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Dear Readers,

May has been another important month for the Inclusive Society Institute as we continue to engage with some of the most pressing issues confronting South Africa and the broader international community.

Our work during the month reflected the Institute's commitment to promoting an inclusive, democratic and socially cohesive society. We participated in the South African Human Rights Commission's urgent virtual Imbizo addressing recent marches concerning undocumented migrants, where important questions around human rights, migration, social cohesion and government responsibility were considered. We also contributed to a civil society strategy coordination workshop focused on strengthening democratic participation and civic engagement ahead of the November 2026 local government elections.

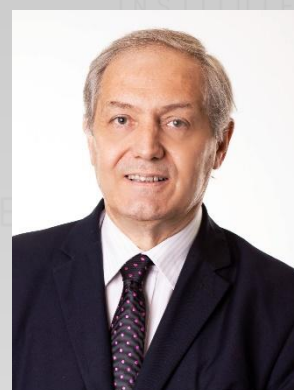
Our research and publications programme remained equally active. During May, the Institute released work examining green industrialisation and EU-Africa cooperation, China's Global Governance Initiative and the changing multilateral order, as well as *The Unfinished Republic & South Africa's Journey to an Inclusive State*. These publications reflect the breadth of our research agenda and our continued focus on developing practical, evidence-based responses to contemporary policy challenges.

The Institute's work also continued to receive significant media attention, particularly around migration, xenophobia and social cohesion in South Africa.

As always, we value your continued interest in our work. Constructive dialogue, rigorous research and meaningful engagement remain essential if we are to build a society that is more inclusive, resilient and responsive to the needs of all its people.

Warm regards,

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Activities

May 25, 2026

SAHRC Virtual Imbizo on the recent marches alleged to be against undocumented migrants

The Inclusive Society Institute participated in an urgent SAHRC virtual Imbizo addressing marches allegedly targeting undocumented migrants. The tense discussion highlighted humanitarian, human rights and social cohesion concerns, with ISI calling for more urgent government action on illegal immigration.



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Inclusive Society Institute partakes in Civil Society Strategy Coordination Workshop Geared towards the 4 November 2026 Government Elections

The Inclusive Society Institute participated in a Kagiso Trust civil society strategy workshop focused on strengthening democratic participation ahead of the 2026 elections, emphasising coordinated civic action, rebuilding public trust, voter engagement and sustained civil society involvement beyond election periods.



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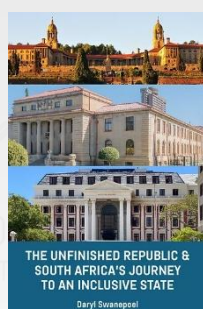
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May 2, 2026		le 360 Afrique	As elections approach, South Africa grapples with xenophobic fervor
May 2, 2026		Lareleve.ma	As elections approach, South Africa grapples with xenophobic fervor
May 3, 2026		Ivoire Diaspo	Investigation into the xenophobic crisis tearing South Africa apart
May 4, 2026		Ouest France	New surge in xenophobic violence in South Africa
May 6, 2026		La Nouvelle Tribune	Xenophobia: How South Africans are shooting themselves in the foot
May 7, 2026		Sovereign Media	Political Opportunism Fanning the Flames of Afriphobia in South Africa.
May 9, 2026		IOL	South Africa on edge as 'March and March' protests fuel rising anti-migrant tensions
May 13, 2026		The Citizen	Xenophobia grows in data vacuum while govt response stays reactive