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Dear Readers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. February has been a month of significant activities and publications for the Inclusive Society Institute.

We participated in the Public Hearings on the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill, aiming to contribute to the discourse on electoral reforms. Additionally, we hosted the Africa Consultative Meeting (ACM) in Cape Town, bringing together think tanks from across the continent to discuss policy proposals for advancing development in Africa. Furthermore, our collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung South Africa (FES), the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) resulted in a seminar focused on strengthening coalition governance for effective service delivery.

We are also pleased to announce the release of several publications. "Coalition Government: Lessons from Finland" and "Danish Labour Market Model: Lessons for South Africa" offer valuable insights into governance and labour market dynamics. Additionally, our input on the General Intelligence Laws Amendment Bill, 2023, and the South African Macroeconomics Overview 2024/2025 contribute to informed decision-making in our country.

In the media, our activities have garnered attention, with coverage ranging from discussions on electoral reforms to analyses of political landscapes and emigration trends. We appreciate the engagement and interest shown by various news outlets and civil society organizations. As we move forward, let us continue our efforts to foster inclusivity, effective governance, and socioeconomic development in South Africa and beyond.

Warm regards,

Daryll Swaneepoel



Activities

6 February 2024

Public hearings at Parliament

The Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs and the Select Committee on Security and Justice held Public Hearings on the Electoral Matters Amendment Bill [B42 – 2023] on Tuesday, 6 February 2024.

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Africa Consultative Meeting (ACM), 26-28 February 2024, Cape Town

The ACM has as its objective the bringing together of think-tanks from across Africa to consider, discuss and develop policy proposals that will advance development on the continent.

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Strengthening Inclusive Coalition Governance for Effective, Efficient, and Transformative Service Delivery

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung South Africa (FES), the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) collaborated in hosting a two-day seminar under the theme of “Strengthening Coalition Governance for Effective, Efficient and Transformative Service Delivery”.

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Coalition Government: Lessons from Finland

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2 February 2024		The Citizen	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		Oudtshoorn Courant	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		Knysna-Plett Herald	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		Graaff-Reinet Advertiser	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		Mossel Bay Advertiser	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		George Herald	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		South Cape Forum	Amend poll Bill to be fairer, say civil groups
2 February 2024		News365	Civil groups: Amend poll Bill to be fairer
4 February 2024		Daily Maverick	New poll confirms ANC slide – desperate South Africans want new options
4 February 2024		eNCA	Surge in Sa professionals applying to move abroad
4 February 2024		eNCA	Concern over rise in youth emigration
5 February 2024		e.TV	Concern over rise in youth emigration
5 February 2024		BNN	South Africa's Political Landscape: Limited Impact from New Parties, Survey Indicates
5 February 2024		CapeTalk	Political Analysis: Intent to emigrate remains disturbingly high
5 February 2024		702 FM	Political Analysis: Intent to emigrate remains disturbingly high
5 February 2024		Radio Tygerberg	Surge in SA professionals applying to move abroad
6 February 2024		Newstral	ANC to lose support, top 6 parties dominate, smaller ones get 4% of vote - survey finds

