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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.

Exclusive NBI Member Only Roundtable Series

NBI C-Suite Roundtable: Johannesburg

Date: Thursday, 16 July 2026

Time: 09:00 for 09:30 - 11:30

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NBI GREEN ECONOMY TOOLKIT

A **green economy** is one that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable, improving human well-being and promotes social equity while reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. It is defined by low carbon emissions, resource efficiency, and social inclusion.



The National Business Initiative's (NBI) Green Economy Toolkit is helping businesses to identify emerging market opportunities, strengthen sustainability practices and improve their readiness to participate in the green economy.

[Access toolkit here](#)

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



SA FM Interview: NBI's Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion, Abigail Khuluse, speaks about how we are helping bridge access gaps by encouraging township youth and MSMEs to take up opportunities within the green economy and strengthening pathways for meaningful participation. As South Africa's green economy grows, so too does the need to ensure young people and township enterprises are not left behind.

[Interview](#)

Workshop: Bridging the Skills Gap for ESCOs and EPC Practitioners to Accelerate South Africa's Just Energy Transition



Hosted through the **Just Energy Transition Skilling for Employment Programme (JET SEP)**, the energy efficiency skilling and market demand workshop, held on 26 June 2026, brought together the **Department of Electricity and Energy**, the **South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI)**, the **Energy Services Companies Association of Southern Africa (EASA)**, the **Institute of Energy Professionals Africa (IEPA)**, the **Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA)**, TVET colleges and other stakeholders to assess the current energy efficiency landscape, identify emerging skills requirements, and explore practical ways to strengthen workforce readiness and build a pipeline of skilled practitioners for South Africa's energy transition.

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

ERM: High temperatures, high expectations: Takeaways from **London Climate Action Week** which took place during a record-breaking heatwave that disrupted infrastructure and strained public health systems. The environmental conditions reinforced the urgency of translating climate ambition into action for the 75,000+ participants gathered at 1,000+ events.



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DP World has launched **EcoRoute**, a suite of solutions that helps businesses optimise supply chain performance while reducing emissions. Additionally it combines network design, lower-carbon logistics solutions, emissions measurement and strategic partnerships to create more efficient and resilient supply chains.



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Sappi: The transition to a low-carbon economy is an operational imperative, with decarbonisation driven by operational efficiency, fuel switching, renewable biomass, clean electricity and electrification powered by renewable energy. Through investments in electric boilers, renewable energy and electric transport, Sappi is reducing emissions, strengthening resilience and advancing an integrated low-carbon future.



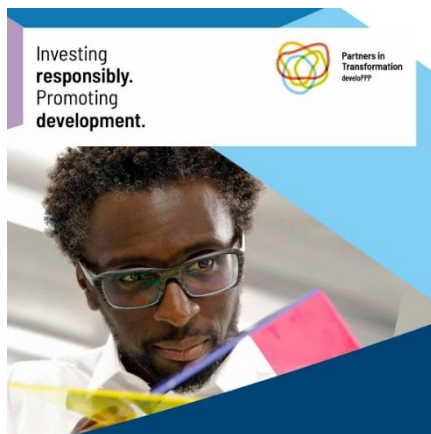
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Spar says retailers can help tackle SA's youth employment crisis. South Africa's youth unemployment crisis continues to demand action from every sector. For retailers, that means creating opportunities through local hiring, skills development and support for small businesses. Retailers operate at the heart of communities, drawing customers, employees and suppliers from the same neighbourhoods.



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How to apply

Support for private sector climate action through GIZ's develoPPP funding opportunity

Following the Collective climate action with the private sector project, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is pleased to notify you of a funding opportunity that may be of interest to your organisation in addressing your sustainability and climate goals. The programme provides technical and financial support of up to 2 million Euros for suitable projects (R38 million).

Business Breakthrough Barometer 2026

The **WBCSD Business Breakthrough Barometer** is out. 500+ business leaders say the transition is accelerating – but so are the risks of disorder and increased costs from delay. Amid rising climate and geopolitical instability, stronger and stable policy is critical to unlock investment and build resilience.

Report



Closing the Gender Gap in Senior Leadership

This Insights Report, produced by the **World Economic Forum** as part of the Global Gender Parity in Sprint, presents a cross-industry analysis of where progress toward gender parity in senior leadership stands today and the structural factors that continue to shape it. It is intended to support business leaders as they navigate the complex task of building senior leadership systems that are both more inclusive and better aligned with the demands of a rapidly evolving operating environment.

Report

Applications for the BRICS Solutions Awards 2026 are now open

The Awards 2026 recognise innovative, scalable, and impactful solutions aligned with sustainability and inclusivity. The awards aim to showcase initiatives that demonstrate measurable impact and can be replicated across BRICS nations. Each category is mapped to LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) actions and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring BRICS-wide resonance in food security, health, education, water, energy, industry, and circular economy.

The last date for applications submission is Friday, 10 July 2026.

Apply



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 Mission LiFE (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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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026





**Webinar: Activating Water Stewardship
Through the International Water
Stewardship Standard (AWS Standard)**

Date: Thursday, 09 July 2026

Time: 15:00 - 16:30 (SAST)

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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026

Integrity as a Competitive Advantage

Sandton, Gauteng

Date: 16 July 2026

Time: 08:30 to 10:30

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**Africa Climate and Sustainability Leadership
Conference 2026**

Applications open between:
20 Jan 2026 - 24 Aug 2026

Delivery mode:
Campus

To start by: 01 Sept 2026
Ending date: 01 Sept 2026

Cost: **R 5,500**
Venue: GIBS - Illovo

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