

INITIATION

The 17th annual Conference of Parties

The NBI invites you to participate in a series of side events at COP17 in Durban, South Africa

28 NOVEMBER 2011 – 9 DECEMBER 2011



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Introduction

The NBI, with the support of its members, Business Unity South Africa and the British High Commission is convening a series of side events at COP17 in Durban between 28 November and 9 December 2011. These side events are aimed at bringing together local and international business leaders to showcase their initiatives in the climate change field, share and exchange knowledge on mitigation and adaptation measures, and encourage collaboration and investment towards a low-carbon economy.

Business Pavilion Exhibition

The NBI is also coordinating the Business Pavilion comprising over 30 large corporations at the Climate Change and Response Expo in Durban from 28 November to 9 December where business will be showcasing their climate change initiatives.

About the NBI

The National Business Initiative (NBI) is a voluntary group of leading national and multinational companies, working towards sustainable growth and development in South Africa through partnerships, practical programmes and policy engagement. This is achieved through evidence based research and sharing of experience in key areas aimed at effecting system change.

As the regional partner to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the NBI provides a platform for business leadership and a vision of how companies can contribute to shaping and achieving a sustainable society. We support these intentions through hosting the local focal point to the UN Global Compact and acting as the local partner to the Carbon Disclosure Project.

Through the Climate and Energy Focus Area, the NBI aims to shape the thinking and actions of South African corporations towards sustainable practices in pursuit of a low-carbon economy. This will enable companies to mitigate and adapt to climate change while using natural resources in a sustainable way. In the build up to COP17, the NBI held a number of short seminars on key negotiation topics aimed at supporting business's engagement with negotiators, civil society and financial institutions. We encourage your participation in the remaining two events on our pre-COP schedule: a two-day pre-COP summit in partnership with the WWF (8 - 9 November – e-mail dodo@wwf.org.za) and a discussion with Alf Wills (one of South Africa's chief negotiators) summarising the key issues going into COP17 (21 November – e-mail dunbar.christine@nbi.org.za).

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30 Nov 2011 Full Day	Durban Business Day Jewish Hall register here
1 Dec 2011 09h00-12h00	Agri-Food Chain: Vulnerability and Adaptation Hosted by Tiger Brands, Mutual & Federal Nedbank Building register here
11h45-13h00	Opportunities to fast track CDM through Programmatic Approaches Hosted by Standard Bank and CDC Climat Standard Bank Building register here
14h30-17h30	Business Response to Climate Variability in Southern Africa: Focus on Adaptation and Water Stewardship by Leading Corporations Hosted by South African Breweries and Nedbank Nedbank Building register here
2 Dec 2011 07h30-09h30	Multi Stakeholder Panel Discussion on the Green Jobs Report and the Green Economy Hosted by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) Nedbank Building request an invitation
10h00-13h00	Lending for a low carbon economy the roles, potentials and needs of banks in emerging markets convened by NBI/United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP Finance Initiative) Hosted by Nedbank Nedbank Building register here
17h00-19h00	Climate Risk Adaptation: Necessary and Possible A global insurance sector conversation about resilience, loss and damage (Followed by cocktails) Hosted by Santam in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative and Climatewise The Square Boutique Hotel & Spa in La Lucia Ridge request an invitation
17h00-19h00	African Business Innovation in a Low Carbon Economy High level panel discussion with government and industry leaders Hosted by Standard Bank and Camco Standard Bank Building request an invitation
3 Dec 2011 14h00-17h00	African Carbon Offsets – Business Opportunities in Carbon Offsets and Rural Development Through REDD+ High-level panel discussion with project practitioners, civil society role-players, government and industry leaders Hosted by Standard Bank, Camco and the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) Standard Bank Building request an invitation
5 Dec 2011 Full Day	WBCSD Global Business Day The Protea Edward Hotel register here
6 Dec 2011 08h00-11h30	Coal Water Nexus How can SA move to a green economy when we've been addicted to coal for so long? Hosted by WWF South Africa Docklands Hotel register here
14h00-17h00	Launch of the 2011 South African Carbon Disclosure Project Report Hosted by Exxaro Durban Country Club request an invitation
19h00-21h00	CEO Networking Cocktail Event Hosted by Standard Bank, co-sponsored by the KZN Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Moses Mabhida Stadium Presidential Business Club1 request an invitation
7 Dec 2011 09h00-13h30	Responsible Investment Hosted by Sanlam Docklands Hotel register here
07h30-10h30	Energy Efficiency in Buildings Hosted by Arup and Standard Bank Standard Bank Building register here
11h00-13h00	Low-Carbon Development- Transport and Supply Chain Hosted by Imperial Logistics and Standard Bank Standard Bank Building register here
13h00-15h00	South African Business Leadership Initiatives Progress to date and potential Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) Hosted by the COP17 CEO Forum CCR Expo Pavilion register here
14h00-15h15	Launch of Standard Bank's Scoping Study on Regional Grid Emission Factor Issues for the SAPP Region Hosted by Standard Bank Standard Bank Building register here
18h00-21h00	Energy Leadership and Collaboration NBI in partnership with Department of Energy (DoE) Hosted by SASOL Nedbank Building request an invitation
8 Dec 2011 08h30-11h00	International Post Corporation/SA Post Office Round Table – the Postal Industry's Response to Climate Change Hosted by SA Post Office The Mail Center closed event