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National Business Initiative



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.

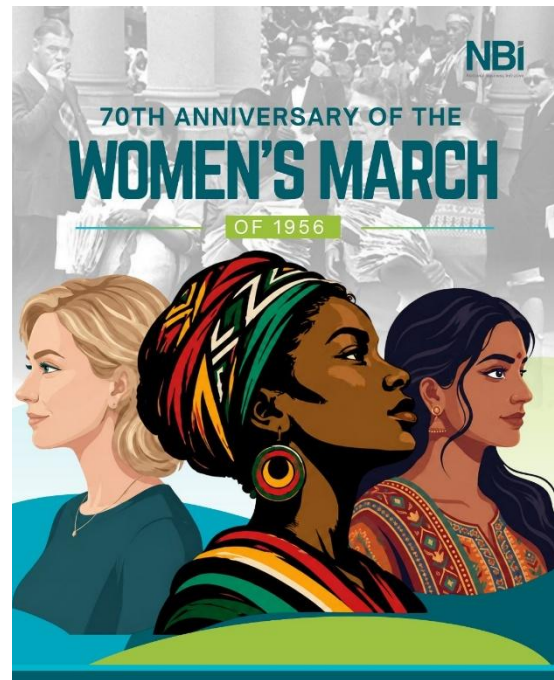
Ready to explore what NBI membership could unlock for your organisation?

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

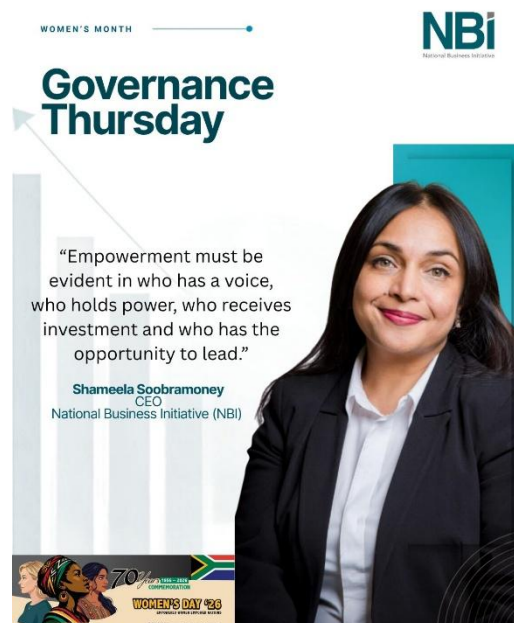
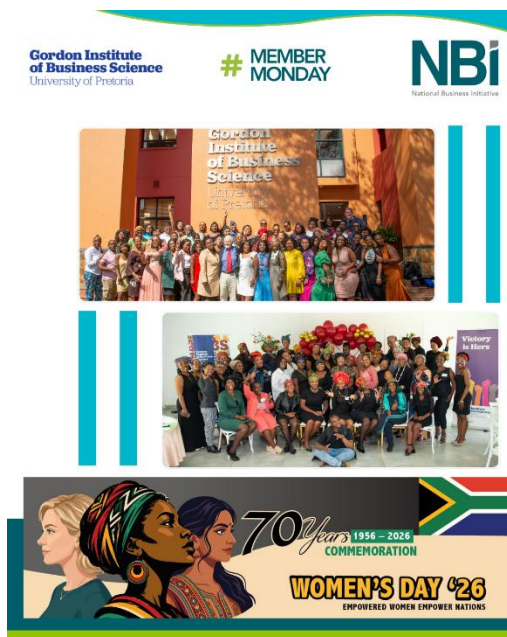
WOMEN'S MONTH 2026

On 9 August 1956, more than 20,000 women marched to the Union Buildings, united by courage, conviction and the belief that a better future was possible. Seventy years later, their legacy challenges us to ask: What does meaningful empowerment look like today? As South Africa marked National Women's Day under the theme "**Empowered Women Empower Nations**," we are reminded that building an inclusive economy requires collective action from business, government and civil society to dismantle systemic barriers and expand economic opportunity.

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NBI MEMBER MONDAYS & GOVERNANCE THURSDAYS



**Exclusive NBI Member Opportunity:
Dialogue Sustainability Symposium 2026**

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** invites its member companies to attend the **Triologue Sustainability Symposium 2026**. Join business and sustainability leaders for an engaging discussion on the state of corporate sustainability in South Africa and the actions required to accelerate meaningful progress.

NBI CEO, Shameela Soobramoney will be participating as a speaker alongside leading industry voices who are shaping the business and sustainability landscape. The **NBI** is a proud partner of the Symposium together with the **Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)**, the **Institute of Directors South Africa (IoDSA)** and **Primedia**.

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TRIALOGUE SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

In partnership with:

JSE
Johannesburg Stock Exchange

IoDSA
INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS SOUTH AFRICA

NBI
National Business Initiative

PRIMEDIA Cares

Location:
JSE
One Exchange Square
2 Owen Lane
Sandown

Date:
Friday 28 August
08h30 to 13h30

Join us as we reveal the findings of the inaugural edition of our flagship research, the Triologue Sustainable Business Tracker, and unpack where South African companies are gaining ground and where the hard work of embedding sustainability still lies ahead.

