

ON A CLEAR DAY

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TURNING AMBITION INTO ACTION

By being an **NBI member**, you are part of a **progressive collective** that delivers **real impact** through **innovation and leadership**. Collaboratively, for the **past 30 years**, we have integrated resilience at the core of business strategy.

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

OFFICE OF THE CEO

NBI CEO Shameela Soobramoney, Appointed to the Presidential Climate Commission

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** welcomes the appointment of our CEO, **Shameela Soobramoney**, as a **Commissioner to the Presidential Climate Commission (PCC)** for the 2026–2030 term.

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A graphic featuring a play button icon with sound waves, set against a background of a world map with green and blue tones representing land and water.

PODCAST FEATURE

NBI CEO, Shameela Soobramoney, was recently featured on Heatwave Horizons - Episode 2: *The Ripple Effects: How Climate Change is Reshaping South Africa*.

Speaking in her role as the NBI's CEO and Presidential Climate Commission member, she shared:

"Climate change is already reshaping South Africa - economically, socially and physically.

The real question is whether we respond with fragmented reactions or with data-driven, coordinated action that builds resilience for everyone."

A smaller inset photo of Shameela Soobramoney sitting at a desk, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored top. In the background, there is a painting on the wall.

NBI CEO, SHAMEELA SOOBRAMONEY

[Watch here](#)

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

A Just Energy Transition only works if it works for people.

Through the National Business Initiative's JET Skilling for Employment Programme (JET-SEP), we are partnering to equip young people, communities and local enterprises with the skills they need to access real opportunities in South Africa's growing green economy.

[Watch here](#)



Spotlight

NBI's Dr Anthony Gower at AGES 2026

Thursday, 26 February 2026

Dr Anthony Gower, Senior Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion at the NBI, will speak during the keynote opening session at Africa's Green Economy Summit on 26 February 2026.

The session will explore how skills development, inclusive financing and gender-responsive approaches can unlock green jobs and drive Africa's just transition.



Africa's Green Economy Summit Thursday, 26 February 2026

[Secure your ticket](#)

Turn your climate solution into an investment-ready opportunity.
The Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) South Africa is calling on green and low-carbon businesses to apply for its **fourth cohort**. Selected participants will receive hands-on support and access to a powerful network of funders and partners. **Applications close tomorrow, Friday, 6 February 2026.** Don't miss out.

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Redefining Leadership in Energy Efficiency

Women remain significantly underrepresented in the energy sector - just 20% of the global workforce, and only 4% Black women. This is not only a gender gap, but a leadership and innovation gap. Launched in September 2025 by Deputy Minister Samantha Jane Graham-Maré, the **Municipal Women's Forum in Energy Efficiency** is a deliberate intervention to elevate women's leadership, strengthen collaboration across municipalities, and accelerate inclusive, innovative energy solutions.

[Read more](#)

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Deloitte report shows that the 18th edition of Tracking the trends 2026 explores how collaboration, innovation, and purpose-driven leadership are reshaping the mining and metals sector.



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Mediclinic highlights that its partnership with Unjani Clinics supports 23 clinics, expanding accessible, affordable primary healthcare to underserved communities across South Africa.



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JOIN US IN WELCOMING NEW MEMBER COMPANIES

We are pleased to welcome one of the largest South African retail pharmacy chains, **Dis-Chem**, as our newest member company. Dis-Chem's participation strengthens employer-led engagement across NBI's programmes, contributing corporate insight and scale to national efforts focused on long term economic resilience.

Dis-Chem +
Better health starts here

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What the Global Risks Report 2026 really says about the urgency of environmental threats

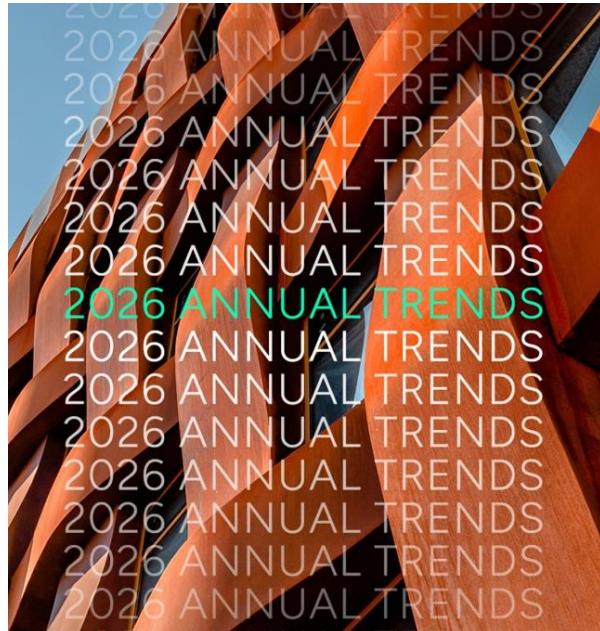
Environmental risks remain among the most severe global threats, according to the **2026 Global Risks Report** but their perceived urgency differs across time horizons.

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Annual Trends Report 2026 - Competing Pressures, New Approaches

As South African and emerging-market businesses enter 2026, rising regulatory pressure, constrained energy systems, capital scrutiny and rapid technological change are reshaping how organisations plan, invest and disclose. **ERM's Annual Trends Report 2026** brings clarity to this moment, unpacking the critical shifts shaping sustainability strategy - from disclosure and decarbonisation to energy transition pathways and the growing role of technology in delivering impact at scale.

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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



Webinar: Unpacking the South African Wholesale Electricity Market for Business and Municipalities
Date: Tuesday, 24 February 2026

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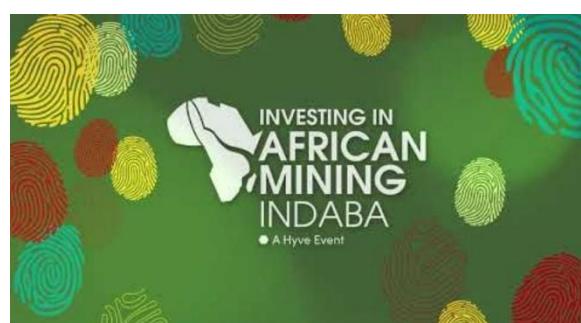
NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026

Mining Indaba

Date: 9 - 12 February 2026

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

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Africa's Green Economy Summit 2026

Date: 24 - 26 February 2026

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

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