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Dear Readers,

As we close out 2025 and enter the first month of 2026, the Inclusive Society Institute remains focused on the core questions shaping South Africa's future: how we strengthen social cohesion, deepen democratic accountability, and build a more inclusive economy in a rapidly changing global environment.

The past two months have reflected this commitment in both our research and public engagement. In early December, ISI undertook a study visit to Finland to explore its multilingual education model and co-located schooling system, an experience that offers valuable insights for South Africa's own education reform and language policy debates. We also convened and contributed to a global dialogue on China's Emerging Global Governance Initiative, engaging international experts on the evolving nature of multilateralism and global power dynamics.

In the same period, we participated in the inaugural Babita Deokaran Annual Lecture, reaffirming the urgent need for stronger whistle-blower protection and ethical governance in the public sphere.

Our publication releases during December and January further advanced evidence-based debate. These include the G20 Socio-Economic Rights Barometer, an analysis of the impact of restrictive monetary policy on South Africa's economy, and a major study on violent extremism in Africa, highlighting that the continent's security challenges remain inseparable from governance, development and social inclusion.

We thank our partners, readers and collaborators for your continued engagement. We look forward to the work ahead, and to advancing practical policy solutions that serve the public good.

Warm regards,

*Daryl Swanepoel*



## Activities

Dec 5, 2025

### Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) explores Finland's multilingual education model: 1–5 December 2025

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) CEO visited Finland from 1–5 December 2025 to study its renowned multilingual education system and co-located school models, aiming to inform South Africa's education reform and multilingualism policy debates.

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Dec 8, 2025

### ISI participates in Global Dialogue on China's Emerging Global Governance Initiative

On 8 December 2025, the Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) chaired and contributed to an international dialogue on China's Global Governance Initiative (GGI), examining its implications for multilateral reform and engaging diplomats, academics and global governance experts.

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Dec 9, 2025

### ISI participates in the Inaugural Babita Deokaran Annual Lecture

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) joined national and international leaders on 9 December 2025 for the first Babita Deokaran Annual Lecture at Stellenbosch University, honoring whistle-blower courage and calling for stronger whistle-blower protection and ethical governance.

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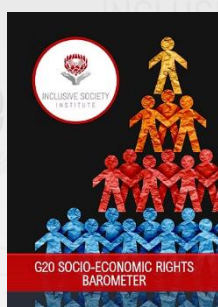


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