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At the NBI, sustainability isn't just a goal—it's the foundation of resilient businesses and thriving economies. As a valued member, you are part of a forward-thinking community driving meaningful change through collaboration and innovation. Join us in embedding sustainability at the heart of business strategy and creating lasting impact. To learn more about membership, contact <a href="Gillian Hutchings">Gillian Hutchings</a>, Head of Membership & Communications.

Let's drive positive change together!

#### Be the Change: Transform the Future with NBI



The National Business Initiative (NBI) is excited to announce that we are officially a member of the Taskforce on Inequality and Social-related Financial Disclosures (TISFD) Alliance. It is a global initiative strategically created to develop key recommendations and frameworks that enable businesses and investors to effectively identify, assess, and report on their inequality and social-related risks, opportunities, and impacts.

## State of the Nation Address 2025: From Promise to Progress: Turning South Africa's Vision into Action

We welcome the government's commitment to reform, infrastructure investment, and economic transformation. But words must translate into action—real change will only come through meaningful collaboration between business, government, and civil society.

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Shameela Soobramoney, CEO, National Business Initiative (NBI)



## We're Hiring! Membership Growth & Retention Senior Manager| Closing date: 10 March 2025

The National Business Initiative (NBI) is looking for someone who can grow and strengthen our incredible membership community—businesses working together to create a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Apply today

### EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Tiger Brands is enhancing sustainability of small, black-owned businesses as part of the company's expansion into the informal sector. Local start-up creative agencies, Bloodline and Barcode, are the recipients of Tiger Brands Enterprise Supplier Development business support and mentorship package designed to help grow informal businesses into sustainable entities.

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In a major step towards decarbonising European industry and mobility, <u>Air Liquide</u> announces two large-scale electrolyzer projects to produce renewable and low-carbon hydrogen in Europe. The first project, ELYgator, an Air Liquide 200MW electrolyzer, will supply both TotalEnergies' industrial platform and other European industrial and heavy-duty mobility needs, leveraging already secured renewable electricity from two offshore windfarms.

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Anthesis recognised in ESG Awards for the second consecutive year. The firm was named 'Consultancy of the Year' at the Real Deals ESG Awards 2024 and 'Advisory Firm of the Year: ESG' at the 2025 Private Equity Wire European Awards. These accolades underscore Anthesis' leadership in supporting the private equity sector to integrate ESG investment criteria into their operations, services, products, and investment activities.

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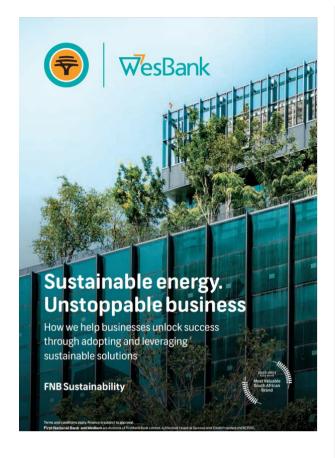
Cennergi Holdings Ltd (Cennergi), a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxaro Resources Limited, in partnership with G7 Renewable Energies (G7) has successfully achieved financial close on the 140MW Karreebosch Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd (Karreebosch), marking a significant milestone in South Africa's renewable energy landscape.

South African businesses face several challenges related to the supply of energy that powers their operations.

FNB Commercial sustainability head Kyle Durham explores key challenges unpacked in FNB's sustainable energy white paper, and ways in which businesses can unlock the solutions needed to overcome them.

Businesses can get more information on the trends, challenges and opportunities facing South African businesses through FNB's sustainable energy white paper.

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Professor Adrian Saville interviewed three business leaders about South Africa's economic outlook, the success of the first phase of Operation Vulindlela (OV), and the launch of its second phase.

Read Dolphin Bay's full article here

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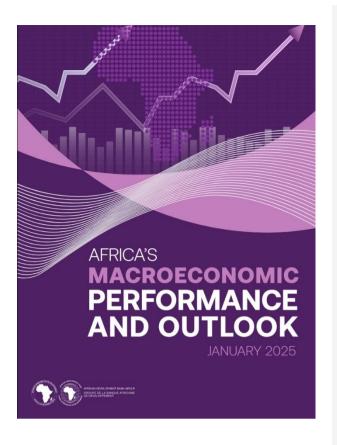


6 Opportunities to Accelerate the Global Energy Transition. In many countries, rising energy demand driven by economic growth, electrification and new data centers is outstripping new clean supply. Strained, congested grids and extreme weather linked to climate change are causing more frequent power outages. Energy insecurity — exacerbated by the global pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine — and energy poverty remain stubbornly persistent.

Africa's economic performance is showing signs of improvement but remains vulnerable to global shocks, according to the <a href="2025 Macroeconomic Performance">2025 Macroeconomic Performance</a> and Outlook (MEO) report released by the African Development Bank on Friday.

The report, unveiled on the sidelines of the 38th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly in Addis Ababa, projects real GDP growth to accelerate to 4.1 percent in 2025 and 4.4 percent in 2026. The forecast is attributed to economic reforms, declining inflation, and improved fiscal and debt positions.

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The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, emphasised the potential of Africa and its young population and called for global reforms to right the injustices of the past, in remarks delivered to the high-level African Union (AU) summit on Saturday.

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Enterprises University of Pretoria (Enterprises UP) offers a diverse range of skills development programmes designed to enhance the competencies of individuals and organisations, skills development initiatives contribute to job creation, increased productivity and sustainable economic growth.

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**NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS** 



NBI events unite leaders and visionaries to drive bold climate action, inclusive economic growth, innovative capacity building and transformative solutions for South Africa's greatest challenges.

#### **Invitation Only: 6 March 2025**

Launch of the Western Cape Government's new climate and economic development partnership with the National Business Initiative (NBI)

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#### GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCE/WEBINAR 2025

#### **Bankable Energies**

In person: 26 - 27 February 2025 Location: London, UK







### The Big Trends Breakfast 2025|Redefining the Future of Business and Leadership

In person: 26 February 2025 Venue: GIBS - Illovo

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#### **NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**











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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