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May 2025

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of our monthly newsletter.

This month has seen the Inclusive Society Institute actively engaged on multiple fronts, championing transparency in global finance, advocating for progressive tax reform and deepening democratic engagement through civic education.

Early in the month, we attended the #PublicDebtisPublic webinar, which introduced a new platform aimed at increasing transparency around sovereign borrowing terms. This initiative, supported by the Gates Foundation, is especially timely as we prepare for the upcoming UN Finance for Development Summit, where the Institute will argue for fairer, more just climate financing models that avoid compounding debt burdens in the Global South.

We were also privileged to participate in the Peacemaking Reflection Group's annual retreat, where former senior UN officials and policy leaders gathered to reflect on the role of multilateralism in today's world. Together with Dr Philani Mthembu, I delivered a joint intervention on UN reform through an African lens, advocating for more inclusive global governance.

Later in May, we joined civil society leaders at the International Tax Reform Summit in Johannesburg. With South Africa holding the G20 presidency for the first time, we have a unique opportunity to promote global wealth taxation, tackle illicit financial flows and strengthen revenue systems to fund development and climate action.

Locally, our Civic Education Programme continued its impactful outreach through the Taking the Constitution to the People initiative. Workshops held across Gauteng and North West engaged learners in meaningful discussions about their rights and responsibilities under South Africa's Constitution.

I invite you to explore our latest publications and join us as we continue working toward a more inclusive, just and democratic society.

Warm regards,

*Daryl Swanepoel*



## Activities

May 5, 2025

### **WEBINAR: #PublicDebtIsPublic – New public platform on sovereign borrowing terms and conditions**

#PublicDebtIsPublic is new public platform on sovereign borrowing terms and conditions. The platform draws on available data rather than trying to get reporting directly from countries or private creditors.



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### **Inclusive Society Institute's Chief Executive participates in Peacemaking Reflection Group Retreat**

The Peacemaking Reflection Group – an association of primarily former senior UN officials – held their annual retreat over the period 7 – 9 May 2025.

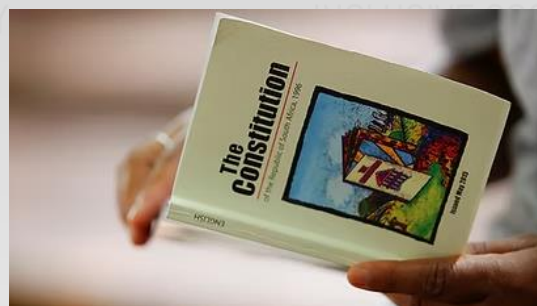


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### **Taking the Constitution to the People - Impact College, Soshanguve**

The Inclusive Society Institute continues to play a pivotal role in fostering democratic engagement and constitutional awareness among South Africa's youth, with a strong emphasis on secondary and tertiary educational institutions in Gauteng Province.

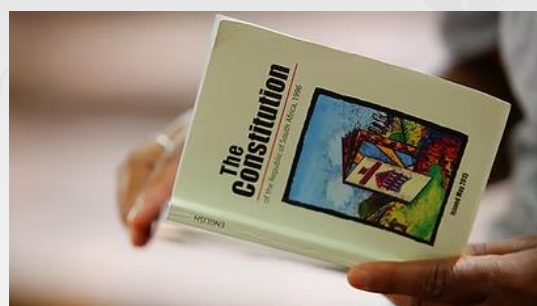


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### **Taking the Constitution to the People - Langeni City College, Brits**

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) continues to advance its constitutional education initiative across the Gauteng and North West provinces through its flagship programme, Taking the Constitution to the People: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities. This outreach initiative is designed to educate Grade 11 and 12...



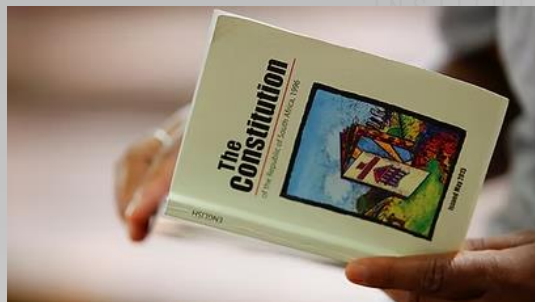
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## Taking the Constitution to the People - Excellers SA College, Brits

As part of its commitment to promoting democratic values and active citizenship, the Inclusive Society Institute continues to deliver on its initiative of “Taking the Constitution to the People.” Through a series of targeted educational workshops, the Institute is actively working to foster a culture of constitutional literacy, civic responsibility, and social cohesion among young South Africans.

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## International Tax Reform Summit: Johannesburg

The Chief Executive Officer of the Inclusive Society Institute, Daryl Swanepoel, participated in the International Tax Reform Summit which was held in Johannesburg on 27 May 2025. The summit was organised by the Alternative Information and Development Centre, the Institute for Economic Justice, Oxfam, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation.

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## Taking the Constitution to the People - Rock of Springs College, Brits

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) is intensifying its civic education efforts across the Gauteng and North West provinces through its initiative, “Taking the Constitution to the People: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities.” This outreach programme, aimed primarily at Grade 11 and 12 learners in schools and tertiary institutions, is designed to deepen young South Africans’ understanding of constitutional democracy and active citizenship.

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### Going for growth: Structural reforms needed for South Africa's economic recovery

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May 15, 2025		National Council of Provinces	Internal Question Paper
May 15, 2025		Netwerk24	Menseregte-barometer: Só vergelyk SA met ander G20-lande
May 16, 2025		Valley FM	SA op dieselfde vlak in terme van menseregte as Australië en VSA
May 20, 2025		Mail & Guardian	Budget: Building economic resilience through three strategic interventions
May 23, 2025		Pressreader	Grok reveals need for African AI
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May 25, 2025		BuyPE.co.za	Grok 'white genocide' misinformation shows need for African-tailored AI algorithms
May 28, 2025		News24	Going for growth: Structural reforms are needed for economic recovery
May 31, 2025		Department of Employment and Labour, South Africa	White Paper on National Labour Migration Policy for South Africa
May 31, 2025		Daily Investor	Rich people flooding out of South Africa