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Dear Readers,

It brings me great pleasure to share the latest updates and highlights from our diverse range of activities and engagements.

This month, the ISI participated in the "Reflection Group on the Future of Multilateralism" convened by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. As the world grapples with a complex geopolitical landscape, we champion the call for more inclusive multilateralism, emphasizing the need for reform, particularly from the Global South.

We hosted a compelling panel discussion on the "Impact of the Construction Mafia on the South African Economy." This event, held at the Deloitte offices in Midrand, Johannesburg, aimed at assessing the far-reaching effects of the Construction Mafia on our economic landscape.

I engaged in a crucial dialogue on "South African Perceptions of China's Belt and Road Initiative," offering insights into this significant global initiative. Further, we led an "ISI Economic Delegation to China" to gain a deeper understanding of the Belt and Road Initiative and China's Special Economic Zones.

Our involvement in the "17th International Winelands Conference" in Stellenbosch centred on re-imagining public servant leadership in a post-capture, post-pandemic governance landscape.

Recognizing the potential shift towards coalition government in South Africa, we hosted a webinar on "Coalition Government: Lessons from Finland," drawing on Finland's extensive experience in this realm.

In addition, we provided a "Country Briefing on South Africa: A Socio-economic and Political Prognosis" to a Swedish delegation led by ACCESS Sweden. This edition also unveils our latest publication, "Re-modeling the BRICS New Development Bank," offering insights into rethinking its lending model and governance structure.

I appreciate your continued interest and support as we navigate these critical conversations and strive for a more inclusive and equitable global landscape.

Warm regards,

*Daryll Swanepoel*



## Activities

2 October 2023

### Reflection group on the future of multilateralism convened by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

The recent summits of BRICS and G20 as well as the ongoing UN General Assembly conveyed one clear message: the multilateral system needs to change, and the Global South will have a stronger voice in its reform. Navigating a complex, crisis-ridden and increasingly polarized geopolitical landscape, South Africa champions this push for more inclusive multilateralism.



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### Panel discussion on the impact of the Construction Mafia on the South African economy

The Inclusive Society Institute hosted a panel discussion aimed at assessing the impact of the Construction Mafia on the South African economy. The event was held on 11 October 2023 at the offices of Deloitte in Midrand, Johannesburg.



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### Dialogue on South African perceptions of China's Belt and Road Initiative

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute attended a dialogue on South African perceptions of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) that was hosted by the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD). The dialogue took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Pretoria on 12 October 2023. The dialogue was presented through the China-Africa Joint Research and Exchange Programme.



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### ISI Economic Delegation to China

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) led an economic delegation to China with the objective of gaining a deeper understanding of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Special Economic Zones regime of China.



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## 17th International Winelands Conference

The 17th International Winelands Conference took place in Stellenbosch on 16, 17 and 18 October 2023. This year's theme was: "Re-imagining Public Servant Leadership in a post-capture, post-pandemic governance landscape".

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## Seminar on Coalition Government: Lessons from Finland

Recent polls from various institutes suggest that South Africa is heading for coalition government, possibly at the national level, but certainly at the provincial level of government. To this end, given the long historical experience of coalition governments in Finland, the Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) hosted a panel discussion via webinar on Coalition Government: Lessons from Finland.

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## South Africa country briefing: A socio-economic and political prognosis

On Monday, 30 October 2023, the Inclusive Society Institute briefed a Swedish delegation led by ACCESS Sweden on the state of socio-economic and political affairs in South Africa. The briefing took place at the offices of Deloitte in Cape Town.

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### Re-modeling the BRICS New Development Bank

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7 October 2023		The Citizen	Smaller parties 'gamechangers'
13 October 2023		Daily News	Adapting for an uncertain future
13 October 2023		The Star	Adapting for an uncertain future
13 October 2023		Cape Argus	Vehicle for a better future
18 October 2023		TopAuto	"E-tolls are history" – But you'll have to keep paying
18 October 2023		Cape Argus	Global solutions required
18 October 2023		The Star	Global governance reimaged
18 October 2023		Daily News	Global governance reimaged
25 October 2023		LitNet	Die 2024-verkiesing: Is 'n Suid-Afrikaanse Lente op pad?
31 October 2023		FOGGS Update	FOGGS & Partners Event in New York, 15 September 2023