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## 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 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.

## NBI IS HIRING: Senior Programme Manager - TAMDEV & Building of State Capacity Unit

The [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) is looking for a Senior Programme Manager to help drive high-impact, multi-stakeholder programmes focused on infrastructure development, municipal capacity strengthening and sustainable systems change in South Africa. This is a unique opportunity to work across business, government, and development to support initiatives that strengthen implementation capacity and drive lasting, systemic impact.



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## City of Johannesburg's Climate Action Plan (CAP) Review: Business Perspectives

As Johannesburg faces increasing climate impacts, the City is updating its [2021 Climate Action Plan \(CAP\)](#) to guide efforts in addressing climate challenges and creating a sustainable future. This review is essential to ensure the CAP remains effective and aligned with Johannesburg's evolving needs. As part of this review process the City is engaging with business, academia, and civil society sectors.



The [City of Johannesburg](#) and the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) invite you to join an online session to help shape the updated CAP and ensure that businesses are central to Johannesburg's climate strategies. Your input is necessary to ensure the City's climate strategies are both actionable and aligned with the needs of the private sector.

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 June 2026  
**Time:** 10h00 – 12h30 (SAST)  
**Format:** Online meeting via Zoom

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## NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



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**Accelerating Corporate Action on GBV - We-Dare:** On 02 June 2026, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** convened business, government and academia for an important discussion focused on strengthening coordinated corporate action and data-driven approaches to accelerate collective impact and long-term responses to end gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa. The event included a live demo of the **We-Dare Repository**.

**An innovative financing model for implementing energy efficiency interventions in public-sector institutions through Energy Performance Contracting:** South Africa's public sector faces rising electricity costs, ageing infrastructure, constrained budgets and the need to reduce emissions. Energy efficiency interventions provide an advanced opportunity to address these challenges.



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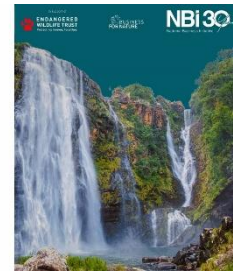
### High-Level Roundtable – Social Justice for Business: Framing Inclusion and Economic Participation

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and the **Social Justice Initiative (SJI)**, hosted leaders across all sectors to explore how social justice and economic inclusion can drive sustainable growth in South Africa. The discussions underscored the importance of addressing structural barriers to inequality through collaboration, investment and inclusive economic participation.

**Nature Action Accelerator Event Module 3: The National Business Initiative (NBI)**, in partnership with the **Endangered Wildlife Trust** and **Business for Nature**, convened **Module 3** of the **Nature Action Accelerator**, centred on implementing nature-positive action across business strategy, finance, governance and operations. The session explored practical approaches to biodiversity mitigation, nature finance, SMART target-setting and corporate integration, reinforcing the growing role of business in advancing a resilient, nature-positive economy.

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

**Module 3: Transform**  
Integrate nature action into core business decision-making, operations, supply chains and investment processes



**The Project Close-Out Event: Collective Climate Action with the Private Sector** highlighted the realities of corporate climate adaptation and industrial decarbonisation in South Africa. Discussions reinforced the critical role of collaboration in enabling practical climate action and supporting South Africa's transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

**Skills Revolution Breakfast Highlights Need for Greater Coordination**

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** recently participated in the **Skills Revolution Breakfast**, which brought together government, business and skills development stakeholders, including the **Minister of Higher Education and Training, Buti Manamela**, to reflect on South Africa's evolving labour market needs and the urgent actions required to strengthen pathways into economic participation for young people.



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## EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

**Standard Bank's** 2025 Report to Society shows how they are contributing to Africa's growth by strengthening financial inclusion, enabling business growth, job creation and investing in energy and infrastructure.



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**FirstRand:** Mobilising leaders, employees and partners around a shared purpose through employee volunteering, community listening, co-creation, trust-building and nonprofit partnerships to drive sustainable social impact and shared prosperity.



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**BRICS SOLUTIONS AWARDS 2026**  
Recognising Innovative Solutions for a Sustainable Future

The BRICS Solutions Awards 2026 aims to identify and celebrate innovative, scalable, and impactful solutions contributing towards sustainability, inclusivity, climate resilience, and responsible growth across BRICS countries.

The Awards align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the principles of MissionLiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

**Who Can Apply?**

- Startups & MSMEs
- Corporates & Industry Leaders
- NGOs & Civil Society Organisations
- Academic & Research Institutions
- Social Enterprises

**Key Highlights**

- International Jury from BRICS Nations
- Recognition Across BRICS Economies
- Platform for Global Visibility & Collaboration
- Showcase Innovative & Scalable Solutions
- Knowledge Sharing & Cross-Border Partnerships

**Award Categories**

- Innovations in Food Security & Nutrition
- Digital Health & Wellness Ecosystem
- Gender Inclusive Learning & Empowerment
- Water Security & Resilience
- Clean Energy & Sustainable Transition Pathways
- Smart Infrastructure & Sustainable Industry Solutions
- Resource Recovery & Circular Material Innovation

**Applications Open**  
15 MAY 2026

**Last Date for Submission**  
10 JULY 2026

**Application Portal:**  
<https://bricsbusinesscouncil.co.in/brics-solution-award.html>

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### Applications for the BRICS Solutions Awards 2026

The **BRICS Business Council** is pleased to invite submissions for **BRICS Solutions Awards 2026** to recognise innovative, scalable, and impactful solutions that contribute towards sustainability, climate resilience, social inclusion and responsible growth across BRICS countries. Applications are open to startups, MSMEs, corporates, NGOs, civil society organisations, academic institutions, research bodies and social enterprises; **the last date for applications submission is Friday, 10 July 2026.**

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## IYBA SEED

Through the **Network Building for Innovation in the Biomass Ecosystem (NBI4BIOMASS) project, the National Business Initiative (NBI)** is bringing together entrepreneurs, financiers, ecosystem partners and other stakeholders to unlock opportunities within South Africa's **Alien and Invasive Plant (AIP)** biomass economy. The focus is on addressing systemic barriers, strengthening collaboration, and creating pathways for women and youth entrepreneurs to participate in this emerging sector.



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## The Trialogue Sustainable Business Self-Assessment

Sustainability has become a central pillar of business resilience and performance. Complete the **Trialogue Sustainable Business Self-Assessment** to measure the level of embedment of sustainability in your business and get your score.



## 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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## NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



### WEBINAR: Nature Action Accelerator: Module 4 - A South African Perspective on a Global Shift Toward Nature

**Date:** Friday, 12 June 2026

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

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## London Climate Action Week

Date: 20 - 28 June 2026

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## Sustainability & ESG Africa

### Conference & Expo

Date: 30 September - 01 October

2026

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