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Dear Readers,

September's work brought a challenge into focus: how do we turn research and dialogue into decisions that improve people's lives?

At home, our publications examined population dynamics, employment, inequality and preferential procurement. These are questions with direct consequences for households, businesses and public institutions. Understanding demographic change is essential to assessing economic progress, while debates about transformation must remain grounded in evidence and the outcomes we seek to achieve.

Our contribution to the Safety 2026 World Conference reflected this practical approach. By bringing together the findings of eight thematic working groups, the Institute helped provide a foundation for national action on safety and wellbeing.

At the Africa Youth Economic Forum, Dr Pedzisai Ndagurwa drew on our research to explore how Africa's youthful population can translate into meaningful economic opportunities. His participation highlighted the importance of connecting demographic analysis with decisions about inclusion and development.

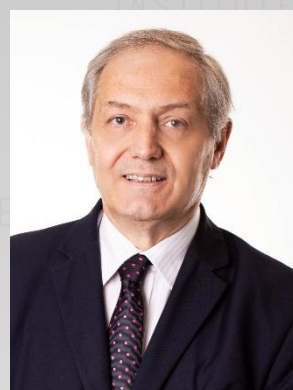
Internationally, our engagements in Washington and New York addressed the credibility of multilateral institutions, respect for international law and the need for diverse voices in G20 policymaking. These conversations matter because global decisions shape the choices available to South Africa and the wider continent.

Across these activities, our purpose remains consistent: to contribute research, encourage constructive engagement and help build a more inclusive society.

Thank you to our researchers, partners and supporters for making this work possible. I invite you to explore this edition, engage with the ideas presented and contribute to the conversations that will shape our shared future.

Warm regards,

Daryll Swanepoel



Activities

Sep 4, 2026

ISI contributes to Safety 2026 World Conference

The Inclusive Society Institute contributed to Cape Town's Safety 2026 World Conference by compiling findings from eight thematic working groups into technical reports informing the National Action Consensus Plan. Its networking stand encouraged engagement and collaboration, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive policymaking and translating public dialogue into practical safety initiatives.

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Sep 9, 2026

ISI engages UN Secretary-General candidate on international law: Stimson Center, Washington DC

Inclusive Society Institute CEO Daryl Swanepoel engaged UN Secretary-General candidate María Fernanda Espinosa at Washington's Stimson Center on 9 September 2026. He questioned the UN's role in upholding international law. Espinosa emphasised defending the international legal order to strengthen trust and legitimacy amid growing challenges to effective multilateral cooperation worldwide.

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Sep 11, 2026

AFRICA YOUTH ECONOMIC FORUM (AYEF) 2026: Innovation, Inclusion, Resilience and Economic Transformation

Dr Pedzisai Ndagurwa represented the Inclusive Society Institute at the Africa Youth Economic Forum in Midrand on 10–11 September 2026. Drawing on ISI's demographic research, he examined Africa's potential youth dividend and contributed to discussions on economic governance, inclusion and translating the continent's youthful population into opportunities and sustainable development.

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Sep 22, 2026

ISI joins T20 discussion on the G20 handover

Inclusive Society Institute CEO Daryl Swanepoel joined a T20 dialogue in New York on 22 September 2026, examining priorities for the G20 handover from the United States to the United Kingdom. Discussions promoted research cooperation across G20, G7 and BRICS processes, supporting effective multilateralism and stronger Global South policy participation.

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Sep 25, 2026

ISI participates in T20 dialogue on inclusive G20 policymaking: Engaging Diverse Voices in the G20 U.S. for Better Policymaking and Action in Uncertain Times

Inclusive Society Institute CEO Daryl Swanepoel participated in a T20 dialogue in New York on 25 September 2026. Discussions explored preserving priorities from recent G20 presidencies and involving diverse voices in policymaking. The event supported preparations for November's T20 U.S. Summit and promoted inclusive global governance and practical international cooperation.



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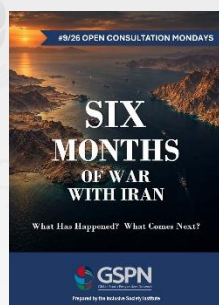
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Sep 14, 2026		Business Day	SA can create millions of jobs and still have more unemployed
Sep 17, 2026		Network 24	'Los ons uit, ons bou 'n nierassige Suid-Afrika'
Sep 17, 2026		Die Burger	'Los ons uit, ons bou 'n nasie'
Sep 19, 2026		Business Day	No, not all government contracts below R20m will be reserved for black-owned businesses
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Sep 21, 2026		IOL	Who is watching us? The hidden risks in global technology competition
Sep 21, 2026		Daily Maverick	How parliamentary haste sabotaged procurement reform and delayed transformation
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Sep 23, 2026		Business Day	Why BEE needs an outcomes-based sunset clause
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