RSVP by Friday 21 August 2026
Limited seats available, first come first serve

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

IYBA-SEED is a European multi-country partnership that supports the creation of jobs for women and young people while strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems and improving access to business development services for early-stage entrepreneurs as well as women and youth-led businesses. Through funding and mentorship from **IYBA-SEED South Africa**, the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is bringing together entrepreneurs, corporates, government and ecosystem partners to unlock the economic potential of alien invasive plant biomass, transforming environmental challenges into businesses, jobs and investment opportunities.

[Find out more](#)



Global Gateway, EXPERTISE FRANCE, REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE, SlovakAid, IYBA SEED Hub

"NBI is bringing its convening power - the entire value chain coming together as an ecosystem to grow the biomass opportunity together."

Kussing Malaka
NBI Project Manager

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"NBI is playing an important role in bringing together funders and business incubators to understand the opportunity in biomass enabled entrepreneurship."

Khweseli Cenenda
Director for Enterprise and Supplier Development, Avovision

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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

Nedbank CEO Jason Quinn is excited at the opportunities opening up in the informal economy. *"We never really had a township economy strategy at scale. Now we do, with scale and product. What the team is now doing is adding lending, deposit and investment banking capabilities into Ikhokha devices, which will help us leverage and support small businesses across the country."*



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Absa recently convened a high-level Ambassadors' Breakfast in partnership with the **Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)**, which focused on practical ways to unlock investment, mobilise capital and accelerate cross-border growth, while strengthening cooperation between the public and private sectors to drive meaningful impact at scale.



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Exxaro partners with business schools to develop future mining, energy leaders to strengthen leadership capability across its mining and renewable energy businesses. *"Exxaro is committed to creating an environment where our people can continuously build new capabilities, realise their full potential and prepare for the opportunities of tomorrow... we are investing in leaders who will shape the future of our business, our industry and the communities we serve."* - Mongezi Vet, People and Performance Acting Executive Head, Exxaro.



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Telkom Business has partnered with **OneOffice** to provide SMEs with secure and easy to manage digital tools. The All-In-One Cloud for Business Solution brings productivity, communication and collaboration tools together in one secure environment, helping businesses manage costs and simplify the systems that support daily operations.

Telkom is using partnerships and its distribution reach to bring more digital services to SMEs.



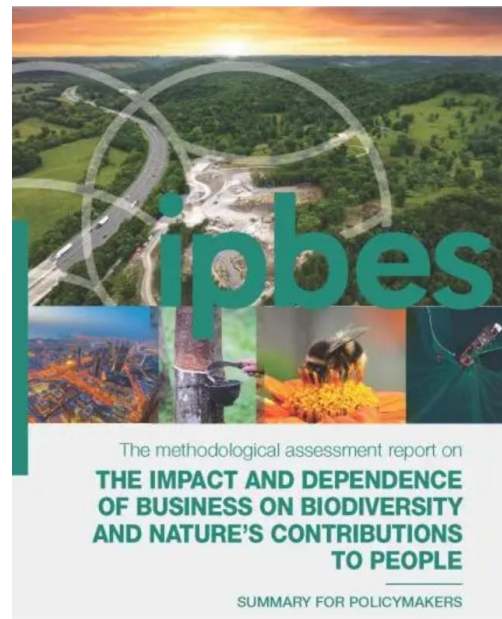
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Business and Biodiversity Assessment Report

This methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people is the result of three years of work by 79 experts from 35 countries and synthesises information from over 5,000 references. The complete assessment is comprised of the Summary for Policymakers, six chapters and a glossary and is now available for download.

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The SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard Version 2 is a significant milestone for businesses. While its core message remains unchanged, emissions reduction is still the primary focus, it also tackles a question that has long been unresolved: what should companies do about the emissions that remain as they transition to net zero?

NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING 2026



SAVE THE DATE

NBI Membership Council Meeting 2026

Date: Friday, 02 October 2026

Time: 09:30 for 10:00 to 12:00

For further information, please contact: [Thabi Mathole](#)

NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



NBI Webinar: Nature-Based Solutions for Addressing Business Risks

Friday, 11 September 2026 | 11:00 to 12:45

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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026



World Water Week 2026

Stockholm, Sweden & Online | 23 to 27 August 2026

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Triologue and AECI Limited

Webinar Beyond Projects: Building Integrated Community Impact Around Operations

Thursday, 27 August 2026 | 09:30 to 11:00

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Applications open between:
20 Jan 2026 - 24 Aug 2026

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

Cost: R 5,500
Venue: GIBS - Illovo

For enquiries: boxallb@gibs.co.za
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Tuesday, 01 September 2026 | Illovo, Gauteng | 08:30 to 16:30

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30 September to 01 October 2026 |

Sandton, Gauteng

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Climate Week NYC

20 to 27 September 2026 |

New York, USA

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