6 February 2024		news24	ANC to lose support, top 6 parties dominate, smaller ones get 4% of vote - survey finds
6 February 2024		Pretoria FM	“Nuwe partye sal nie top ses se steun beïnvloed nie”
6 February 2024		Ukhlobo Wenene FM	Electoral Matters Amendment Bill
6 February 2024		Ground News	ANC to lose support, top 6 parties dominate, smaller ones get 4% of vote - survey finds
6 February 2024		Chai FM	ANC to lose support, top 6 parties dominate, smaller ones get 4% of vote - survey finds
6 February 2024		Wild Coast FM	Bulk of vote shared by ANC DA EFF IFP Action SA
6 February 2024		Kingfisher FM	New political parties will have little impact on votes
6 February 2024		Die Vryburger	Nuwe partye sal nie top ses beïnvloed
6 February 2024		Ekurhuleni FM	Survey shows top political parties support not affected by newcomers
6 February 2024		RSG	Nuwe navorsing wys dat die ANC opdraende gaan kry in die komende verkiesings
6 February 2024		Business Day	Proposed powers to manage disclosure of donations spark outrage in parliament
6 February 2024		CapeTalk	Intent to emigrate remains disturbingly high
6 February 2024		Daily Maverick	Coalition building is no easy task, South Africa should look carefully at success stories like Finland
6 February 2024		News24	Civil society critical of president getting powers to determine party funding thresholds
6 February 2024		News24	New Ipsos poll: ANC plummets to 40%, EFF challenging DA to be the official opposition
6 February 2024		The Custom Reports	South Africa's Political Landscape: Limited Impact from New Parties, Survey Indicates
6 February 2024		Parliamentary Monitoring Group	Electoral Matters A/B: joint public hearings; Marriage Bill: update; Constitutional Court Order on the Wyngaard matter
7 February 2024		Vrye Weekblad	G'n immunititeit vir Trump, en SA het nou 27,4 miljoen kiesers
7 February 2024		Network 24	Wetswysigings oor finansiering van partye 'moet verwerp word'
7 February 2024		Daily Investor	Skilled people want to leave South Africa
7 February 2024		Business Day	Uproar Over Proposed Powers To Manage Donation Disclosure

7 February 2024		Beeld	'Verwerp Wetswysigings Oor Finansiering'
7 February 2024		Die Burger	'Verwerp Wetswysigings Oor Finansiering'
7 February 2024		Volksblad	'Verwerp Wetswysigings Oor Finansiering'
7 February 2024		Pretoria FM	Survey shows top political parties support not affected by newcomers
8 February 2024		News24	Is this Ramaphosa's final SONA?
8 February 2024		IOL	Electoral Matters Amendment Bill back in the spotlight
8 February 2024		Chai FM	2024 SONA
9 February 2024		Cape Argus	Navigating complexities of coalition politics
9 February 2024		The Star	Navigating complexities of coalition politics
9 February 2024		Daily News	Navigating complexities of coalition politics
9 February 2024		Mail & Guardian	Fix special economic zones for growth
9 February 2024		Business Day	Growth drivers coming to the fore
10 February 2024		News24	Motsoaledi defends presidential power grab to set party donation limits in new bill
12 February 2024		Mail & Guardian	Fix special economic zones for growth in South Africa
12 February 2024		Banoyi	Fix special economic zones for growth in South Africa
14 February 2024		Parliamentary Monitoring Group	Electoral Matters A/B: further DHA response to public submissions & deliberations (with Minister)
15 February 2024		My Vote Counts	Motsoaledi defends presidential power grab to set party donation limits in new bill
18 February 2024		Business Tech	Skilled youth in South Africa are flooding to these 5 countries – and here's why
19 February 2024		The South African	Emigration Alert: South Africa's young professionals want out
19 February 2024		SA People News	Skilled professionals are leaving South Africa
19 February 2024		Die Suid-Afrikaner	Emigrasiewaarskuwing: Suid-Afrika se jong professionele persone wil uit

19 February 2024		Rateweb	Young South African Professionals Eye Emigration Amid Job Dilemma
22 February 2024		The South African	SA's skilled youth flocking to these countries – Why?
26 February 2024		Business Day	Embracing Flexicurity - Labour Lessons From Denmark
27 February 2024		Cape Argus	Inaugural Africa Thinktank Gathering To Begin In City Today
27 February 2024		IOL	Inaugural think tank gathering to commence today
27 February 2024		BNN	African Think Tanks Unite in Cape Town to Shape the Continent's Future
29 February 2024		Cape Argus	African Think Tanks Join Hands In Network
29 February 2024		IOL	African think-tanks join hands to form unified voice on issues facing continent