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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

Closing date: Friday, 31 July 2026

The NBI is seeking an organised and proactive Project Administrator to support its **Economic Inclusion Unit's** workforce development initiatives and project coordination. The team operates 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.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION: OPERATION VULINDLELA PHASE 2 (OV2) DATA ANALYST (TITLING DATA SYSTEMS LEAD): SPATIAL INEQUALITY REFORMS

The NBI has entered into an agreement with the Presidency to act as the **Technical Support Facility (TSF)** responsible for the identification, contracting and deployment of technical resources to **Operation Vulindlela Phase 2 (OV2)**. The support extends across several reform areas to accelerate implementation and enhance outcomes, therefore, the NBI is seeking to appoint a data systems lead to support the titling reform under the spatial inequality reform area.

[RFQ Details](#)



NBI MEMBER MONDAYS & GOVERNANCE THURSDAYS



"The Lephalale Solar Project stands as a landmark achievement, illustrating that environmental stewardship, commercial performance and inclusive socio-economic development can be successfully delivered through disciplined execution and long-term strategic investment."



"The NBI has built a strong reputation as a trusted platform that brings together business, government and civil society to address some of our country's most pressing socio-economic challenges."

NBI MEMBER NEWS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome **Rabia Transitions** as the newest member of the NBI community.

The Organisation is a non-profit research initiative advancing just, inclusive, and resilient transitions across Africa. Driven by a small team, Rabia has carved out a niche in financing of transitions and data for managing climate risk, bringing together people, policies, and evidence to shape more inclusive financial systems and enable resilient, people-centred transitions through research, dialogue, and collaboration.



[Find out more](#)

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** was proud to participate in the provincial launch of the **Working on Infrastructure programme** in the Ga-Nkoana Village, **Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality (Burgersfort)**, Limpopo. The event reflected a shared commitment to creating more practical pathways into work for young people.



As a partner in the initiative, the NBI looks forward to supporting implementation through our **Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) Initiative**, working alongside government and ecosystem partners to help young people gain practical experience while contributing to improved service delivery and the broader social and economic development of communities.



We are excited to share that **NBI's Head of Economic Inclusion, Gugu McLaren-Ushowokunze**, will be participating as a judge for the **Beyond Awards 2026**, hosted as part of the **Sustainability and ESG Africa Conference**. Now in their fourth year, the awards recognise organisations, innovations and leaders driving meaningful sustainability and ESG impact across Africa. Gugu will serve on both the **Beyond Champion Small Scale** and **Beyond African Trailblazer** judging panels.

Learn more about Beyond Awards 2026



From 20 to 22 July 2026, the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#), through the **NBI4BIOMASS Initiative**, hosted a site visit in Limpopo. This field trip brought together entrepreneurs, government representatives, technical specialists and practitioners to explore how invasive biomass can support ecological restoration, local job creation and more resilient rural economies.

EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

[Telkom](#) has published its first [Sustainability Report: Aligning Growth and Compliance](#).

A business can speak about sustainability for years, but until it begins to influence where capital is allocated, how risk is managed and where future growth will come from, it remains a conversation happening alongside the strategy.



[Report](#)

[Sappi](#), a global leader in woodfibre-based renewable resources, announced that it has joined the [ZDHC Foundation Roadmap to Zero Programme](#). This reinforces their commitment to responsible chemical management for its global dissolving wood pulp operations and recognising that driving more sustainable outcomes requires collaboration beyond its own operations.



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[Vodacom Group](#) and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) partner for the [2026 Emerging Leaders Programme \(ELP\)](#), a leadership development initiative designed to prepare the next generation of leaders for the future of work. The three-month programme is offered by the Development and Leadership Unit (DLU) in the Division of Student Affairs at Wits.

[Engen](#) strengthens STEM education at Merebank Secondary with a solar-powered science lab. Designed and delivered by [Engen Business & Energy Solutions \(EBES\)](#) and implemented by the EBES Engineering team, the 15kW portable solar container provides a dedicated, reliable power supply for the school's science laboratory.



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The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2026 | Since the adoption of the **SDGs** in 2015, there has been improvement in access to clean water, electricity, healthcare and digital connectivity for billions. However, with an increase in geopolitical tensions and global crisis, achieving the 2030 targets are at risk.

This report calls for urgent action through greater investment, stronger cooperation, expanded technology access, clean energy adoption, gender equality and peace efforts, and emphasises that the SDGs remain the global blueprint for a sustainable and prosperous future.

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2026



SDG's Report 2026

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BUSINESS IN SOCIETY HANDBOOK

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Contribute to the 2026 Trialogue Business in Society Handbook | **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.

CDP Launches AI Tool to Cut Disclosure Time 40% | Climate research provider and environmental disclosure platform **CDP** recently announced the launch of a new AI-powered “Suggested Response” feature designed to help simplify disclosure preparation for organisations, while enabling faster and higher quality reporting.



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The seventh annual Oxford-Globe Scan Global Corporate Affairs Survey explores the priorities, challenges, and opportunities facing Corporate Affairs professionals around the world. This report highlights a growing consensus that Corporate Affairs must evolve to help organisations navigate an increasingly complex and volatile operating environment.

[Download 2026 Survey Report](#)

NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



SAVE THE DATE

NBI Membership Council Meeting 2026

Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2026

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

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

NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026

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8th Annual Regenesys Women in Business and Leadership Conference
Sandton, Gauteng

Date: Wednesday, 5 August 2026

Time: 08:00 for 09:00 to 13:00

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IN BUSINESS AND
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

Women in AI & Business: Empowering Change, Innovation and
Inclusive Leadership



World Water Week 2026

Stockholm, Sweden & Online

Date: 23 to 27 August 2026

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**Africa Climate and Sustainability
Leadership Conference 2026**

Illovo, Gauteng

Date: Tuesday, 01 September 2026

Time: 08:30 to 16:30

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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

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