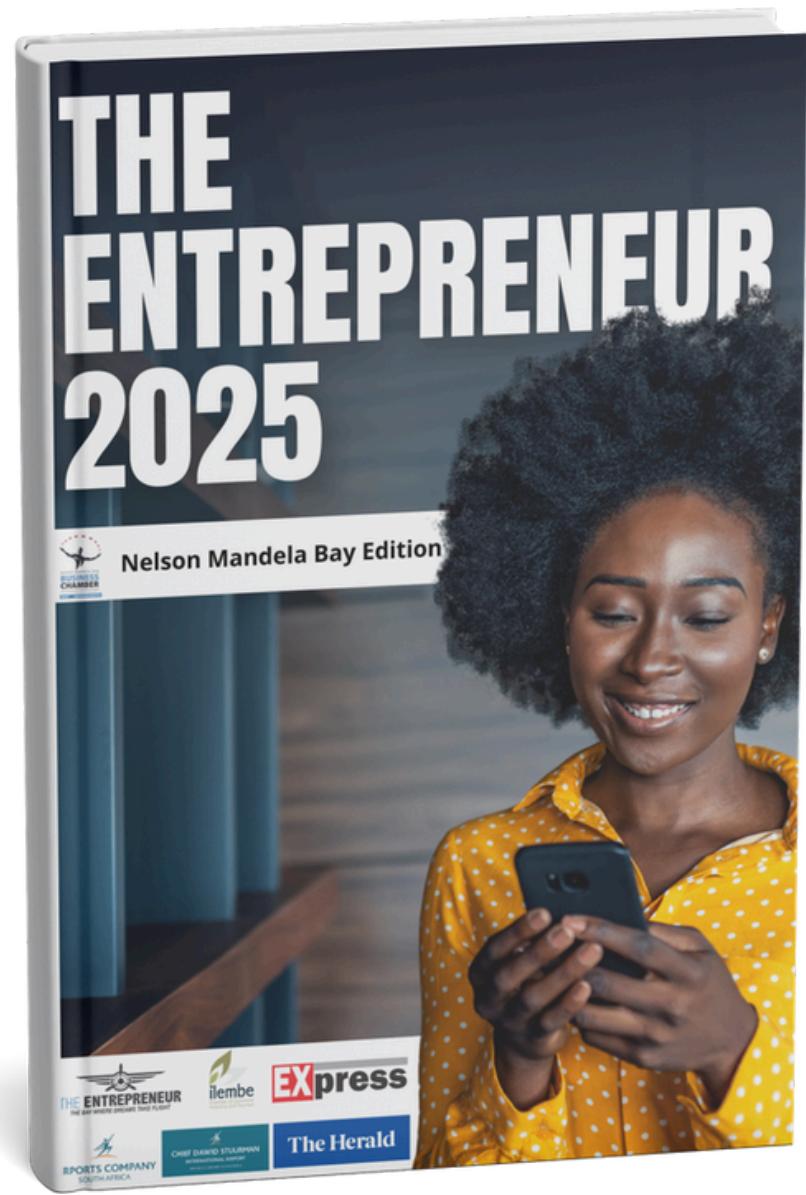


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- The Entrepreneurship Desk has grown to 440 registered business, with 73% black-owned and 54% female-owned.
- Our strategic initiatives manager Lunga Mjodo has joined the steering committee of the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation - CSIR Nanotechnology Innovation Centre's Enterprise Programme.
- We hosted the Nelson Mandela Bay edition of the Entrepreneur Programme awards and exhibition, in partnership with the Airports Company of SA. The attendees and exhibitors at the event included the 21 local businesses who successfully completed the programme. This has delivered additional benefits with several participants being invited to join the ACSA supplier development programme, providing potential opportunities to supply products to the company.

Learn more about [The Entrepreneur programme](#) in our publication launched alongside the awards.

- We are delighted that of the 21 Youth Employment Service (YES) interns placed with our member companies this year, seven have been permanently employed and one has had their contract extended.
- We have partnered with Sage to provide Desk members with 6-month vouchers to use the Sage accounting software.
- We have partnered with FinFind to provide members with direct access to verified funding opportunities. (FinFind is an online finance platform that hosts over 670 funding packages that can be applied for.)
- As part of our efforts of enabling access to market for MSMEs, all members of the Desk have been added to the MSME directory on the [Bay of Opportunity portal](#).



Left to right: Terri Diedericks (Chamber), Denise van Huyssteen (Chamber), Wilna Blignaut (CATS), Lunga Mjodo (Chamber)

MSME Directory

The Entrepreneurship Desk proudly supports over 350 MSMEs. More than just a traditional entrepreneurial development initiative, the Desk has positioned itself as a comprehensive one-stop shop for the growth and sustainability of MSMEs. This support hub advances MSMEs through strategic partnerships with expert service providers who offer pro bono support via structured workshops and personalised one-on-one advisory sessions. These interventions are designed to equip entrepreneurs with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate and thrive in competitive business environments.

[Click here to access the MSME Directory](#)

- Thank you to all the Desk members who hosted us for site visits over the past few weeks, enabling us to better understand MSMEs' operations and business challenges.