations and transitions](#)" [here](#).

NBI VIRTUAL EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS | 2023

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

REALIZING NET ZERO: MOVING FROM TARGETS TO ACTION | 29 June 2023 | 15:00 (SAST) via Zoom | To date, over 90 countries have set net-zero emissions targets including the world's largest emitters, China, the United States and India. Thousands more regions, cities and companies have set net-zero targets of their own. But how can they turn those pledges into practice? A forthcoming report by World Resources Institute (WRI), titled "[Realizing Net-Zero Emissions: Good Practice in Countries](#)," will draw out examples of countries that are already taking concrete actions today toward achieving their net-zero aims. | [Further details](#).

IFAT AFRICA 2023 CONFERENCE 'PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR WATER AND SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA' | 5-7 July, 2023 | Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg | Africa's leading trade fair for water, sewage, refuse, and recycling! Discover solutions for a greener future and explore innovations in sewage management, water solutions, waste management, and recycling technologies. | [Further details](#).

EXPLORING NEW GUIDANCE ON IRA TAX INCENTIVES FOR CLEAN ENERGY | 6 July, 2023 | Zoom | The magnitude and long-term availability of the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) tax incentives are game-changing for the clean energy industry. However, they introduce new complexity that could affect ownership structures, financing approaches, and the location of development for renewable energy projects. Join WRI as we consider key issues that cities, corporations, utilities and others should consider in order for them to best take advantage of the tax credits for mid- to large-scale clean energy projects. | [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](#).

WORLD WATER WEEK 2023 | 20-24 August 2023 | World Water Week 2023 will plant seeds of change. Join online and in Stockholm, at the Waterfront Congress Center with 14,000m² on-site space, for a programme full of sessions on topics like innovation, behavioural change, technology, and governance. Drawing on the latest scientific knowledge and experiences

from around the world, we will explore how water can be a powerful tool to address the water crisis, global heating, biodiversity loss, poverty, and many other water-related challenges. | [Website & further details.](#)

NET ZERO FESTIVAL 2023 | 31 October- 1 November 2023 | London, UK | Hosted by BusinessGreen, the UK's leading green business media brand and a source of news and analysis for the green business community that reaches over a million readers a year, the Net Zero Festival will bring together over 1,000 senior business executives, investors, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and campaigners over two days to explore how to navigate the defining economic, political, and technological trend of the age and work together to accelerate the net zero transition. This year's Festival will build on the success of last year's event, which brought together a host of leading experts in the net zero transition, including Chris Skidmore (who used the event to formally launch the Net Zero Review), head of the UN's High Level Expert Group on Net Zero Catherine McKenna, the CBI's Rain Newton-Smith, and the CCC's Chris Stark, among many others. | [Website & further details.](#)

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