



Quick Brief

A news update from the NBI on its programmes, business leadership and issues on sustainable development.

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NBI Launches NDP Business Action Plan

At the end of April 2016 the National Business Initiative officially launched the National Development Plan Business Action Plan to considerable national interest and enthusiasm, with the action plan focusing on 6 key areas of business action.

Background to the NDP Business Action Plan

The National Business Initiative (NBI) believes that the National Development Plan (NDP) remains the primary, overarching vision for South Africa's development to 2030, with the NDP integrated into government administration and planning, most notably through the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF).

Using the NDP as the guiding vision, in May 2015 the NBI commenced with a project entitled 'Business Action in Support of the NDP'. The overall goal of the project has been simple: to identify 5 to 6 specific areas in which business can play a meaningful role in supporting the NDP and socio-economic development in South Africa.

Based on a consultative process that commenced in May 2015, the NBI has prioritised 6 areas for collective business action within the context of the NDP. These 6 priority actions are as follows:

- 1. Strengthen partnerships between the private sector and local government**
- 2. Partner with municipalities to address wastewater treatment**



*Action without vision
is only passing time.
Vision without action
is merely daydreaming.
But vision with action
can change the world.
- Nelson Mandela*

3. **Enhance the relationships between TVET colleges & industry**
4. **Support nation building and social cohesion**
5. **Incorporate a greater share of gas in the energy mix**
6. **Cross-cutting role of the NBI in supporting collaboration**

The [NDP Business Action Plan](#) outlines these top 6 actions in more detail and provides an implementation plan for their rollout.

Overall, the NBI believes that taking action in these 6 areas will unlock significant development opportunities and strategic benefits for the country, signal strong support to government and position business as a source of innovation, as well as a trusted implementation partner.

The NBI has also developed 3 [project infographics](#) that provide a visual summary of the project. The infographics illustrate the process followed, provide an overview of the top 6 actions and explore the high-level relationship between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the NDP. It is worth noting that 92% of the NDP's 72 stated objectives can be mapped to the 169 SDG targets, with an identical timeframe to 2030.

How Can My Company Get Involved?

The NDP Business Action Plan represents an opportunity for collective business to scale action and achieve significant positive impacts. We therefore encourage businesses to get behind individual areas of the action plan.

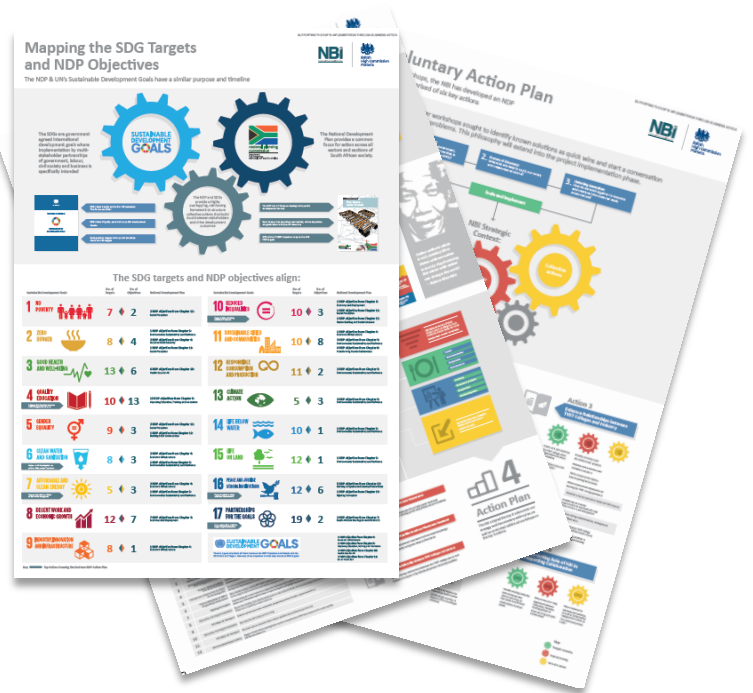
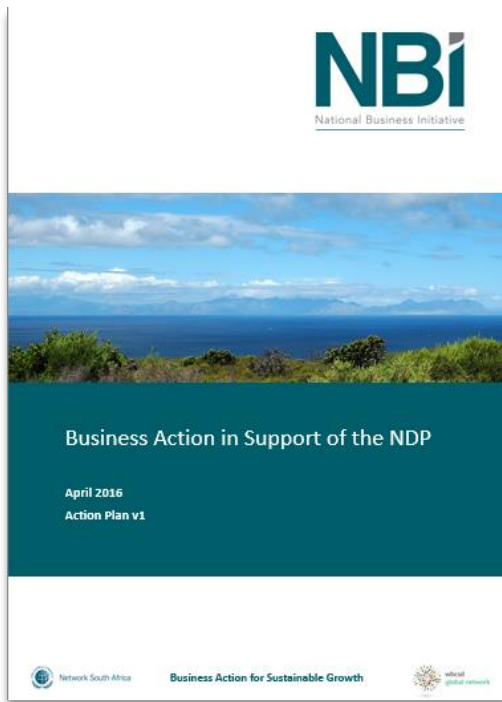
Please contact us if:

1. Your company has a specific interest in one of the top 6 actions
2. Your company is involved in an NDP activity that could benefit from scale or partnership (as part of the NBI's cross-cutting role in supporting collaboration)
3. You would like to provide input on the NDP Business Action Plan

Enquiries can be directed to: [Steve Nicholls](#) or [Alex McNamara](#).

Key Project Downloads:

- [NDP Business Action Plan](#)
- [NDP Business Action Plan – Launch Event Presentation](#)
- [Project Infographic 1: Project Background](#)
- [Project Infographic 2: The NDP & SDGs](#)
- [Project Infographic 3: NDP Business Action Plan](#)



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