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ON A CLEAR DAY

Bringing you stories that inspire, actions that ignite, and initiatives that empower.



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This is the final issue of On A Clear Day for 2024! We'll be back in 2025 with more inspiring and thought-provoking content to keep you engaged and informed.

As an NBI member, you gain exclusive access to a dynamic community of like-minded businesses dedicated to shaping a better tomorrow. Together, we harness the power of collaboration to drive positive change, embedding sustainability at the core of your business ethos. Contact [Gillian Hutchings](#), Head of Membership & Communications, to join us in shaping a thriving society, economy, and environment.

Let's drive positive change together!

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FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

As part of our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), we proudly launched the “Lunch and Learn” webinar series to raise awareness on critical topics related to Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) and drive collective action.

In the first session on 6 December 2024, we partnered with the [Centre for Analytics and Behavioural Change \(CABC\)](#) to explore their insightful report, "Gendered Norms in South Africa."

The second session on 10 December 2024 featured NBI member company, [Absa](#) Men's Forum, and the [United Nations \(UN\)](#), focusing on Absa's comprehensive approach to addressing GBV across commercial, social, developmental, and regulatory spheres.

Our 16 Days of Activism campaign is a joint participation between the NBI, the [Gordon Institute of Business Science \(GIBS\)](#), and [Nottingham Trent University \(NTU\)](#) under the We Dare Network banner.

Thought Leadership: *Breaking the Chains: How South Africa's Private Sector is Mobilising to End Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).*

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For South Africa's private sector, **16 Days of Activism** is a defining moment—a chance to create a legacy that reflects our highest values and aspirations.

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ACCOUNTABILITY TALKS: LEADERSHIP, ETHICS AND ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE

Building on the Accountability Talks filmed with KPMG leaders Ignatius Sehoole (CEO) and Wiseman Nkuhlu (Chairman), as well as the Former CEO of the NBI, Joanne Yawitch, we are reigniting the conversation on Accountability from KPMG's perspective. We aim to inspire commitment to integrity, trust, and accountability by sharing KPMG's insights on ethical leadership and anti-corruption.



[Watch the 3-part video series](#)

EXPLORE INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES



PwC survey finds sub-Saharan CEOs are equally, if not more, focused on transformation. 61% of the survey respondents believe AI will change how their companies create value over the next three years, compared with 70% of CEOs globally, while 74% of respondents say they are planning or progressing innovative, climate-friendly products, service or technologies, compared with 71% globally.

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Nedbank CIB advises Coronation on BBBEE deal. The deal increases **Coronation's** black ownership to over 51%, cementing its leadership in the financial sector and aligning its operations with transformative goals.

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Global investor sentiment towards South Africa is much better in 2024, **Exxaro** reports. In a pre-close message for the financial year ending December 31, FD Riaan Koppeschaar highlighted the expectation of further positive improvements in investment sentiment towards South Africa on the back of factors including energy and logistical advancement.

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STAY UPDATED AND BE INSPIRED WITH THE LATEST INDUSTRY NEWS



MTN sponsors microgrid initiative delivering renewable energy, connectivity to Orange Farm

Telecommunications group MTN South Africa is sponsoring a microgrid initiative in Orange Farm to bring renewable energy, internet connectivity and new economic opportunities to the area. This initiative tackles energy poverty while integrating internet access, enabling digital inclusion and financial empowerment.

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Briefing for policy makers: driving business impact on regenerative agriculture

Building on the [Non-State Actors Call to Action for Transforming Food Systems for People, Nature, and Climate](#), the [Business for Nature COP16 Business Statement](#), and [Call for Collective Action to Protect Living Soils](#), businesses are playing a key role in the implementation of regenerative agriculture through National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.

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Department launches new entity for small businesses

The Department of Small Business Development has launched a new entity, the **Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency**, or Sedfa, with the aim to scale up support to small businesses or micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), by creating an efficient 'one stop shop' to enable access to development and finance for MSMEs.

[Read more](#)

The Cost of Inaction: A CEO Guide to Navigating Climate Risk

Climate risks are no longer a distant threat; they are unfolding now, disrupting industries worldwide. Climate-related disasters have inflicted over \$3.6 trillion in damage since 2000, with risks accelerating. For businesses, physical risks like extreme weather events and transition risks such as rising carbon pricing are already transforming markets and reshaping business models.

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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS

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LUNCH AND LEARN INVITATION:

THE CENTRE FOR ANALYTICS AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE **NBI**

Webinar: Gendered Norms on South African Social Media & 16 Days Of Activism

11:00AM - 12:PM

6TH DECEMBER, 2024



Past Event Lunch and Learn:

Gendered Norms on South African
Social Media & 16 Days of Activism
6 December 2024

Past Event Lunch and Learn:

Absa Men's Transformative Journey
10 December 2024



GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCE/WEBINAR 2024

In-Person

Carbon Capture Summit
6 February 2025

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Africa's Green Energy Summit 2025.

Now in its 3rd edition, this premier event bridges the gap between global investors, African governments, project owners, and business leaders, all united in driving an inclusive green economy across Africa.

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National Business Initiative

The National Business Initiative (NBI) is an independent and voluntary coalition of South African and multinational businesses launched in 1995 by the then President, Nelson Mandela.

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