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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 OPPORTUNITY AT THE NBI

Are you an experienced communications leader looking to make a meaningful impact?



The National Business Initiative (NBI) is seeking a **Senior Communications Manager** to lead strategic communications, strengthen stakeholder engagement and amplify our work towards a sustainable, inclusive and resilient South Africa.

This opportunity is ideal for a forward-thinking professional with strong leadership experience and a passion for South Africa's socio-economic transformation.

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Introducing ***The Climate Brief,*** the NBI's new LinkedIn newsletter exploring the climate decisions, investments and partnerships shaping our economic future.

Launching with #COP31, we are moving beyond the headlines to unpack what climate action means for South Africa.

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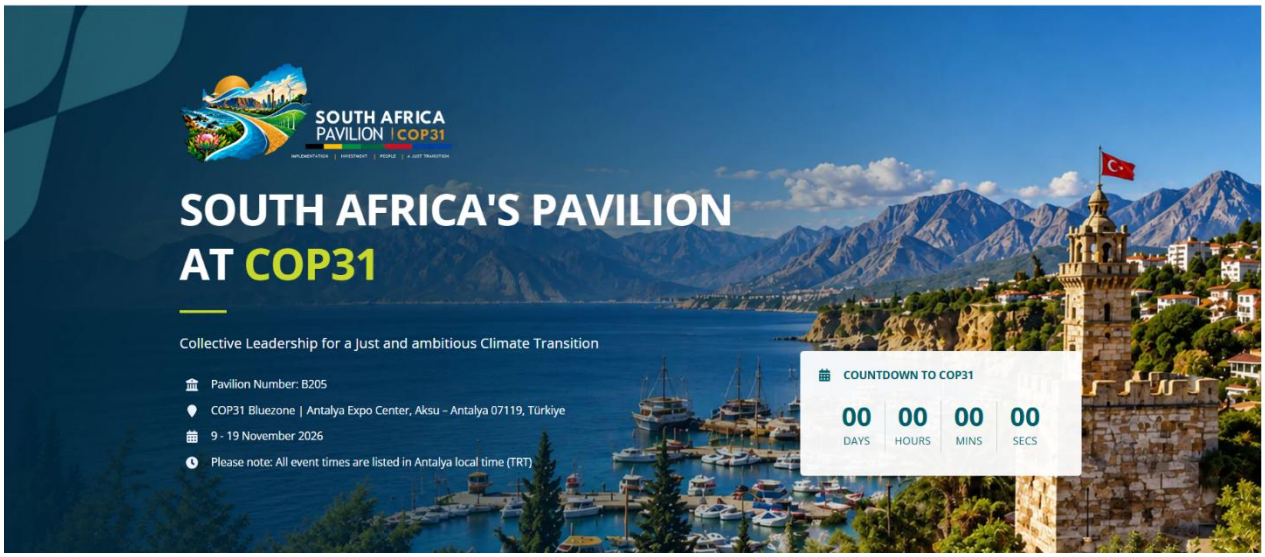

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EXPLORE GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM NBI MEMBER COMPANIES

ERM's latest report explores how interconnected climate, environmental, geopolitical and financial risks are reshaping business resilience. Drawing on an assessment of 18 global manufacturing companies, the report identifies critical gaps in risk management and offers practical recommendations to strengthen governance, inform investment decisions and build long-term resilience.



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Old Mutual explores the need to rethink SME financing through more inclusive, accessible and impact-driven approaches that can support entrepreneurship, strengthen businesses and contribute to sustainable economic growth.

The 2026/27 **RMB** Where to Invest in Africa (WTIIA) report shows a widening distinction between markets building durable investment cases through reform and diversification, and those where structural vulnerability continues to limit otherwise strong potential. Now in its third consecutive edition using the updated WTIIA model, the report provides a like-for-like view across 31 countries over 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.



Report

South African retailer **Woolworths** is committing to improving the quality of education in South Africa by supporting six early childhood development (ECD) centres in rural communities across the North West, Limpopo, and the Eastern Cape.



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The Carbon Markets Africa Summit (CMAS) 2026 concluded in Kigali with new financing initiatives and practical discussions on how African countries can develop credible carbon projects, attract investment and secure greater value for their communities.

The Summit brought together governments, project developers, investors, buyers and technical specialists. Across three days - connecting policy decisions with the commercial and technical requirements of bringing projects to market.



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The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) recently launched ISSB in Practice: Reporting Examples and Insights, the first practice-based synthesis of insights from the first year of mandatory reporting against ISSB standards.

Combining real-world company reporting examples, investor feedback and technical commentary, the guide shows how companies can connect sustainability-related risks and opportunities with business strategy and financial performance.



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NBI IN PERSON EVENTS/WEBINARS/MEETINGS 2026



JUST SA Business Symposium: Enhancing Private Sector Contributions toward the Just Transition in Mpumalanga

Wednesday, 02 December 2026
09:00 to 16:00
Sandton | Gauteng

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NATIONAL/GLOBAL EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/WEBINARS 2026/2027

ENERGY WATER WASTE FORUM
A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CAPE TOWN COMMERCIAL SECTOR

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Energy Water Waste Forum Meeting

19 November 2026
08:30 for 09:00 to 13:00
Cape Town

15th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights

23 - 25 November 2026

UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
Geneva, 23 - 25 November 2026

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Finding your Actionable Edge: How to Capture Sustainability's Next Wave of Value

01 December 2026

10:00 CST | 16:00 GMT | 17:00 CET

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United Nations Water Conference
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