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NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



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



Top CEOs and government leaders met last week on 10 March 2026 to pressure-test South Africa's **Local Government Reform White Paper** before it goes to Cabinet.

Bottom line: urgency, execution, accountability.

Minister Velenkosini Hlabisa opened with a clear message: reform must deliver real results stronger municipalities, better infrastructure and reliable services. This session, led by the [Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs \(CoGTA\)](#), the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#), and hosted by [Exxaro](#), zeroed in on three priorities:

- Fix municipal finances
- Improve service delivery & infrastructure upkeep
- Drive spatial transformation, growth, and climate resilience

Leaders called for hard metrics, real accountability and deep institutional reform. Closing it out, **Shameela Soobramoney**, CEO of the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) reinforced the core truth that functional municipalities are the engine of investment, development and inclusive growth.

Exploring South Africa's New Energy, Critical Minerals, Manufacturing and Logistics Frontier – A Northern Cape Provincial Government Showcase held yesterday, 18 March 2026.



Leaders from government, business and industry convened in Sandton on Wednesday 18 March 2026 for the **Northern Cape-NBI Collaboration Session** to shape the agenda for growth and advance targeted investment in energy, mining, manufacturing and logistics ahead of the [Northern Cape Investment and Jobs Conference 2026](#).

Northern Cape Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul highlighted the ambition to build a modern, expanding economy. **Shameela Soobramoney**, NBI's CEO emphasised that unlocking inclusive, sustainable growth in South Africa, particularly the Northern Cape's emerging green economy, requires strong public-private partnerships (PPPs). Industry leaders underscored energy, mining and infrastructure as key growth catalysts.

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

[Engen](#) celebrated 19 young South Durban Basin residents who successfully completed ICT qualifications through the **Engen Global Citizen Development Programme (EGCDP)** at a graduation ceremony held in Jacobs, Durban on Monday, 9 March 2026.

[Sappi](#) and **WWF** **South Africa's** partnership can serve as a blueprint for securing the bioeconomy, delivering impact in the uMkhomazi catchment including clearing 191 ha of invasive alien plants, improving rangeland management, and supporting water quality data collection.



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Anglo American-EDF joint venture Envusa Energy has commenced commercial operations of the Mooi Plaats Solar PV Project, delivering 240MW of renewable energy into South Africa's grid to support mining operations, strengthen energy security, advance decarbonisation and create socio-economic benefits.



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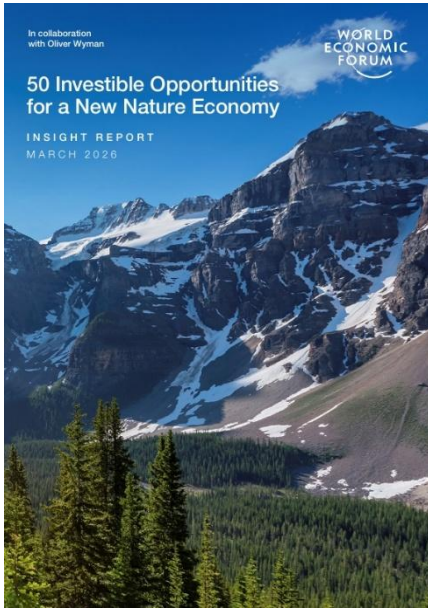
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Spur Corporation has appointed **Vuyokazi "Vuyo" Henda** as an executive director, bringing extensive marketing, brand leadership and strategic experience to support growth, enhance customer engagement and drive long-term value creation across its diverse restaurant portfolio.



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Insight Report: 50 Investible Opportunities for a New Nature Economy

This report published by the **World Economic Forum** in collaboration with Oliver Wyman is part of the **World Economic Forum's Nature Positive Transitions report series**, which outlines the different pathways to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 – the mission at the heart of the **Global Biodiversity Framework**.

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The latest insights from the **We Mean Business Coalition**

Electrification offers a powerful pathway to modernize energy systems, drive down costs, strengthen energy security, increase productivity and economic competitiveness, and build more affordable, secure and productive economies.

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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



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



Date: Friday, 20 March 2026

Time: 12:00 - 14:30 (SAST)

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**EEPBIP-ESCo Awareness Raising
& Match-Making Networking
Session**

Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2026

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

Location: Sandton, South Africa

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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026

SALGA and SA Cities Lunchtime

Chats:

The Urban Nexus Edition

Date: 23 March 2026

Location: Sandton, South Africa



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Leaving African Solutions for Global Sustainability

Date: 24 - 25 March 2026

Location: Sandton, South Africa

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Solar & Storage Live Africa

Date: 25 - 27 March 2026

Location: Sandton, South Africa

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WBCSD Annual Meeting

Date: 27 - 30 April 2026

Location: Montreux, Switzerland

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Energy Water Waste Forum

Date: 15 April 2026

Time: 08:30 for 09:00 - 13:00

(SAST)

Location: City of Cape Town

Energy Headquarters, South Africa



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