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A ROADMAP FOR THE PAST 3 DECADES

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.

To learn more about membership, please contact [Gillian Hutchings](#),
Head of Membership & Communications.

[Join us as we invest in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.](#)

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

Global corporate renewable energy initiative **RE100** and South African sustainable growth and development coalition the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** on July 8 launched their joint '**South African Policy Recommendations for Renewable Energy**' document, which proposes five key recommendations.

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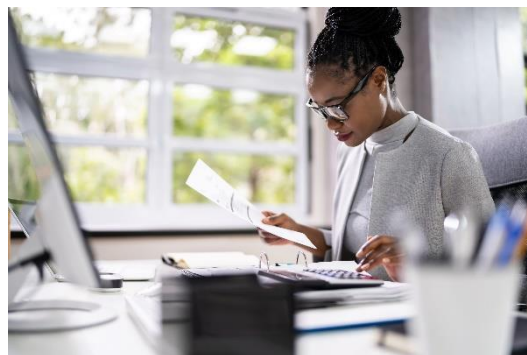


Alex McNamara, Head of Environment at the **National Business Initiative (NBI)**, will be participating at the upcoming Coal & Energy Transition Day on 23 July 2025, where he will share key insights on how South Africa can power its future through a just, inclusive and sustainable energy transition.

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Request for Proposals: Audit services of the KfW Development Bank account for the duration of Phases I and II for the Skills and Employment Programme in support of the NBI led Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) initiative.

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Please note the submission deadline for commentary on the White Paper on Local Government Review has been extended to **31 July 2025**. We encourage all business stakeholders to take this opportunity to contribute further to the discussion on local government reform. Please forward any additional comments to Brandon Mtshaulana at brandonm@nbi.org.za before 12:00pm on **31 July 2025**.

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES



South African state-owned power utility **Eskom** aims to shift to mainly clean energy sources by 2040 from its current predominantly coal-based generation fleet, it said on Wednesday as it laid out its latest plans for the change.

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The new **Anthesis** report, *The Cost of Silence*: Based on three years of analysis across 500 companies and 16 sectors, this research shows that environmental action isn't a reputational luxury – it's a driver of commercial performance.

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In a powerful move to place youth development at the center of South Africa's economic future, **Absa Bank** has partnered with Brandscapers Africa to bring the highly anticipated NextGen Impact Summit to life. The two-day summit will take place on 16 and 17 July 2025 at the Emalahleni Civic Centre, where hundreds of young visionaries, entrepreneurs, and changemakers will gather with one purpose: to build, to lead, and to rewrite the future.

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African Bank has been awarded the prestigious Ecosystem Catalyst Award at the 2025 Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC), held recently in Indianapolis, USA. The award recognises organisations that drive long-term, inclusive growth through impactful support and the strengthening of local entrepreneurial ecosystems

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STAY UPDATED AND BE INSPIRED WITH THE LATEST INDUSTRY NEWS

Managing uncertainty in sustainability disclosure



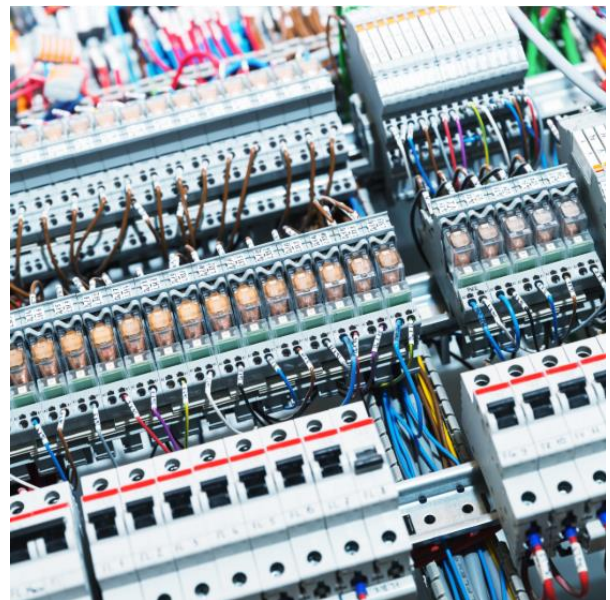
Managing Uncertainty in Sustainability Disclosure Featuring more than 25 real-world examples from member companies, this report showcases various approaches for addressing uncertainties in preparing and disclosing sustainability information according to the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards (IFRS S1 and S2).

The report aims to support companies in reducing or managing uncertainty in sustainability disclosure, ultimately enhancing transparency and decision-making.

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When thinking about the energy transition, headline solutions often include solar panels, wind farms, and electric vehicles. Yet one of the most powerful – and underappreciated – drivers of energy security and economic competitiveness is energy efficiency. Often called the “first fuel” by the International Energy Agency (IEA), energy efficiency reduces demand, cuts costs, strengthens resilience, and supports job creation and public health – as well as cutting emissions.

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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.



Thought Leadership Session: A deep dive into Net Positive Water Impact and practical lessons from select water stewardship journeys in South Africa

Date: Thursday, 24 July 2025

Time: 10:00-12:00 (SAST)

RSVP

**Skilling for a Just Energy Transition:
Optimising the labour market to unlock
investment into Renewable Energy (RE)
value chains in the Western Cape**

Date: Thursday, 31 July 2025

Time: 11:00-13:00 (SAST)

RSVP





Bold and Collaborative Effort to Tackle Youth Employability and Build an Inclusive Economy

Date: Tuesday, 05 August 2025

Time: 10:00-12:00 (SAST)

RSVP

Save the Date:

NBI Membership Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 06 August 2025



GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCE/WEBINAR 2025

Beyond Green:

Driving Real Impact in ESG

Date: 24 July 2025

Venue: Modderfontein Lethabong,

Sandton, Gauteng

[Register](#)



NBI's dynamic CEO, Shameela Soobramoney will be participating on a panel at the upcoming conference, giving an ESG perspective.



World Water Week 2025

Date: 24 - 28 August 2025

Venue: Online and in Stockholm, Sweden

[Find out more](#)

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

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