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Dear Reader,

Three important topics were the focus of publications released during the past month by the Inclusive Society Institute (ISI).

The first dealt with South Africa's energy crisis. This is without doubt one of the most critical challenges that the country has faced since the dawn of democracy. The impact of this crisis is being felt in all spheres of society. Our report addresses some proposals to steer us out of this predicament.



We also released a substantial report on the feasibility of a Basic Income Grant (BIG) in South Africa. The debate on BIG gained momentum during the COVID pandemic. The report provides much food for thought and concludes with very specific recommendations.

The third publication dealt with a topic that has often been neglected in recent years, namely social cohesion. The occasional paper on this topic suggests that we still have a long way to go on the social cohesion front.

The subjects referred to above are all critical in our quest to build a democratic and more inclusive society. They are weighty subjects which require our attention. As the ISI, we are fortunate to have an opportunity to put the spotlight on them with a view to engendering greater debate and also to find solutions.

I trust that you will enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Regards,



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Activities

9 March 2023

ISI presentation to high-level Danish delegation

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) did a presentation to a high-level Danish Delegation, on Thursday, 09 March at 6 Spin Street. The delegation included the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Mr Søren Gade, the Ambassador to Denmark in South Africa, HE Mr Tobias Elling Rehfeld amongst others.



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