

THE NELSON MANDELA BAY

BUSINESS CHAMBER



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The Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber is a Non-Profit Company, representative of a broad spectrum of businesses in Nelson Mandela Bay. It is the largest business association in the Eastern Cape. Our membership consists of approximately 800 members.

The Chamber is fully representative of the demographics of the business sector.

It is leading business transformation by example, in its staff, Board and membership equity spread.

The aim of the Chamber is to connect business, and to stimulate economic progress in Nelson Mandela Bay.

We provide services to business in the form of information, communication, seminars, task teams and networking functions. Lobbying, representation and strategic interventions are key focus areas, to facilitate an enabling environment for competitive and sustainable business in Nelson Mandela Bay.

VISION

To be a leading catalyst for economic development in
Nelson Mandela Bay

OUR MISSION

By influencing the factors and key stakeholders that
create a competitive, enabling business environment

OUR OBJECTIVES

Position the Business Chamber as the authoritative voice of
Nelson Mandela Bay business on issues
relevant to economic growth and development

Provide value-adding services to our members to meet their
identified needs.

Facilitate key economic projects that will act as catalysts for
economic growth, with a focus on skills and
infrastructure development

OUR VALUES

Integrity . Commitment . Prosperity

150 years

SERVING BUSINESS IN NELSON MANDELA BAY



The Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber has served business in the region for over 150 years.

We continue our work towards the creation of an environment conducive to doing business in our region. We strive to create opportunities for our members, stakeholders, partners and all citizens of Nelson Mandela Bay to reflect on and celebrate the Chamber's proud history, and, most importantly, to engage with its hope-filled vision for the sustainable future of business in this city.

This 150 year milestone offers us a significant opportunity to recommit ourselves to the building of a South Africa of sustainable economic growth and development. Our 150 year journey emphasizes the need for collaboration and co-operation to secure a sustainable future for business in Nelson Mandela Bay, as we look forward with vision and hope.

THE BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

Nelson Mandela Bay is the economic powerhouse of the Eastern Cape.

The automotive industry is the largest contributor to the economy. Four key sectors which have potential for further growth have been targeted for robust development.

Two of these sectors, manufacturing and tourism, are currently active contributors to the local economy, while services and creative industries have the potential to support economic growth.

The industrial base of Nelson Mandela Bay is the motor manufacturing sector.

The Eastern Cape further benefits a motor manufacturer situated in East London.

This sector also includes a well-developed supplier network. Nelson Mandela Bay's Industrial Development Strategy supports a move towards the diversification of the local economy, growing and developing the significant automotive industry, while identifying key sectors for expansion. These sectors include tourism, the maritime industry, petrochemicals, agro-processing and the green industry, with a focus on renewable energy manufacturing.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The members of the Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber are divided into sector and industry-specific categories

1. Accommodation and Conference venues, and Restaurants
2. Accounting
3. Advertising, Marketing, PR
4. Agents, Retailers, Wholesalers
5. Air conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation
6. Attorneys
7. Automation and Instrumentation
8. Automotive including Accessories, Components, Tyre and Rubber
9. Banks and Financial Institutions
10. BBB-EE Verification
11. Building and Construction Services (including Architects and Quantity Surveyors)
12. Building and Construction Supplies
13. Business Services and Consultants
14. Catering; Food and Beverage services/ manufacture
15. Civil and Consulting Engineers
16. Development and Service Organisations
17. Education and Training
18. Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Supplies
19. Employment Agencies and Consultants
20. Energy
21. Engineering and Supplies
22. Estate Agents; Property Development and Management
23. Event and Exhibition Services
24. Financial Services and Insurance
25. Fire and Safety Products; Security Services
26. Freight and Logistics, Transport, Warehousing
27. Furniture and Office Equipment
28. Information Technology and Computers
29. International Trade
30. Laboratory and Medical Supplies
31. Machinery, Equipment and Supplies
32. Manufacturers – general
33. Media and Publishing
34. Medical Aid, Health care and services
35. Metal including manufacturers and scrap
36. Oilfields and Mining
37. Paper, Print and Packaging
38. Sanitation, Hygiene and Waste Management
39. Sport and Recreation
40. Telecommunication and Equipment
41. Textiles and Allied Products and Services
42. Tool and Die
43. Tourism and Travel
44. Wool, Mohair, Hides, Skins and Allied Products
45. Other Services

SERVICES

EVENTS

Events at the Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber keep businesspeople up-to-date and informed on a wide variety of topics affecting business in Nelson Mandela Bay. Events provide a platform for our member companies to share best practice and innovation, while top quality speakers keep our members up to date on business-critical issues. Regular networking functions give businesspeople the chance to make new professional contacts. There are also a variety of promotional and sponsorship opportunities available to member companies.

Contact: events@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za or
functions@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za

SME HUB AND ENTERPRISE SERVICES

The Standard Bank-supported SME hub at the Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber provides assistance to small business, including information and referral services, and educational and networking opportunities.

The Enterprise Development Programme, supported by the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), is our offering to assist in growing entrepreneurs in business.

Contact: sme@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DESK

ECDC and First National Bank support the International Relations desk at the Nelson Mandela Bay Chamber, which provides assistance to companies in international linkages, the hosting of inbound business missions, and operating as secretariat to the Exporters Club.

Contact: info@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za

PUBLICATIONS

The Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber provides members with a variety of relevant, quality publications on a number of platforms.

These include the quarterly member magazine Infocom, an annual Business Guide, electronic newsletters and a website newsfeed, complemented by other social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Contact: media@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za or
communication@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za



ADVERTISING

Build your brand through a number of excellent channels targeted and delivered directly to business leaders in Nelson Mandela Bay.

Contact: publications@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za



CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN

As an accredited chamber, the Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber signs certificates of origin for business in Nelson Mandela Bay.

Contact: coo@nmbbusinesschamber.co.za



TASK TEAMS

The Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber's task teams provide each and every member with a platform for action. Each task team acts as a forum for the interaction of business leaders with each other, and with role-players in local government, parastatals, education, NGOs and others, in order to address business critical issues for economic growth and development in Nelson Mandela Bay.



The volunteer-driven task teams tackle broad areas critical to business, including the development of skills, SME's, renewable energy, transport, logistics and strategic resources including water and electricity

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