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NBI and Infrastructure South Africa Strengthen Partnership to Accelerate Infrastructure Delivery



South Africa's infrastructure development agenda received a boost at the [Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa \(SIDSSA\)](#), where the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#) and [Infrastructure South Africa \(ISA\)](#) signed a renewed [Memorandum of Agreement \(MoA\)](#).

This MoA builds on the first phase of the partnership, implemented from 2020 to 2022. During that period, the NBI's [Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development \(TAMDEV\)](#) Unit provided specialised technical expertise to strengthen ISA's capacity across key infrastructure sectors.

Key areas of support included infrastructure project appraisal, planning and development, as well as the establishment of an [Infrastructure Project Management Office](#) for the Eastern Cape Provincial Government. Signed at the SIDSSA in Cape Town, which was held from 23 to 25 August 2026, the renewed MoA will expand technical support, skills transfer and mentorship, while strengthening the institutional capacity needed to develop a credible pipeline of investable infrastructure projects.

It will also deepen public-private collaboration to support more effective infrastructure and service delivery. Speaking at SIDSSA, **NBI CEO Shameela Soobramoney** reflected on the long-term role of South Africa's ports in supporting industrial and economic development. Her contribution highlighted the need for climate-resilient infrastructure, the growing impact of climate change on these, and the link between infrastructure, business and industrialisation. She also positioned sustainability as an economic opportunity.

Soobramoney further underscored the value of logistics reform as an enabler of investment. She also highlighted the role of [Operation Vulindlela](#) and ongoing freight reforms in unlocking investment, improving performance and strengthening South Africa's competitiveness.

The renewed agreement and broader discussions at SIDSSA reinforce the importance of strategic partnerships, sustainable infrastructure and effective reform in advancing South Africa's investment, industrialisation and economic development priorities.

Through TAMDEV, the NBI looks forward to supporting ISA in delivering on its mandate and contributing to job creation through the development of a stronger pipeline of investable infrastructure projects.