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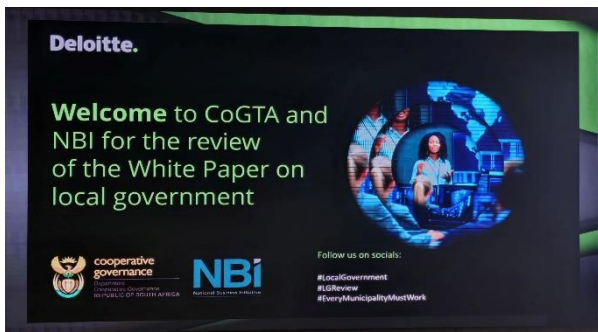
At the NBI, sustainability isn't just a goal—it's the foundation of resilient businesses and thriving economies. As a valued member, you are part of a forward-thinking community driving meaningful change through collaboration and innovation. Join us in embedding sustainability at the heart of business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

**Let's drive positive change together!**

## Be the Change: Transform the Future with NBI

The [Western Cape Government \(WCG\)](#) and the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#), with support from [Danish Industry \(DI\)](#), hosted a groundbreaking signing ceremony launching a partnership agreement to drive inclusive economic development for the Just Transition in the province.





The NBI in collaboration with the **Department of Cooperative Governance (CoGTA)** hosted Gauteng-based companies in a thought-provoking roundtable discussion this morning on reviewing the 1998 White Paper on Local Government.

### Join Us as a Senior Project Manager at TAMDEV! Closing Date: 21 March 2025

Are you a passionate leader who thrives on driving impactful change? Do you want to work on projects that shape the future of municipal and technical initiatives? If so, we'd love to have you on our team!

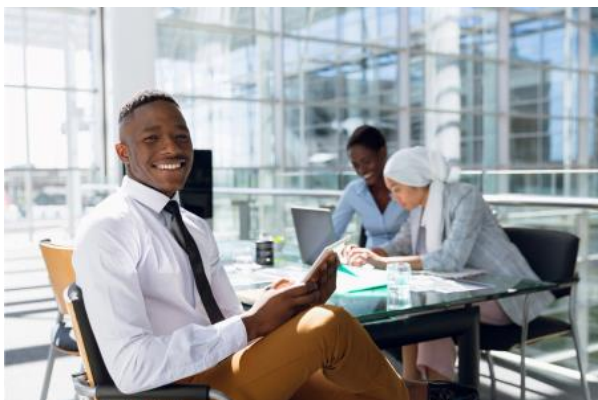
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**WE ARE HIRING!**

**POSITION:**  
SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER- TAMDEV UNIT

**REQUIREMENTS:**  
7 years' experience in infrastructure, sustainable funding, project management, budgets, community development, and water/climate consulting.  
Bachelor's in Engineering, Environmental/Social Science, or Sustainable Development or equivalent is required.  
Passion for South Africa's environmental and socio-economic issues.

**CLOSING DATE:**  
21 MARCH 2025



### 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.

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“South African companies will then have to pay a tax on their landed products in the EU based on the carbon footprint of the product as well as the prevailing carbon price on the EU. So if the EU rate is R100 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e, and the company has paid a carbon tax in SA of R20 per tonne, then they will be liable to pay the difference (R80) to the EU. This could render some products uncompetitive in these markets and that then could lead to scaling down for some sectors as they possibly lose market relevance...there is opportunity for those entities who are able to produce low carbon products to the EU, to pick up market share and build a future-fit product line.”

**SHAMEELA SOOBRAMONEY**  
CEO, National Business Initiative (NBI)

**Source: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)**  
***EU Green Deal: Impact on SA companies***  
**By Silke Colquhoun**

## EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

**University of Johannesburg: Opinion-Entrepreneurship education can reduce unemployment in SA** In supporting entrepreneurship education in universities, Universities SA, the umbrella body representative of the 26 public universities, in partnership with the department of higher education, has introduced entrepreneurship development in higher education.

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Retailer the **Clicks Group** and its pharmaceutical wholesaler United Pharmaceutical Distributors have partnered with electric vehicles lessor Everelectric and sustainable finance solutions provider Investec Sustainable Solutions to launch the South African pharmaceutical industry's pioneer fleet of zero-emission, pharma-compliant EVs with solar-powered refrigeration.

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**Old Mutual**, in partnership with Simphiwe Mtetwa (Pty) Ltd, was the proud sponsor of the 2024 CSI Legacy Conference and Awards programme- which recognised and celebrated the true game changers in the Corporate Social Investment (CSI) industry in South Africa. It also awarded those small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) that have succeeded, inspired, motivated and encouraged others to positively drive impactful social and economic growth and stability in South Africa.

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**Sanlam** and SANParks Expand Zero-interest SMME Support to Addo Elephant National Park. Now valued at R20 million, the fund provides interest-free, short-term working capital loans to help micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) successfully deliver services to SANParks. This is particularly critical in a country where SMMEs contribute approximately 40% of total GDP, yet many struggle to access affordable finance.

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The 28th Annual Global CEO Survey – Sub-Saharan Africa perspective reveals a paradox in the region: while economic volatility is a concern, there is a growing sense of optimism among business leaders. To reduce reliance on traditional commodity exports, business leaders are embracing strategic diversification, focusing on sectors such as technology, finance and renewable energy, enhancing profitability and global competitiveness.

Investment in the region is rising, with significant deals in the energy and mining sectors, driving economic growth and development.

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PwC's 28th Annual Global CEO Survey:  
Sub-Saharan Africa perspective

## From disruption to reinvention

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### STAY UPDATED AND BE INSPIRED WITH THE LATEST INDUSTRY NEWS

## Achieving net-zero buildings *An action plan for market transformation*



The building sector is responsible for 37% of energy-related carbon emissions, making the transition to net-zero buildings a crucial response to climate change. To address this urgent need, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), in collaboration with Arup and leading property sector practitioners, presents ***“Achieving net-zero buildings: An action plan for market transformation”***.

Building upon previous WBCSD publications – “Net-zero buildings: Where do we stand?” and “Net-zero operational carbon buildings: State of the art” – this report provides clear steps to shift the market towards delivering net-zero buildings at scale.

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### **The Earthshot Prize finds and grows the solutions that will repair our planet.**

We face our greatest challenge: to regenerate the place we all call home in the next ten years. The Earthshot Prize searches the globe for game-changing innovations that will help us repair our planet,



awarding the very best five solutions each year with £1 million to scale their work.

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**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.**

**GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCE/WEBINAR 2025**



## Transforming Transportation 2025: Driving Change, Delivering Solutions

11 March 2025

Venue: World Bank HQ, Washington, DC & Online

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## The Expanding Role of Local Governments in Transmission Planning

Online: 21 March 2025

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## Preparing for the nature transition: Practical insights from African businesses

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## Preparing for the nature transition: Practical Insights from African Businesses

Zoom: 26 March 2025

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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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