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Dear Readers,

August has been a defining month for the Inclusive Society Institute, marked by critical engagements and thought leadership that advance our mission of building an inclusive, democratic, and prosperous South Africa.

One of the most significant highlights was our participation in the National Dialogue Convention on 15–16 August. This landmark event brought together diverse stakeholders to deliberate on solutions for South Africa's pressing socio-economic challenges. The Institute played an active role in shaping discussions around social cohesion, governance reform and inclusive growth - issues that remain central to our work.

Earlier in the month, we contributed to the Local Government Inclusive Growth Index Webinar, which explored strategies for fostering equitable development at municipal level. Local government is the frontline of service delivery and strengthening its capacity is essential for sustainable progress.

Our Constitutional Insights series with Justice Albie Sachs continued with an episode on the role of state institutions in supporting constitutional democracy. These conversations are vital for reinforcing accountability and safeguarding democratic values.

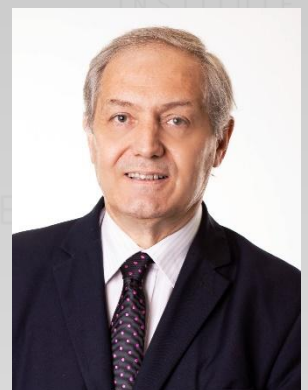
On the global front, we hosted the Reform UN80 webinar, examining the future of multilateralism as the United Nations approaches its 80th anniversary. This dialogue aligns with our commitment to influencing global governance reform and ensuring Africa's voice is heard internationally.

Finally, we released key publications, including the latest Journal for Inclusive Public Policy and reports on Financing Africa on Africa's Terms and Navigating the US-Africa-China Triangle, providing fresh insights into global and continental dynamics.

As we move forward, our focus remains on deepening research, expanding civic education, and fostering partnerships that drive meaningful change. Thank you for your continued support in making these initiatives possible.

Warm regards,

*Daryll Swanepoel*



## Activities

Aug 6, 2025

### Insights from the Local Government Inclusive Growth Index Webinar: Fostering Inclusive Economic Progress

The webinar held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 on the Local Government Inclusive Growth Index (LGIGI). Was hosted by Infrastructure South Africa in collaboration with the University of Johannesburg, gathered a group of stakeholders committed to advancing equitable development at the municipal level.



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Aug 16, 2025

### Inclusive Society Institute CEO participates in landmark National Dialogue Convention: 15-16 August 2025

The Inclusive Society Institute's Chief Executive Officer, Daryl Swanepoel, participated in the 1st National Convention of the National Dialogue, held from 15–16 August 2025 at the University of South Africa's Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria.



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Aug 20, 2025

### The role of state institutions in supporting constitutional democracy

On 20 August 2025, the Inclusive Society Institute, in partnership with Daily Maverick, hosted the second episode of its Constitutional Insights by Albie Sachs webinar series. This series builds on a four-part podcast with former Constitutional Court Justice Albie Sachs, offering South Africans a deeper understanding of the Constitution's founding values and exploring the challenges of building a more inclusive and accountable democracy.



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Aug 21, 2025

### Inclusive Society Institute attends Parliament's Social Services Cluster Briefing

The Inclusive Society Institute, represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr Daryl Swanepoel, attended the Social Services Cluster Media and Stakeholder Briefing held on Thursday, 21 August 2025.



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Aug 25, 2025

### Reform UN80: Renewal or Decline?

On Monday, 25 August 2025, the Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) hosted a high-level webinar entitled “Reform UN80: Renewal or Decline? The Future of Multilateralism at the United Nations’ 80th Anniversary.” The event formed part of ISI’s ongoing consultations to shape its position on global governance reform.



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Aug 28, 2025

### The Gathering

The recent Daily Maverick: The Gathering marked its 15th iteration of the flagship annual event. Held on 28 August, it brought together some of South Africa’s leading thinkers and doers. Including journalists, business leaders, activists and public officials, the event offered an interactive space for public discussion. Represented by Dr Klaus Kotzé, the Inclusive Society Institute actively participated in the day’s proceedings.



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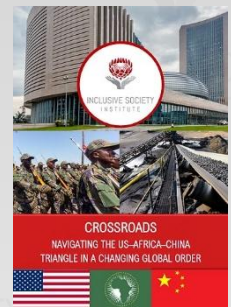
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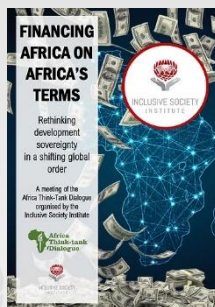
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Daily Maverick

Steps SA simply must take in an effort to secure a US trade deal

Aug 3, 2025



Netwerk24

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Aug 6, 2025		Business Day	Empowering small-scale fisheries
Aug 11, 2025		Mail & Guardian	National Dialogue is not about politicians talking, it's about people doing
Aug 12, 2025		CapeTalk	Explainer: The National Dialogue
Aug 20, 2025		Business Day	Africa's future must be funded by Africans
Aug 20, 2025		Daily Maverick	The watchdogs of democracy – the vital role of SA's state institutions
Aug 23, 2025		IOL	Operation Dudula's vigilante crusade meets Parliament's fury
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Aug 24, 2025		Weekly SA Mirror	Operation Dudula: SA guarantees Mozambicans protection
Aug 26, 2025		eNCA	Warning against inflated illegal immigration figures
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Aug 28, 2025		news24	SA Human Rights Commission to pursue sanctions against Malema after hate speech ruling
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