National Business Initiative

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# Announcing the New NBI Co-Chair of ACES



The National Business Initiative (NBI) is pleased to welcome **Makhegu Mabunda** of the Clicks Group as the incoming Co-Chair of our Advisory Council on Environment and Society (ACES).

**Makhegu** brings extensive experience in sustainability and environmental management, as well as a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing businesses as they navigate a rapidly evolving Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) landscape.

**ACES** is an NBI member platform that brings together senior business and sustainability leaders to address the issues shaping the operating environment for South African companies. It provides members with a space to exchange perspectives, share practical insights and engage early on developments that may affect their organisations and sectors.



**Makhegu** assumes the role following the conclusion of **Justine Bolton's** three-year tenure as Co-Chair. We thank Justine for her stewardship and valuable contribution to ACES and the broader sustainability dialogue across the NBI membership.

**Please note that the Q4 ACES Meeting, under Makhegu's leadership, is taking place online on Thursday, 03 December at 12:00 to 14:00.** This session will unpack key developments and insights emerging from COP31, New York Climate Week, and Hamburg Sustainability Week, alongside updates on relevant NBI initiatives and progress.