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## ON A CLEAR DAY

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By being an **NBI Member**, you are part of a **progressive collective** that delivers **real impact** through **innovation and leadership**. Collaboratively, for the **past 31 years**, we have integrated resilience at the core of our business strategy.

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

## 30 YEARS OF BUSINESS IMPACT

On 23 April 2026, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** will celebrate its 30-year anniversary, recognising three decades of partnership between business, government and society to advance South Africa's development.

The milestone event will reflect on the Organisation's founding by the late **President Nelson Mandela** and the role business has played in supporting the country's growth and transformation. Together with **His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa**, the NBI will honour the progress achieved over the past three decades, while looking ahead to the next era of collaboration, inclusive leadership and impact.

This significant occasion is made possible with the support of NBI's members and partners, including our valued sponsors below:



## NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



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### Skills Taking Shape on the Ground: Your TVET Quarterly Update

South Africa's economy continues to evolve in ways that places increasing importance on practical, technical skills. As industries adapt to new technologies, infrastructure demands and the growing momentum of the energy transition, the role of **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges** has become even more critical.

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### ESCO Awareness & Matchmaking Session - 25 March 2026



Unlocking South Africa's energy efficiency potential requires more than technology; it needs bankable projects, innovative financing and strong partnerships. The **ESCO**

**matchmaking session** brought together key players to tackle financing barriers, risks and limited project pipelines. The initiative focused on de-risking projects and unlocking investment to accelerate energy efficiency across public infrastructure.

## EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

**Sasol** and **CHIETA** boost SA's green hydrogen ambitions. South Africa's green hydrogen economy ambitions have received a boost as the Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA) and Sasol, implement an industry-integrated Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Training System at Sasol's operations in Sasolburg. The initiative marks a significant milestone in advancing the country's green hydrogen capabilities.



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**Vodacom South Africa** is leveraging technology and purposeful investment for good, driving measurable social impact across the Western Cape. The Company is committed to going beyond connectivity to make a lasting difference in people's lives. Vodacom Western Cape's investment in education has significantly uplifted Schools of Excellence (SoEs) and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres across the region.

**Sappi** has launched its **Made for Life** campaign, celebrating the power of trees and the extraordinary stories they make possible. The campaign opens with inspiring partner stories including the transformation of the Eden Project and the story of Jabulani Hlope, showing how bold ideas, innovation and nature can shape a better future. **Discover their stories and follow the journey of Made for Life.**



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**RMB** is proud to announce the successful financial structuring of the Cape water performance-based bond transaction. The Cape water performance-based bond is the first capital-markets instrument issued by a commercial bank where investor outcomes are tied to verified ecological restoration outcomes. The bond enables sustained investment in restoring landscapes, securing water supplies for people and the economy in the Greater Cape Town Region.



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### The search for SA's next Eco-Champions begins

The **Eco-Logic Awards 2026** officially opens for entries this month, inviting the country's eco-champions to step forward to be recognised and rewarded. Entry is free and open to individuals, organisations, businesses, and communities making a positive environmental impact. **Entries close at the end of June 2026**, and this year's awards will culminate in a celebratory event on **5 October 2026** (World Habitat Day) at the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town.

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### 3 Lessons on the Energy Transition in an Age of Crisis

Climate ambition cannot be sustained without addressing energy security and affordability. The energy transition is not unfolding in a vacuum of climate ambition, but in a world shaped by geopolitical shocks, economic fragmentation and competing national priorities.

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## NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



**Nature Action Accelerator:**

**Module 2**

**A South African Perspective on a Global Shift Toward Nature - Webinar**

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026

**Time:** 10:00 - 12:30 (SAST)

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**Member Only Event – Carbon**

**Markets in Practice: What Companies Need to Know**

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 April 2026

**Time:** 09:30 - 12:00 (SAST)

**Location:** Sandton, Gauteng

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**Carbon Markets TLS Event** NBI30

21 April 2026 09:30 - 12:00 (SAST) Southern Sun, Sandton

 <b>Heather McEwan</b> <small>Regional Representative, director and the Africa East (West)</small>	 <b>Henk Sa</b> <small>Managing Partner Brunelton</small>	 <b>Sharin Hemraj</b> <small>Senior Economist National Treasury</small>
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Use this QR code to access the NBA website  
<http://nba.sanbi.org.za>

**National Biodiversity Assessment  
2025 Webinar Series Now  
Underway**

**Date:** 10 April - 19 June 2026

**Time:** 13:00 - 13:45 (SAST)

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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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**WBCSD Annual Meeting**

**Date:** 27 - 30 April 2026

**Location:** Montreux, Switzerland

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**Dialogue Business in Society  
Conference 2026**

**Date:** 05 - 06 May 2026

**Location:** Illovo, Johannesburg



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