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Industrial Symbiosis Programme

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Benefits of being a IS Programme Member

Increasing profits

Achieved through identifying business opportunities and better management of resources.

Diverse Networking

Bringing together a broad range of industries, sectors and skills.

Universal – Transportation and Water

IS Programme is not limited to any particular type of resource – it includes energy, expertise, logistics, services, assets, transportation, waste and water.

Demand Driven

IS Programme is driven by the demands of its member companies.

We All Win

Synergies developed through IS Programme benefit the economy, environment and society as a whole – sustainability in action.

Free Membership

Membership to GISP, KISP and WISP is free for all companies and organisations, regardless of sector, size or turnover. Membership also gives you access to all IS Programmes throughout South Africa.



Industrial Symbiosis Programme

Connecting industry, creating opportunity

The National Cleaner Production Centre of South Africa (NCPC-SA), as the national resource efficiency programme of The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**), is the custodian of the Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal Industrial Symbiosis Programmes (GISP and KISP respectively).

A similar programme also operates in the Western Cape.

The Industrial Symbiosis Programme (IS Programme) is a free facilitation service which uses the internationally proven industrial symbiosis approach to enhance business profitability and sustainability.

What is industrial symbiosis?



Industrial symbiosis is a resource efficiency approach where unused or residual resources (material, energy, water, waste, assets, logistics, expertise etc.) of one company are used by another. This results in mutual economic, social and environmental benefits.

Facilitated industrial symbiosis implementation specialists, **International Synergies Ltd**, define industrial symbiosis as

"...the practice of **bringing together** companies from different sectors to **identify business opportunities** that **keep resources** in the economy in a **perpetual productive cycle** that **avoids waste** – in other words, **the circular economy in action**.

(www.international-synergies.com)

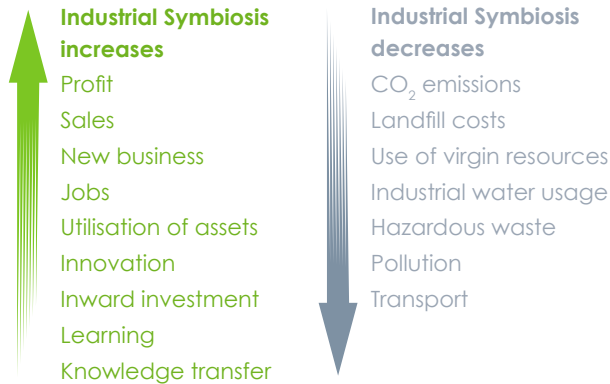


How does IS Programme work?

IS Programme uses a facilitation approach to match the under- or unutilised resources of member companies with other member companies who can use the waste to create new business opportunities. Membership is free of charge as the IS Programme is one of the fully subsidised services of the NCPC-SA.

One of the tools used by the IS Programme is Business Opportunity Workshops. At these events, the IS Programme team facilitate interactive sessions that allow participants to exchange details about resources companies have on-site or resources companies need that others may have.

Industrial Symbiosis in action



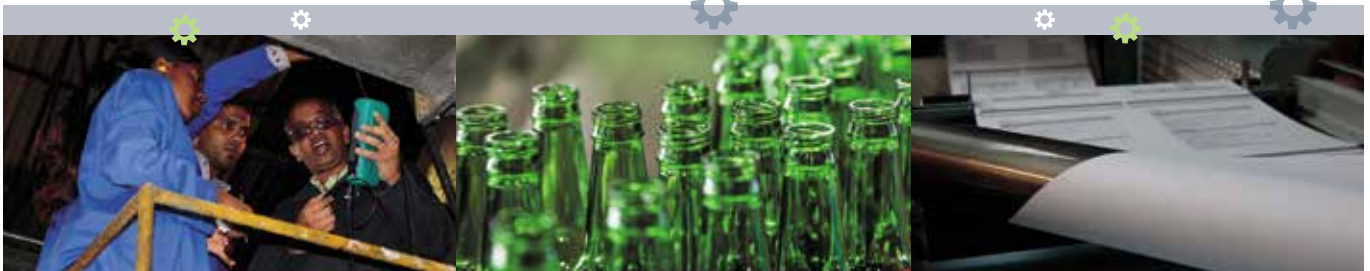
Gauteng IS Programme highlights over a seven month period.

Businesses Assisted	10
Cost Savings in 10 companies	R 1 406 400
GHG Emissions	3 121 tonnes CO ₂ e
Industrial water saved	45 628 (m ³)
New / contract jobs created	6
Virgin resources use reduction	235 000 tonnes
Waste diversion from landfill	440 tonnes

The IS Programme database now has 2 558 resources registered from 243 companies, primarily in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal.

Joining one of the IS programmes (GISP, KISP or WISP) or attending an industrial symbiosis workshop can help a company:

- **Save money** on raw materials
- Explore **new innovations** for wasted or difficult resources
- Generate **new business opportunities**
- **Reduce** their **carbon footprint** and **improve** their **environmental performance**



National Industrial Symbiosis Initiatives

GISP is jointly funded and delivered by the NCPC-SA, Gauteng Province Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) and the Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED) in collaboration with Ekurhuleni Municipality Waste Management Services.

KISP is jointly funded and delivered by the NCPC-SA, Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

The Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Programme (WISP) is funded by the Western Cape Government Department of Economic Development and Tourism and delivered by GreenCape, a sector development agency for the green economy.

Industrial Symbiosis Internationally

Industrial Symbiosis has made extraordinary contributions to businesses, economies and environmental efforts worldwide. The IS Programme model is based on the United Kingdom National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP), established in 2005 and utilises the UK's expertise and support in its early development phase.

In eight years, NISP was able to help UK companies:

- divert **47 million tonnes** of industrial waste from landfill
- generate **£1 billion** in new sales
- reduce carbon emissions by **42 million tonnes**
- cut costs by **£1 billion** by reducing disposal, storage, transport and purchasing costs
- reuse **1.8 million tonnes** of hazardous waste
- create and safeguard over **10 000 jobs**
- save **60 million tonnes** of virgin material
- save **73 million tonnes** of industrial water





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