

Business Organisations and Associations for Women

Black Business Women's Association

The Black Business Women's Association (BBWA) was formed to help previously disadvantaged businesswomen so that they could share their mutual learning and experience with each other.



The organisation has formalised the business activities of black women in South Africa to ensure and encourage networking and access to business opportunities.

Membership Benefits

- Training in understanding various investment opportunities as well as packaging proposals/bids for such investments;
- Meeting and doing business with corporate procurement officers who are BBWA corporate partners who recognize that women are a great resource and an influential market.
- Inclusion in the BBWA Directory
- Access to BBWA's local and international businesswomen's networks as well as participation in trade missions.
- Link your business to the BBWA website
- Leadership and business development training
- Updates on legislation concerning economic empowerment of black businesswomen.

Membership fee: R1 500 per annum

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Businesswomen's Association

The Businesswomen's Association (BWA) is currently the largest association of professional and businesswomen in South Africa with a Head Office in Johannesburg and nine branches across the country.



The BWA is a non-profit, voluntary organisation committed to offering real value in the form of leading and training, connecting and supporting members and South African business.

The Association aims to be a united, non-racial business organisation that helps businesswomen to create connections on multiple dimensions - personal, professional and business - throughout their career. It also creates opportunities for women business owners to grow their businesses.

Membership Benefits:

For corporate businesswomen: Access to networking, Women in Leadership training, executive education advancement courses, advice on gender policies, and a fast-track development programme.

For entrepreneurs: Access to finance, networking, enterprise development and compliance advice, supplier diversity programmes, business health clinics, business incubation, and markets and trade opportunities through local, national and global business linkage programmes.

For female professionals: Access to networking, training, partnerships with professional bodies on policies and strategies to develop women and skills development to advance from technician to business owner.

Memberships Fees: R 500.00 (incl. VAT) per annum. There are also special rates for Corporate and group memberships.

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**Women in Business Forum – Durban
Chamber of Commerce and Industry**



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The Women in Business Forum aims to be the leader in advocating and promoting the economic interests of women. The group will:

- Pro-actively remain abreast with economic needs of women.
- Advance the cause of women by engaging various stakeholders - become the united voice of women in KZN
- Development of women through structured training, coaching & mentoring of businesses with an emphasis on scarce skills
- Facilitate the participation of women in non-traditional business sectors
- Create Networking platforms

Membership Fees: Must be a member of the Chamber. Fee is dependent on the size of the business. See website for details.

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Fine Women Business Network

The Fine Women Business Network is a platform that supports people to expand their business through networking and opportunities by linking people, products and services. This business networking initiative is designed to give aspiring and existing entrepreneurs the edge by providing a regular forum for business-to-business networks in Cape Town and Johannesburg through a variety of networking opportunities.



Membership Benefits

- **This network will provide** an opportunity to members to market their services, skills and products to a wider platform via cross-selling to other members of the network.
- **Monthly breakfast to expose entrepreneurs** to relevant speakers, dealing with a wide range of topics.
- **An interactive website:** featuring each member's profile with a direct link to their own site . Each month a different member will be featured on the home page. The website contains many functions such as: a voting poll, weekly updates, a user friendly directory of all members, up to date news & tips on business.
- **Inclusion** of your promotions / services in our monthly electronic newsletter.
- **Workshops on subjects of particular interest** to entrepreneurs
- **Members will receive** prior notice and preferential bookings at all Fine Women Business Network Functions.
- **Members will pay 20 % less** at all Fine Women Business Network Functions.

Membership fees: A monthly debit order charge of R100 excluding VAT per person.

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Website: www.finewomen.co.za

International Women's Forum



The International Women's Forum (IWF) is a global organisation of preeminent women of significant and diverse achievement who come together across national and international boundaries to share knowledge and ideas, enrich lives, provide a network of support and exert influence.

Furthermore, through its Leadership Foundation, the IWF helps prepare future generations of women leaders. With forums throughout North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the IWF facilitates networking among women of achievement and promotes opportunities for women in leadership.

Prospective members must be nominated by an existing member of the IWF and the nomination is then put before a committee.

Membership fees: R5000 per annum

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South African Women Entrepreneurs Network (SAWEN)



SAWEN supports women who are planning to start their own businesses or women who own or manage an enterprise that generates profit and in turn contributes towards growing the South African economy.

This networking programme is designed to help women entrepreneurs face the process of starting their own businesses. SAWEN is for women entrepreneurs who operate with the South African SMME sector, and especially those seeking gender equality in the business arena. It is a Registered as section 21 company and is established in all nine provinces.

Membership Benefits

- Joint marketing of products
- Group buying of input materials or services
- Joint tendering or bidding on contracts
- Sharing of information on new markets and opportunities
- Sharing of containers when exporting
- Using members of the network as suppliers or distributors

Membership Fees: R350.00 per annum and a membership form must be completed.

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Xtraordinary Women

Xtraordinary Women is a platform that leads, inspires, supports and recognises entrepreneurs in South Africa. It takes a community to build a business, and Xtraordinary Women is that community. Based in the Western Cape, Xtraordinary Women promises to inspire success and to create a platform for magic to happen.



Membership Benefits

The organisation offers annual membership benefits valued at over R13 000 (calculated annually). These include:

- Access to regular networking events
- Various Discounts from a range of business support partners
- Free services from a range of strategic partners
- Business Exposure on a number of platforms, including the website, newsletter and social media

Membership Fees: R1440 per annum

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