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NBI 30 *Years*
National Business Initiative



A ROADMAP FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS

For the past three decades, the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) has not only advocated for sustainability but has also acted as a driving force for steadfast businesses, inclusive development, and a robust economy. By being an NBI member, you are part of a progressive collective that delivers real

impact through collaboration, innovation, and leadership. Together, we have integrated resilience at the core 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.](#)

NEWS FROM THE CEO'S OFFICE



NBI CEO Shameela Soobramoney will be part of a panel discussion at the Launch of the Climate Finance Landscape Report 2025: The report tracks climate finance flows from 2019–2021 across mitigation, adaptation, and dual-purpose efforts. Hosted by the [Presidential Climate Commission](#), the launch highlights progress and gaps in climate finance.

[Read more](#)

Shameela Soobramoney, NBI CEO joined counterparts at the Leadership Forum Breakfast during the [ESG Africa Conference](#) and Expo last week, to reflect on what courageous leadership truly means in an era of climate, social and economic uncertainty.

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NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

Strengthening Government–Business Collaboration to Enhance Water Infrastructure and Service Delivery: The [NBI](#), in partnership with the [Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality](#), [PepsiCo South Africa](#), and the [Department of Cooperative Governance's Community Work Programme \(CWP\)](#), convened a two-day working session to strengthen collaboration and accelerate the implementation of the Water Efficiency and Infrastructure Maintenance Programme.

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NBI launches campaign to unlock skills, jobs, and growth in township economies:

The **National Business Initiative** has launched the **Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative Campaign**, a nationwide drive to connect township youth, TVET students, and small enterprises with skills and opportunities in the green economy.

[Find out more](#)

Thought Leadership: A Turning Point or a Tipping Point? Renewing the Paris Promise for a Just and Resilient Future: With rising global emissions, escalating physical and transition risks from climate change, geopolitical tensions and deepening inequality, recommitting to the Paris Agreement is no longer just an environmental necessity, but a social and economic imperative.

[Find out more](#)



Africa Skills Week: NBI's Dr Anthony Gwer, Senior Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion, and Zwelidumile Magano, Senior Project Manager: Skills & Inclusive Workplaces, participated in Africa Skills Week 2025. The event, held from 13–17 October 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, provided a platform for knowledge sharing, showcasing innovative skills development initiatives, and advancing Africa's agenda for inclusive, future-ready skills systems.

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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Standard Bank Group has been named among the World's Best Employers by Forbes, ranking 28th globally and 1st in Africa. It is the

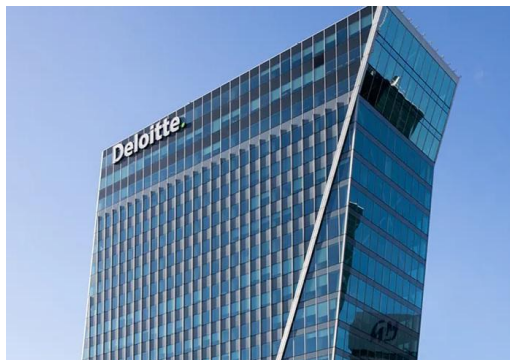
Santam Women of the Future Awards 2025 honoured four exceptional women driving innovation, resilience, and social change in

highest-ranked company from Africa and South Africa.



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Deloitte: 83% of companies increased their sustainability investments over the past year, despite reduced stakeholder pressure. Executives report strong benefits from sustainability actions.



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business - Shannon Dougall, Caroline Peters, Xolile Mabuza and Dr. Dulcy Rakumakoe.



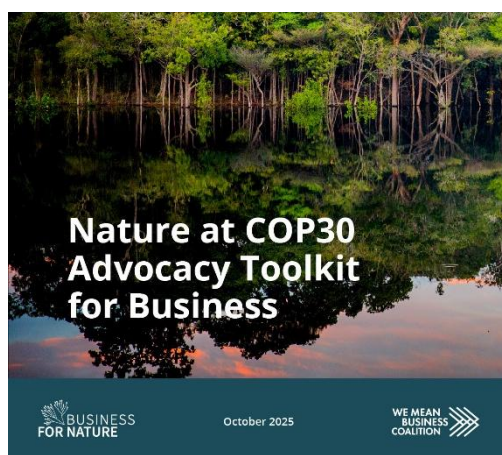
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Tiger Brands joins Fibre Circle's Zithande Mzansi Green Schools initiative to promote recycling education, environmental sustainability, and income generation in Gauteng schools.



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Nature at COP30 – Advocacy Toolkit for Business

This toolkit aims to provide a practical, tailored resource to support businesses in their efforts to speak up for and take actions that scale a more integrated nature and climate agenda in the run-up to and at COP30.

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Launched at SAICA Summit: SAICA Sustainability Snapshot Volume #2 – September 2025

South Africa's Just Energy Transition targets lower emissions and greener growth, but funding delays highlight the urgent role of private sector investment and skills development.

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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2025



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.

Local Power, Local Industry: Breaking Through Barriers

Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2025
Time: 10:00 - 12:00 (SAST)

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MEMBER ONLY EVENT: Carbon Tax in South Africa for Beginners and Seasoned Practitioners

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2025

Time: 10:30 - 13:00 (SAST)

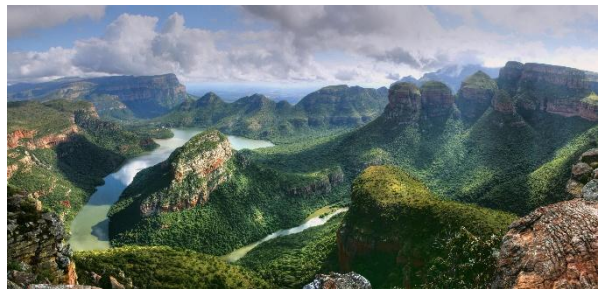
[Find out more](#)

South Africa Climate Summit 2025 (Inaugural Event)

Date: Monday, 24 - Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Time: 09:00 - 17:00 (SAST)

[Find out more](#)



NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2025



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

Date: 30 - 31 October 2025

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

[Register](#)

2nd Annual Sustainability Week Africa

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

[Register](#)

COP30

Date: 10 - 21 November 2025

Location: Belem, Brazil

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