

[View this email in your browser](#)

## ON A CLEAR DAY

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

11 June 2025

Issue: 874

**NBI** 30 *Years*  
National Business Initiative





Skills for the changing world – Empowering youth for meaningful economic participation.

**JUNE 16  
COMMEMORATION  
1976 - 2025**

*"Gear Up For Greatness"*

#49thCommemoration #YouthDay2025 #GearUp4Greatness

f GovernmentZA x GovernmentZA y GovernmentZA





## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF NBI'S IMPACT!

For 30 years, the National Business Initiative (NBI) has been more than a champion of sustainability, we have been catalysts for resilient businesses, inclusive growth, and thriving economies. As a valued member, you are part of a forward-thinking network driving real change through collaboration, innovation, and leadership. Together, we have embedded sustainability at the heart of business strategy.

This Youth Month, under the theme '**Skills for the Changing World – Empowering Youth for Meaningful Economic Participation,**' we reaffirm our commitment to building on South Africa's legacy by equipping young people with the skills to succeed. Through our **Economic Inclusion** unit, we focus on unlocking youth potential—supporting entrepreneurship, skills development, and job creation to ensure young South Africans are active participants in the economy.

To learn more about membership, contact **Gillian Hutchings**, Head of Membership & Communications.

**Join us as we invest in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.**

## 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.**

### **Job Vacancy: Senior Project Manager – TAMDEV**

We are looking for a skilled and driven Senior Project Manager to support the delivery of impactful municipal and technical projects for our Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development (TAMDEV) Programme.

**[Find out more](#)**



**WE ARE  
HIRING!**

CLOSING DATE | 14 June 2025

AVAILABLE POSITION  
**SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER**

**Must have extensive project management experience:**

- ✓ Strengthen the NBI's presence in the developmental and infrastructure space in the country.
- ✓ Build strong relationships with private and public sectors in relation to infrastructure and sustainable finance.

**APPLY TODAY!**

Visit NBI's website for more information: [www.nbi.org.za](http://www.nbi.org.za)



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

OPEN ROLE:  
ADMINISTRATOR

The NBI is seeking a highly organised and focused Administrator to support the successful delivery of the JET Skilling Programme. Visit NBI's website for more information: [www.nbi.org.za](http://www.nbi.org.za)

CLOSING DATE: 22 JUNE 2025

### Job Vacancy: Administrator – Just Energy Transition Skilling for Employment Programme

We are looking for a highly organised and focused Administrator to coordinate support ensuring seamless project delivery. If you are an excellent communicator, a team player, and have a passion for administration – we would love to hear from you.

[Find out more](#)

## NBI DRIVING CHANGE: PROFILES OF OUR CHANGE-MAKERS

Dr Anthony Gewer, NBI's Economic Inclusion unit: Senior Programme Manager, will be participating in Africa's premier green hydrogen event—the African Green Hydrogen Summit 2025!

This groundbreaking summit brings together global leaders, investors, and innovators to shape the future of clean energy in Africa and beyond. With the continent poised to become a global leader in green hydrogen production, this is a pivotal moment to unlock investment opportunities, forge strategic partnerships, and drive sustainable growth.

[Find out more about the Summit](#)



**GREEN HYDROGEN SUMMIT**  
Century City Convention Centre

**JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Thursday, 12 June at 15:15

**Jobs & Skills of the  
Green Hydrogen Economy**

Presented by NBI, DHET & CHIETA

#### Opening Remarks:

Honourable Dr Nobuhle Nkabane, Minister, Department of Higher Education & Training (RSA)

#### Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, Director-General: Department of Higher Education & Training, RSA

- Tshwanelo Rakaibe, Senior Researcher: Energy Centre, CSIR
- Yershen Pillay, CEO, Chemical Industries Education & Training Authority (CHIETA)
- Dr Anthony Gewer, Senior Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion, National Business Initiative (NBI)
- Kirsten Freimann, Head of Programme, CPD4E, GIZ South Africa
- Mamphokhu Khuluvhe, Director: System Monitoring & Labour Market Intelligence, Department of Higher Education and Training, Republic of South Africa



**Noluthando Mthimkulu**, NBI's Senior Project Manager: JET Skilling, will be sharing her expertise as a panelist at the Africa Energy Forum 2025 (AEF). Panel Topic: *"Technical Training in Africa's Energy Sector – Gaps, Opportunities & Investments"*

As Africa accelerates its energy transition, workforce readiness and technical skills are the backbone of sustainable growth.

[Find out more about the Forum](#)

## EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES



**Vodacom Group** now procures 100% of its purchased electricity from renewable sources, making it the first multi-national telecoms operator on the continent to reach this goal.

