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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.](#)

FINANCING HER FUTURE - WOMEN'S MONTH CAMPAIGN

As we draw close to the end of Women's Month, the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) highlights a critical truth: Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) is not just symbolic, it is systemic. Women's Month in South Africa needs to extend beyond a commemorative moment and strategically focus on dismantling barriers that exclude women, youth, persons with disabilities and marginalised groups in order to build an economy and climate transition that truly serves everyone.



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NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

Job Opportunity - Executive Assistant (Project Manager): Economic Inclusion
Closing date: Friday, 29 August 2025

The NBI is seeking a candidate who is well presented, highly skilled and professional with impeccable attention to detail and the ability to handle all executive support tasks.

[Find out more](#)



Youth Unemployment, Skills and Opportunity: Why TVET College Month Matters Now More Than Ever

South Africa's latest Labour Force Survey (Q2:2025) reveals a worrying picture: overall unemployment is 33.2%, while youth unemployment remains high at 46.1%. Nearly half of our young people are out of work, without income or opportunity. These figures are not just statistics—they reflect a growing crisis that demands urgent action.



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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Nedbank, in partnership with Indalo Inclusive, has launched a R10 million Energy Resilience Fund to support SMEs and non-profits in achieving energy security across South Africa.



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ERM emphasises that amidst widespread disruption and uncertainty, decarbonisation remains essential not only for mitigating climate change and meeting disclosure requirements, but also for delivering strategic business benefits.



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BCG highlights growing pressure on offshore wind developers amid rising costs and weakening auction interest. Offshore wind remains vital to electrification, and 2025 may be a defining year for the industry.



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Applications are open for the Tholoana Enterprise Programme at **SAB Foundation**. Get two years of business support, funding, mentorship and market access. Open to committed entrepreneurs, especially women, youth, rural and disabled individuals.



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STAY UPDATED AND BE INSPIRED WITH THE LATEST INDUSTRY NEWS



Africa must lead global food systems and industrial policy reform: B20 SA

A recent virtual roundtable spotlighted the urgent need for global action on food systems, industrial resilience and inclusive trade as business leaders and B20 SA task force chairs warned of rising economic and environmental fragility.

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Companies with climate targets have more than tripled since 2023: SBTi

A total of 10,949 companies worldwide now either have near-term targets or near-term and net-zero targets, or have committed to set them, according to a report by the Science-Based Targets initiative.



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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.



Online Launch of the WeDare GBV Repository for the Private Sector

Date: Wednesday, 03 September 2025

Time: 11:00 - 13:15 (SAST)

[Find out more](#)

ACES Meeting (NBI Members ONLY)

Date: Thursday, 11 September 2025

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

[Find out more](#)



GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2025

Climate Week NYC

Date: 21 - 28 September 2025

Location: New York City, USA

[Find out more](#)



CILTSA's Women Empowerment Conference

Date: 26 September 2025

Location: Boksburg, South Africa

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ESG Africa Conference 2025

Date: 15 - 16 October 2025

Location: Sandton, South Africa

[Register](#)



ESG & Sustainability Conference 2025

Applications open between:
10 Feb 2025 - 21 Oct 2025

Delivery mode:
Campus

To start by:
28 Oct 2025

Ending date:
28 Oct 2025

Cost:
R 5,500

Venue:
GIBS - Illovo

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GIBS: ESG & Sustainability Conference 2025

Date: 28 October 2025

Location: Illovo, South Africa

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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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