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# ON A CLEAR DAY

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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!**

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NBI

Apply 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.



**Strategic Opportunity: Design the Operational Blueprint for Saldanha Bay's Hub**

The **NBI** is searching for a talented consultant to craft an Operations Strategy & Business Model that will power this game-changing **Installation, Repair & Maintenance (IRM) Initiative**.

**Find out more**

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.

**Communications Coordinator Vacancy 1**

**Communications Coordinator Vacancy 2**



**BE THE CHANGE: TRANSFORM THE FUTURE WITH NBI**

**International Women's Month Quick Brief:  
Accelerating Action: Closing the Gender  
Pay Gap (GPG) for a More Equitable South  
Africa**

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** recognises that addressing gender inequality is not merely a moral imperative, but a crucial driver of organisational change and societal transformation.



Building upon the progress of the past three decades, the **NBI** aims to foster organisational diversity, innovation, and efficiency. To achieve this, a strong commitment to collaborative and transparent empowerment efforts is essential to permanently close the income inequality gap within the workforce.

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## NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNER OPPORTUNITY: [WBCSD](#)

### Have Your Say on the Net-Zero Transition Take the Breakthrough Barometer [Survey](#)

The second edition of the [Breakthrough Barometer](#) survey has been launched, the annual pulse-check from business on the pace of the net zero transition. Insights from the survey will provide input to the Business Breakthrough Barometer report, and shape discussions with governments and industry leaders on key sector priorities to reach net-zero. It is developed by [WBCSD](#) in partnership with the [Breakthrough Agenda](#), [Marrakech Partnership](#), [Climate Champions](#), the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#), and many other business organisations.



#### Why Participate?

- Influence global priorities – Help shape the voice of business on climate action.
- Get early insights – Access findings via a pre-launch webinar.
- Be recognised – Organisations will be acknowledged as collaborators.

#### Key Details:

- Confidential & anonymous – Responses are aggregated solely for use in the Barometer.
- Takes just 15 minutes – Includes overarching and sector-specific questions.

For more details, contact [breakthrough@wbcsd.org](mailto:breakthrough@wbcsd.org) or [GillianH@nbi.org.za](mailto:GillianH@nbi.org.za)

[Take the Survey Today!](#)

## EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES



The energy sector contributes 15% of South Africa's GDP, but not all revenue from energy-based projects stays within the economy. Many South African energy players lack the scale, balance sheet, or capabilities to compete with global energy leaders, especially in clean energy. [RMB Ventures](#) has recently partnered with [Aurex Constructors](#), a multi-faceted local energy projects business, to support them in scaling for the larger local energy projects and expanding beyond South Africa.

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**Deloitte Africa** is deepening its collaboration with **The Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF)**, the leading philanthropy empowering a new generation of African entrepreneurs. As part of this commitment, Deloitte Africa will provide 100 experienced mentors from across Africa, contributing \$36,000 in technical expertise to support beneficiaries of the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme.

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It was back to school with a bang this year for many of **Sappi's** neighboring schools throughout the KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga regions, thanks to Sappi's impactful 'Back to School' paper donation and matric excellence campaign. Reaffirming its commitment to education as a catalyst for long-term growth, Sappi has once again provided vital educational resources to schools in and around their communities neighboring their mills and forestry sites.

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Following **Standard Bank's** securing of a \$250 million loan from the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** to enhance its green financing initiatives, funds have been directed towards green building developments and green home loan customers, offering a unique opportunity to assist residential home buyers to access incentives that unlock affordability of properties in qualifying Green certified developments.

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## A New Era of Public-Private Collaboration to Transform Markets for Sustainability: *An Evidence Base*



### Public-private collaboration evidence base

Whilst climate impacts mount, many products, services, and markets essential for sustainability transitions are not yet available at the scale or price required. We know that when governments, businesses and civil society align around shared goals, societies can innovate rapidly. However, current forms of public-private collaboration are not yet enabling results at the pace and scale needed to tackle sustainability challenges, unlock investment and drive market creation, value and jobs.

This evidence base paper, developed by **WBCSD** with support from BRAE, explores how businesses, governments and financial institutions can better work together to build the resilient, secure and sustainable markets of the future.

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### Gender Parity in the Intelligent Age

Developed in collaboration with LinkedIn as part of an ongoing data partnership for the Global Gender Gap Report, this paper addresses the challenges and opportunities of an AI-driven economic transformation from a gender parity perspective.

In an exploration of workforce, skilling, and innovation scenarios, the paper provides strategic insights on how women and men are engaging with AI. Raising timely reflections for industry, policy and multilateral leaders, this paper sets the tone for further exploration of GenAI as an accelerant for gender parity.

[Read more](#)







Small and medium-sized enterprises financial services provider [Preference Capital Group](#) has secured R450-million in capital from diversified financial services management firm [Rand Merchant Bank \(RMB\)](#).

The funding will enable Preference Capital Group to drive its vision of empowering small and medium-sized enterprises as vital contributors to economic development.

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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

**Stronger NDCs With Cities, States,  
and Regions**

Date: 15 April 2025

Online

[Register](#)





## Water Scarcity, Resource Management And Future Planning in South Africa

Date: 30 April 2025

Venue: GIBS - Illovo

[Register](#)

## 2nd International Conference on Net-Zero Built Environment: Innovations in Materials, Structures, and Management Practices

Date: 05 – 07 November 2025

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

[Register](#)



### NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS





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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