This major milestone reflects Vodacom's efforts to decarbonise, as part of its purpose-led commitment to protect the planet.

[Read more](#)



Despite economic volatility, 71% of CMOs plan to invest more than \$10 million annually in GenAI over the next three years, up from 57% last year.

According to a new survey from [Boston Consulting Group \(BCG\)](#), optimism among CMOs about GenAI has climbed each year—from 74% in 2023 to 83% in 2025—while concerns have declined rapidly.

[Read more](#)



As South Africa marks Youth Month, [Engen](#) proudly celebrates the power of education and digital empowerment to unlock potential, spotlighting the inspiring journeys of young people whose lives have been transformed through the Engen Community Computer School and the Engen Global Citizen Development Programme (EGCDP).

[Read more](#)

The official opening of the [Sappi](#) Forestry Skills Centre in Richmond, KwaZulu-Natal recently, marked a major step in shaping a future of opportunity for those working in the industry.

Designed to equip workers with specialised, hands-on forestry training, the Centre embodies Sappi's drive to nurture skills, create opportunities, and empower local communities through education.

[Read more](#)



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

### Demystifying investor sustainability information needs and use



Despite progress on standards, data availability and integration, investors raise concerns on the limited availability of decision-useful information and companies are unclear on what, where and how the information they provide is used.

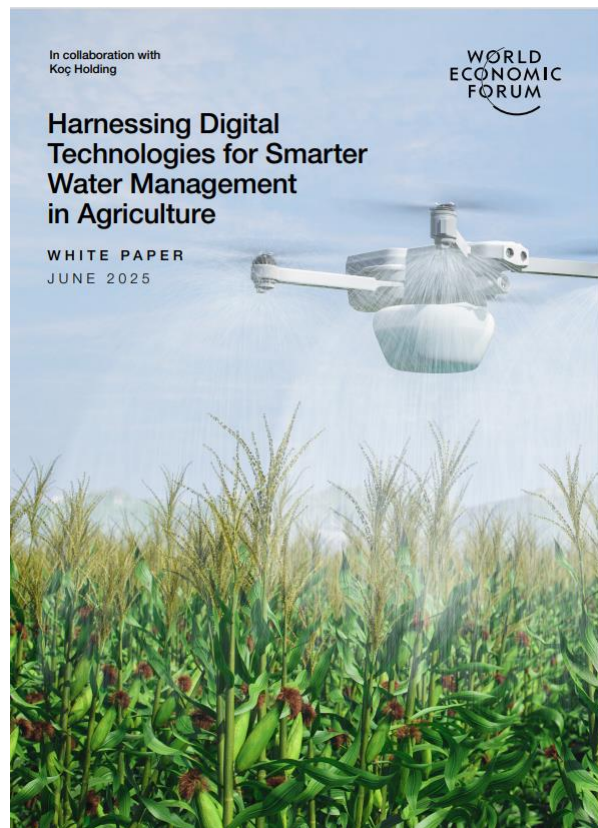
To help close this gap, this practical guide helps companies, investors and standard setters to connect the provision of sustainability information from companies to investor actions.

[Read more](#)

Today, 2.2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water, while 700 million could be forced to relocate due to water shortages by 2030. Agriculture consumes over 70% of global freshwater – and many agricultural systems still rely on inefficient irrigation methods and water practices. This report explores how digital technologies can advance agricultural water management.

By the conclusion of this report, policy-makers, business leaders and water management practitioners will be equipped with actionable recommendations to increase water efficiency, reduce waste and enhance sustainability, driving long-term water security for future generations.

[Read more](#)





The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a loan to support critical structural reforms to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of South Africa's infrastructure services, contributing to inclusive growth and job creation. The Government of South Africa has committed to modernize state-owned enterprises and open the power and freight transport sectors to private sector competition - an effective means to attract new technologies and financing.

[Read more](#)

## 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.**





## Roundtable Discussion on the Review of the 1998 White Paper on Local Government

Date: 20 June 2025

Time: 09:30-14:00 (SAST)

[Learn more](#)

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



## Women in POWER Breakfast

2025

Date: 09 July 2025

Venue: GIBS - Illovo,

Johannesburg

[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.*

NBI Website: [www.nbi.org.za](http://www.nbi.org.za)

Email: [info@nbi.org.za](mailto:info@nbi.org.za)

*Copyright (C)|2025| National Business Initiative (NBI)|All rights reserved.*

*If you do not wish to receive On A Clear Day, please [unsubscribe](#) and your name will be removed from the mailing list.*