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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



Building an Inclusive Economy Through Partnership: Targeted support for township enterprises and partnerships with TVET colleges are creating opportunities for young women to lead, drive inclusive economic growth, and reshape local communities.

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CSI begins at home: Building gender equity in the workplace: “Businesses can’t claim to be agents of change and social responsibility if they fail to transform internally,” as NBI CEO Shameela Soobramoney emphasised in a recent webinar on building gender equity in the workplace.

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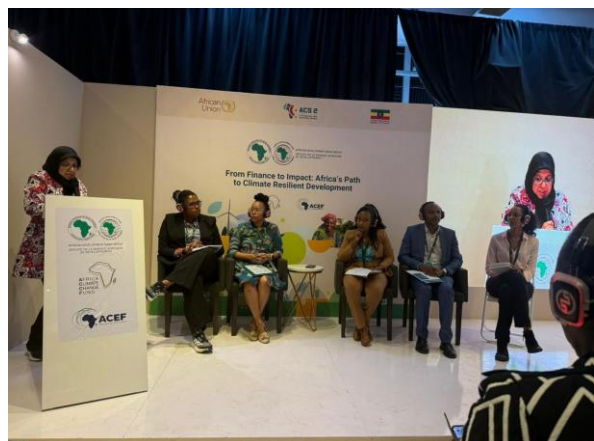


NBI Launches Bold Private Sector GBV Repository: “This is about businesses recognising GBV not only as a social issue, but also as an economic and human rights issue too,” said NBI CEO Shameela Soobramoney during the launch of the WeDare GBV Repository, a pioneering private-sector resource hub aimed at creating awareness and driving systemic action to curb gender-based violence.

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NBI at the Africa Climate Summit 2025: The National Business Initiative (NBI) participated in the panel discussion “Scaling up gender-responsive climate and energy solutions: from finance to policy and data” that took place in the [African Development Bank Group \(AfDB\) Pavilion](#) at the [Africa Climate Summit](#) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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Empowering Women in Climate Action: In an exclusive interview with **CNBC Africa**, NBI Head of Economic Inclusion and Interim Head of Social Transformation, Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze sheds light on '**Financing the Future: Gearing Transition Finance to Enable Economic and Social Inclusion**' report insights and initiatives.

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Request for Proposals: The NBI is inviting submissions from skilled videographers or creative agencies to produce an Impact Video that brings to life our work in advancing youth skills development, supporting township entrepreneurs and enabling inclusive growth through the Just Energy Transition. **Closing date: 15 September 2025.**

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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Old Mutual SMEgo and **JSE** Private Placements are teaming up to break funding barriers and fuel the growth of South African SMEs.



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Astron Energy's refinery in Cape Town is vital to South Africa's fuel security and economic resilience, operating at full capacity while driving clean fuel

KPMG's 2025 survey reveals companies are increasingly using ESG assurance as a strategic lever to boost market share, profitability, and long-term resilience.



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Sappi is helping women unlock their potential through its Khulisa, ESD, and youth empowerment programmes where "women are not only stepping up but

production, job creation, and community empowerment.



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they're also transforming the landscape."



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6 Strategies that Achieve Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Simultaneously

[World Resources Institute \(WRI\)](#) analysed over 300 adaptation investments and found that more than half are also expected to reduce GHG emissions.

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How to create nature-positive urbanism beyond green spaces

Nature-positive urbanism means weaving biodiversity and ecological resilience into the very fabric of our built environment, beyond just parks and gardens.

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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:
Innovation as an enabler to
improve water-use efficiency in
South Africa**

Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2025

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 (SAST)

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**Energy Efficiency and Energy Management
Seminar**

Date: Thursday, 25 - Friday, 26 September
2025

Time: 09:00 - 16:00 (SAST)

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GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2025



Sustainability Summit Africa 2025

Date: 16 - 17 September 2025

Location: Midrand, South Africa

[Register](#)

Climate Week NYC

Date: 21 - 28 September 2025

Location: New York City, USA

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11th Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum Conference and Exhibition (AWIEF2025)

Date: 30 - 31 October 2025

Location: Cape Town, South Africa



[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



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