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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.

**NBI MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL 2026
MEMBER ONLY EVENT**



Join us tomorrow, **Friday, 2 October 2026** for the next **NBI Membership Council Meeting**, where you will have the opportunity to engage with NBI leadership and explore its governance, strategic direction and future impact.

Under the theme “**The Age of Accountability: Leadership, Trust and South Africa’s Future**,” **Busisiwe Mavuso** examines the evolving role of accountability in South Africa and its implications for business and systemic change.



If you are an NBI member and would like to attend, please contact **Nazia Padachey**.

NBI DRIVING CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

South Africa’s green economy is beginning to generate significant new demand for skills, enterprises and workers. The question is whether young South Africans will be positioned to participate in that opportunity.

The **NBI** in partnership with the Presidency through the **Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI)** and endorsed by the **Just Energy Transition Project Management Unit (JET PMU)** and the **JET Skills Desk**, are hosting the **Green Livelihoods Summit** on **13 October 2026**, in Johannesburg.



The Summit will focus on aligning green employment initiatives, expanding partnerships that drive skills development and township economic growth, and strengthening donor coordination and joint co-funding opportunities to maximise collective impact for a Just Transition.

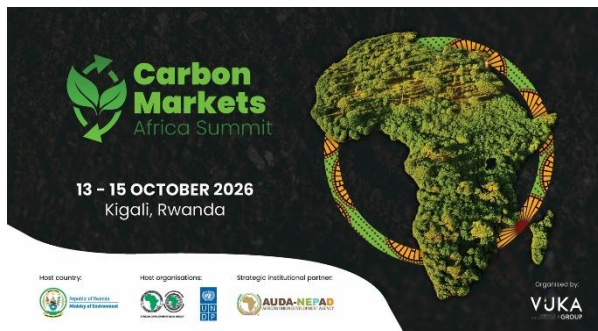
JUST SA Business Symposium: Enhancing private sector contributions toward the Just Transition in Mpumalanga



You are cordially invited to the **JUST SA Business Symposium** convened by the **National Business Initiative (NBI)** through the **Just Transition to a Decarbonised Economy for South Africa (JUST SA) project**, to explore how businesses can prepare for South Africa’s Just Energy Transition, unlock investment and support sustainable job creation.

Supported by the [Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency \(MGCA\)](#), the symposium brings together business leaders, government representatives and development partners for a practical discussion on private-sector transition planning, investment and implementation.

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Carbon Markets Africa Summit 2026

[NBI](#) joins the [Carbon Markets Africa Summit 2026](#) as a Supporting Organisation, helping to shape a market rooted in integrity, impact, and inclusive growth. Together, we are laying the groundwork for carbon markets that deliver real climate outcomes and drive sustainable development across the continent.

National Business Initiative (NBI) will contribute to conversations on the future of South Africa's wind energy sector at Windaba and WindAc Africa 2026 in Cape Town, in October.

Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze, Head of [Economic Inclusion](#) and Interim Head of [Social Transformation](#) will participate in the session, [Delivering Power to the People: Unpacking the Real Community and Jobs Impact on the Ground - Reflections by Industry and Union](#), while Lulamile Makaula, Senior Project Manager: Climate, Energy and Water is presenting on the [Just Energy Transition Skilling for Employment Programme \(JET SEP\)](#) and its role in preparing young South Africans for emerging energy jobs.



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NBI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Approaching the Inevitable: Reflections from Climate Week New York

In his latest opinion piece, **Alex McNamara** Head of NBI's **Environment Unit** reflects on **Climate Week New York** and the growing momentum behind the global shift to renewable energy, electrification and smart technologies.



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TAMDEV in Focus: Strengthening Municipalities - Why Collaboration Matters

The NBI's **Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development (TAMDEV) Programme** is featured in the latest issue of **Municipal Focus** - South Africa's premier publication for local government, municipal affairs, and community development. The piece highlights the importance of collaboration in strengthening municipal institutions, drawing on the programme's work to bring technical expertise, practical implementation support and partnerships closer to local government priorities. It also explores how sustained, locally embedded support can help municipalities strengthen their systems, deliver infrastructure and services, and turn national reform priorities into practical local opportunities.



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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

ERM: Complexity is no excuse: Our Climate Week NYC 2026 summary
Conversations emphasised that the technologies, skills, and capital required to address the energy trilemma and deliver secure, affordable, and sustainable energy are already available. However, geopolitical and macroeconomic volatility, policy uncertainty, and increasing resistance to energy and infrastructure development continue to hinder implementation.

Vodacom Foundation appoints new Board to accelerate ambition to positively impact 50 million lives across Africa by 2030. Bringing together expertise spanning economic development, public policy, technology, sustainability, governance and social impact, the new Board will help guide the Foundation's shift towards scalable, digitally enabled programmes across connected health, connected education and digital skilling.



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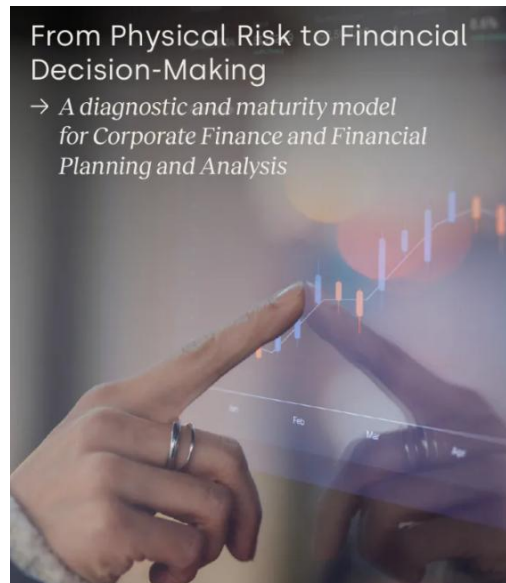
High-Hanging Fruit Whitepaper

An **Anthesis** Report, explores sustainable business opportunities beyond the low-hanging fruit those with the potential to create meaningful growth or margin but which are harder to reach and more complex to deliver. The Report introduces the Actionable Edge: opportunities that are material enough to move growth or margin, proven enough to underwrite, and executable with assets companies already have.

From Physical Risk to Financial Decision-Making: A diagnostic and maturity model for Corporate Finance and FP&A

Companies are under growing pressure to demonstrate how sustainability contributes to resilience, competitiveness and long-term value. Yet physical-risk information is still not consistently translated into the financial analysis used to shape strategy, planning, capital allocation and performance management. WBCSD's Business Value Initiative aims to help close this gap.

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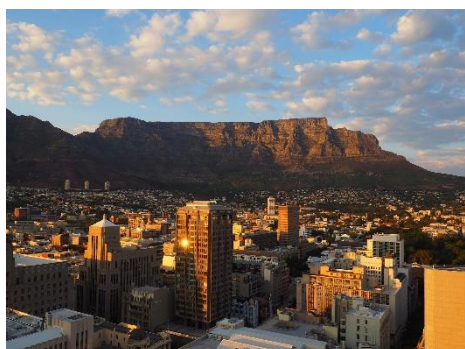
COP31: South Africa Pavilion

**Monday, 09 to Friday, 20 November
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