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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!

**Join Us as a Communications Coordinator at the NBI:
Closing Date: 18 April 2025**

Are you passionate about driving change and building a more inclusive, resilient South Africa? The National Business Initiative (NBI) is hiring **two Communications Coordinators** to amplify

our mission through creative content, digital engagement, and strategic communications.

Who We're Looking For:

- A creative thinker with strong writing, editing, and design skills.
- Experience in media relations, content creation, and digital engagement.
- Passion for sustainability, collaboration, and driving positive change.

Apply today and become part of a movement shaping South Africa's future. Work with leading businesses and institutions to drive real impact in an inclusive and dynamic environment.

[Communications Coordinator Vacancy 1](#)

[Communications Coordinator Vacancy 2](#)



Be the Change: Transform the Future with NBI

**NBI Quick Brief: Adaptation Action is Now:
A Business Imperative for South Africa**
[The World Meteorological Organisation \(WMO\)](#) recently confirmed that 2024 was the hottest year on record, with global temperatures reaching 1.55°C above pre-industrial levels. Adaptation is no longer a choice—it is a necessity. For South Africa, it is an opportunity to redefine our economic future in the face of a changing climate. The question is not whether we can afford to adapt, but whether we can afford not to.

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Driving Energy Efficiency: EEPBIP Consultation and Training Workshop with Pilot Municipalities

This week, the Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings and Infrastructure Programme (EEPBIP) hosted an impactful workshop with pilot municipalities, eThekweni Municipality, Mahikeng Municipality and Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing to drive sustainable change.

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

This March, join the CEO Connect Forum, hosted by **KPMG**, together with **Shared Value Africa** at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Be part of strategic discussions and networking aimed at forging paths toward gender equality. Engage with thought leaders and innovators at the forefront of addressing gender-based violence and promoting workplace equality.

Date: 28 March 2025

Time: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Venue: Johannesburg Stock Exchange

[Register here](#)

Restaurant franchise group **Spur Corporation** increased headline earnings by 11.5% to R144 million in the six months to December 2024, supported by a good trading performance as the battle for market share intensified in the highly competitive casual dining restaurant sector.

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Carnival City has been running 29 learnerships since November and December 2024. The learnerships are divided between two groups: tertiary graduates who are participating in the Youth Employment Service (YES) South Africa programme, which started in December, and grade 12 graduates who have been placed in the Food & Beverage and Cashiering divisions, from November.

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ERM, the world's largest specialist sustainability consultancy, has completed an assessment of nature-related impact and risk management practices for Japanese seafood and food manufacturer Nissui Corporation (Nissui). The assessment was undertaken as part of Nissui's use of a new financial product, "Impact Finance for Nature", which was developed by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (SuMi TRUST Bank) with advisory support from ERM.

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Global Recycling Day, observed every year on 18 March, celebrates the vital role that recycling plays in preserving the planet for future generations. **Sappi's** ReFibre division stands out as a trailblazer in transforming recycling into a powerful tool for economic and social upliftment. As a global leader in paper production, Sappi takes a holistic approach to sustainability by integrating virgin fibre, recycled fibre, and bagasse – a sugar-processing byproduct – into its paper-making process.

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Closing the Gap: An analysis of the costs and incentives for regenerative agriculture in Europe

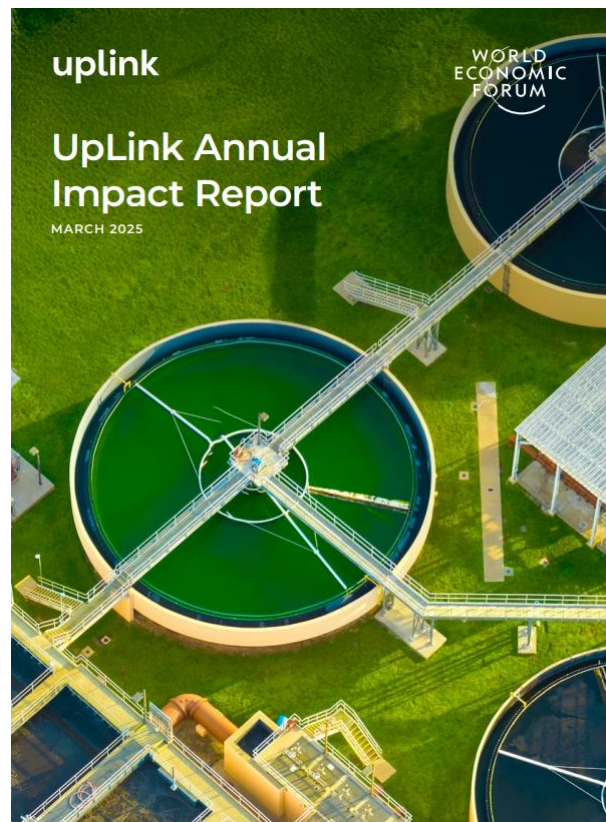
Climate change and intensive agricultural practices increasingly threaten supply chain resilience and the livelihoods of farming communities in Europe and beyond. To address these challenges, progressive value chains actors, governments, financiers and farmers are turning to regenerative production systems. Central to this transition is the growing emphasis on transition finance and investment to support in adopting regenerative agriculture transitions, ensuring sustainable production within planetary boundaries.

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The UpLink Annual Impact Report showcases how building ecosystems that enable purpose-driven entrepreneurs to scale their early-stage ventures can shape a sustainable, equitable and thriving global economy. It highlights key impact areas, explores the success of UpLink's community of over 500 Top Innovators and provides insights into how emerging start-ups can drive large-scale change.

In 2024, UpLink innovators collectively raised \$633 million in investment capital, demonstrating the increasing demand for breakthrough solutions that tackle critical challenges such as climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, water security, ocean degradation and the transition to sustainable industry practices.

[Learn more](#)





Trade, Industry and Competition Minister Parks Tau has released draft details of a plan to establish a new R100-billion Transformation Fund, which will aggregate private, public and developmental capital into a single fund to support black-owned companies.

A 'Draft Transformation Fund Concept Document' has been published for a 30-day public commentary period, which ends on 7 May 2025.

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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.

GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCE/WEBINAR 2025

The Expanding Role of Local Governments in Transmission Planning

Online: 21 March 2025

[Register](#)



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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Bridging the Gap: Aligning Long-Term
Strategies with NDCs

Online: 26 March 2025

[Register](#)



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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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