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Dear Readers,

We have stepped into 2025, and the Inclusive Society Institute remains steadfast in its mission to foster an inclusive, and prosperous South Africa. These two months under review have been pivotal for our work. We have had meaningful engagements and significant research contributions shaping national conversations on electoral reform, social cohesion, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development.

In December, we presented our electoral reform proposals to the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel, advocating for a more representative and accountable system. We also continued to drive thought leadership with the release of key publications, including insights on how South Africa can harness the artificial intelligence revolution and strategies to build a shared national identity rooted in democracy, diversity, and social justice.

Our work continues to shape public discourse, with the ISI's research and insights featured prominently in national and international media. From discussions on social cohesion and governance to the role of AI and green economies, these engagements highlight the importance of evidence-based policy in driving South Africa's progress.

As we move forward, the Institute remains committed to providing research-driven policy recommendations and fostering dialogue that strengthens our democracy. We invite you to explore our latest publications, media engagements, and upcoming initiatives as we work together towards a more inclusive society.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an impactful year ahead.

Warm regards,

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Activities

Dec 4, 2024

Inclusive Society Institute presents its electoral reform proposals to the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) attended and presented its electoral reform proposals to the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel (ERCP) on Wednesday, 4 December 2024. The ERCP public consultations was held at the Imbizo Centre in Parliament.



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Dec 1, 2024		Journal of African Business (Global Africa Network)	Why Special Economic Zones succeed
Dec 1, 2024		Daily Maverick	Auditor-General's local government report points to SA becoming the Wild West
Dec 3, 2024		The Star	Social cohesion in SA has reached tipping point
Dec 3, 2024		Cape Argus	Social cohesion in SA has reached tipping point

Dec 3, 2024		Daily News	Social cohesion in SA has reached tipping point
Dec 4, 2024		Business Day	Bold leadership needed to defuse powder keg
Dec 5, 2024		buyPE.co.za	Reach out: South Africa's social cohesion is only so-so and we need to fix it
Dec 5, 2024		Mail & Guardian	Reach out: South Africa's social cohesion is only so-so and we need to fix it
Dec 5, 2024		Head Topics	Declining Social Cohesion in South Africa: A Look into the Rainbow Nation's Future
Dec 6, 2024		Mail & Guardian	Why the proposed national dialogue risks becoming a missed opportunity
Dec 10, 2024		Global Africa Network	Why Special Economic Zones succeed (and why some fail)
Dec 11, 2024		United National General Assembly	Participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development
Dec 11, 2024		BusinessTech	Wealthy South Africans flocked to these 3 migration hotspots in 2024
Dec 16, 2024		eNCA	Reconciliation Day How has social cohesion evolved since 1995?
Dec 19, 2024		SAfm Night Talk	The state of reconciliation in South Africa
Jan 7, 2025		BusinessDay	What we can learn from global public sector AI successes
Jan 10, 2025		BusinessDay	Strategies for a green economy in SA
Jan 20, 2025		Mail & Guardian	Forging a unique South African identity
Jan 26, 2025		City Press	AI will supercharge South African businesses
Jan 30, 2025		Daily Maverick	With the GNU comes hope, a sense of fresh energy and new talent