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JOIN THE BUSINESSES SHAPING SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE

NBI membership connects your organisation to a powerful network of business leaders committed to building a more inclusive, sustainable and competitive economy. **For over 30 years, the National Business Initiative (NBI)** has brought business, government and civil society together to tackle South Africa's most pressing challenges and turn shared ambition into meaningful action.

As an **NBI member**, your organisation can contribute to influential national conversations, access leading insights, build strategic partnerships and participate in initiatives that deliver lasting value for business and society.

Ready to explore what NBI membership could unlock for your organisation?

Contact **Gillian Hutchings**, **Head of Membership**, to learn more about the exclusive opportunities, connections and benefits available to NBI members.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NBI

The NBI is seeking an organised and proactive Project Administrator to join its **Economic Inclusion unit**. The unit works with business, government and education partners to strengthen skills development, improve the responsiveness of the TVET system and create more inclusive pathways into meaningful employment.

The successful candidate will provide administrative and project coordination support for the NBI's workforce development initiatives.



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"The real shift happens once a business stops treating carbon tax as an isolated cost and starts recognising its emissions data as a strategic asset."



NBI MEMBER NEWS

We are delighted to welcome our newest member company, **Mitsubishi Corporation (MC)**, an integrated trading and investment company that develops and operates businesses across virtually every industry - Energy & Power Solution, Materials Solution, Mineral Resources, Urban Development & Infrastructure, Mobility, Food Industry and Smart-Life Creation - with a strong focus on sustainability and long-term value creation.



NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION



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TVET Quarterly Update: South Africa's TVET sector is shifting towards practical, industry-aligned training.

Through collaboration between the DHET, colleges and industry, these efforts are expanding opportunities for learners and entrepreneurs while building a more responsive and inclusive skills ecosystem.

Meet the 2026 Climate Finance Accelerator South Africa Cohort: The 2026 Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) South Africa cohort brings together shortlisted businesses and project developers working across renewable energy, circular economy solutions, electric mobility, water resilience, waste beneficiation and land restoration.



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The Geopolitics of Sustainability in a Warming World: Why the Net-Zero Transition is a Strategic Imperative for South Africa: Rising geopolitical tensions and fossil fuel dependence have exposed global vulnerabilities. For South Africa, the net-zero transition is both an environmental necessity and a strategic imperative for economic resilience, energy security and sustainable growth.

Activating Water Stewardship Through the International Water Stewardship webinar was hosted by the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** and the **Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)** on 09 July 2026. This event explored practical approaches to advancing water stewardship, addressing South Africa's water security challenges, and creating lasting positive impacts for people, nature, and the economy.



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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Woolworths has partnered with fresh produce supplier HarvestFresh to provide final year agriculture students with practical farming skills at a new site in Gauteng. The Gauteng expansion builds on the success of **Woolworths' Living Soils Community Learning Farm (Living Soils)** started seven years ago in Stellenbosch – a partnership with Spier and the Sustainability Institute.



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Eskom: With South Africa's energy sector at a defining moment, with a dual imperative to ensure energy security and a credible transition to a sustainable low-carbon economy, **Eskom's Group CE Dan Marokane** outlined how they can collaborate with professional organisations to ensure energy security and a just transition to a low-carbon economy, at a recent dialogue held.



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Exxaro advances its decarbonisation and energy security ambitions through the official opening of the **Lephalale Solar Project** marking a significant achievement for **Exxaro's** decarbonisation journey and demonstrating the successful execution of its Sustainable Growth and Impact strategy.



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Dis-Chem redefines workplace wellness with first on-site employee clinic by bringing healthcare access to the office having opened its first dedicated employee clinic at its head office and distribution centre in Midrand.



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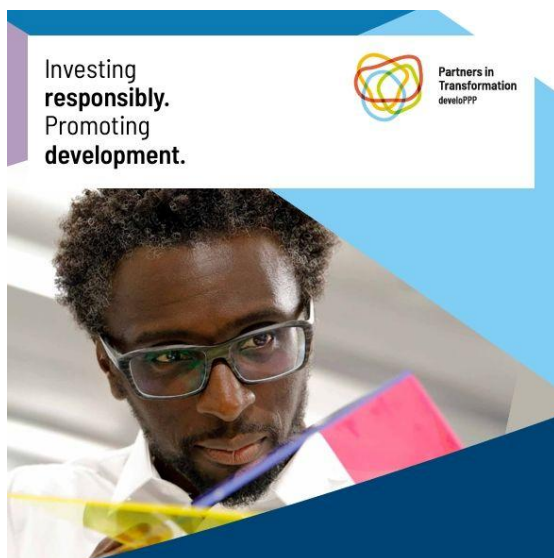
Trialogue is inviting companies to participate in this year's **Trialogue Business in Society Handbook** by completing the annual CSI survey or entering your corporate social investment (CSI) programme for an award.

Deadline: Friday 31 July 2026. Please contact lerato@trialogue.co.za for more information.

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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).

How to apply

Gas Bill [B6–2026]: Call for Public Input

Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy invites written comments on the Gas Bill, which proposes reforms to support the sustainable development, regulation and growth of South Africa's gas sector.

Submissions are due by 16:30 on Friday, 7 August 2026 and should be emailed to gas-pcee@parliament.gov.za.



NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



NBI MEMBER ONLY WEBINAR

Operation Vulindlela II: Unlocking Business

Participation in South Africa's Reform

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 30 July 2026

Time: 09:00 to 11:00

For further information please contact:

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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026



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Triologue Webinar | How to effectively communicate your CSI

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Ending date: 01 Sept 2026

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