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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](#).

MEMBERSHIP



On Thursday, 26 February 2026, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** convened its **2026 AGM Membership Council** bringing together the leadership of its Member Companies at an important moment for South Africa's structural reform agenda.

We were honoured to host **Sikhulekile Duma, Project Lead in the Presidency**, who shared insight into **Operation Vulindlela** and the broader reform trajectory. The message was clear: Execution and coordinated implementation between business and government will determine whether reform restores growth and economic confidence.

The meeting reaffirmed NBI's role as a trusted platform for collaboration, reform support and delivery at scale.

NBI BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

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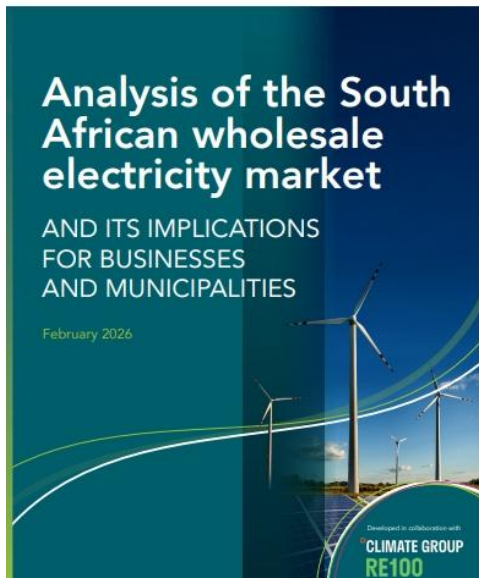


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During the **2026 NBI AGM Membership Council**, members formally confirmed the appointment of the **NBI 2026 Board**, strengthening leadership and governance for the year ahead.

As we step into 2026, our focus is clear: implementation, collaboration and inclusive growth. The NBI's continued impact is driven by the leadership, commitment and stewardship of its Members, whose partnership remains central to advancing our shared priorities and delivering meaningful progress.

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



SAWEM NBI REPORT LAUNCH

The NBI launched a report on Wholesale Electricity Market (SAWEM), aiming for a competitive, transparent and rules-based electricity system. **For businesses:** more transparency, new trading opportunities, higher exposure to price fluctuations. **For municipalities:** changes to revenue models, pressure to modernise the grid, greater accountability, new roles in electricity wheeling and aggregation.

[Report](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS: The NBI joins Operation Vulindlela implementation drive to reform local government

As South Africa begins implementing its most ambitious economic reform programme, the National Business Initiative (NBI) has confirmed that its Technical Assistance and Mentorship Development (TAMDEV) unit will support **Operation Vulindlela Phase 2**.

[Read more](#)





Q4 2025 Labour Force Survey: A Modest Shift Amid Persistent Structural Pressure

Coming on the heels of President Cyril Ramaphosa's [State of the Nation Address \(SONA\)](#), Statistics South Africa released the [Quarterly Labour Force Survey \(QLFS\) for Q4:2025](#), providing a detailed snapshot of the nation's labour market dynamics.

[Read more](#)

Driving Practical Waste Solutions in Nelson Mandela Bay

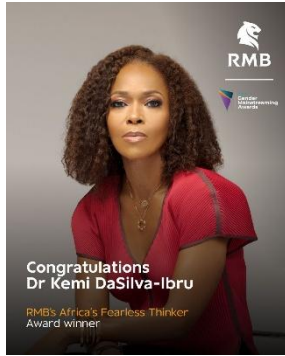
The NBI's [TAMDEV](#) team joined the [Department: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs' \(CoGTA\)](#) Community Work Programme and **Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality** for a hands-on site visit in **Gqeberha**. Community-based waste management pilots showcased local innovation in action; creating jobs, improving services and tackling waste sustainably. The engagement highlighted how government, business and communities can collaborate to scale practical solutions and strengthen environmental health.



EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

[RMB](#) has announced Dr Kemi DaSilva Ibru, founder of the [Women at Risk International Foundation \(WARIF\)](#), as the winner of the RMB Africa's Fearless Thinker Award. RMB celebrates pioneering women who demonstrate originality, resilience and leadership in tackling societal challenges.

The [Vodacom Foundation](#) launches R1.5m School of Excellence at Lavelilanga, advancing quality education through technology, ICT and psychosocial support, infrastructure upgrades, and Youth Academy-trained staff as part of its national Educational Ecosystem.



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A Mindset Shift on the Just Transition for Business: Nine Assumptions To Challenge in Your Organization

A people-centric, or “Just Transition”, is not merely a moral or social imperative but a business necessity, and leaders must flip their mindset from seeing people as impacted by the transition to seeing people as the transition engine.

[Find out more](#)

Cutting carbon emissions requires green industrialisation

Global emission targets could not be reached without green industrialisation and job creation, and the green transition offered a unique opportunity for Africa.

[Find out more](#)



NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



BY INVITATION ONLY:

CEO-level Executive Dialogue on the White Paper on Local Government Reform

Date: Tuesday, 10 March 2026

Time: 09:00 - 13:00 pm (SAST)

[More information](#)

Exploring South Africa's New Energy, Critical Minerals, Manufacturing and Logistics Frontier

Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 pm (SAST)

[For more information](#)





A special keynote on the COP Action Agenda and business collaboration will be delivered by the United Nations High-Level Climate Champion for COP31, Mr Samed Ağırbaş.

NBI Member ONLY Event

**The Road to COP31 Webinar:
Opportunities for Business
Collaboration**

Date: Thursday, 19 March 2026

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 pm (SAST)

[More information](#)

**Nature Action Accelerator – A South
African Perspective on a Global
Shift Toward Nature-Positive
Business**

Date: Friday, 20 March 2026

Time: 12:00 - 2:30 pm (SAST)



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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026

Office of the NBI CEO

GIBS Alumni International Women’s

Day Breakfast

Date: 06 March 2026

Location: Illovo, South Africa

[Register](#)

INVITATION

GIBS Alumni International Women's Day Breakfast

Date: Friday, 6 March 2026
Time: 8am – 10am
Dresscode: Business
Venue: GIBS

PANEL DISCUSSION
 Beyond Representation: Investing in Women to Shape Leadership and Future-Ready Institutions

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
 Give to Gain

Shameela Soobramoney
 GIBS MBA alum, Chief Executive Officer, National Business Initiative (NBI)

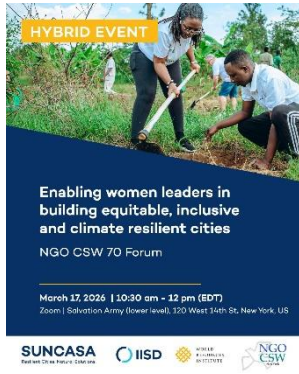
Kelly-Ann Ayuk
 Chairwoman and Co-Founder, Energy Capital & Power

Jorja Wilkins
 GIBS MPhil alum, Founder and CEO, Garland Media

Ms. Nolitha Fakude
 Chairperson, Anglo American South Africa

Gordon Institute of Business Science
 University of Pretoria

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Enabling Women Leaders in Building Equitable, Inclusive, and Climate- Resilient Cities

Date: 17 March 2026

[Register](#)

Leaving African Solutions for Global Sustainability

Date: 24 - 25 March 2026

Location: Sandton, South Africa



[Register](#)



Triologue Business in Society Conference

Date: 05 - 06 May 2026

[Register](#)

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