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The [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) and the [Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs \(CoGTA\)](#) facilitated a vital *Roundtable on the Review of the 1998 White Paper on Local Government*, hosted by [Sappi Southern Africa](#) in KwaZulu-Natal. This was the third in a series of consultations with the first held in November 2024 in the Western Cape hosted by [PepsiCo](#) and the second in March 2025 in Gauteng hosted by [Deloitte](#).

Business offered insights into considerations for improved governance, infrastructure and financial management that can result in functional municipalities and better outcomes for business and society.

### Key speakers included:

- The Honourable Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa
- Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance: Dr Namane Dickson Masemola
- His Worship the Mayor of eThekweni Municipality: Councillor Cyril Xaba
- CEO of Sappi Southern Africa: Mr Graeme Wild
- CEO of NBI: Ms Shameela Soobramoney

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📌 Have your say:

While there has been extensive consultation with business, CoGTA's Discussion Document remains open for public comment until **30 June 2025**. Your input can help shape a modern, accountable and business-friendly local government framework.

Please forward any additional comments to Brandon Mtshaulana at [brandonm@nbi.org.za](mailto:brandonm@nbi.org.za). before 12:00pm on the 30 June 2025.

Let's build a better future for local government — together.



*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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