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Dear Reader,

Freedom Day on 27 April 2022 marked 28 years since the first democratic elections in South Africa's history. It presented us with a moment to reflect on the achievements and challenges over this period. This road has not been easy but there is still a lot of reasons to be optimistic.

The national state of disaster to deal with the COVID19 pandemic has been lifted. This has opened up opportunities for the economy. It will also make it possible to have more face-to-face engagements which are very valuable.

During the past month, I could meet with likeminded individuals and organisations in countries such as Sweden and Denmark. These were all very productive meetings and builds on the existing international collaborative efforts which are so important for the development of our country.

The Russia-Ukraine war continues to capture headlines around the world. The impact of this war has not left South Africa untouched. Our occasional paper on this topic makes for interesting reading.

Social cohesion and inequality remain major themes on the national landscape. We released two reports in this regard, which we hope will stimulate for discussion and work in these areas.

We are grateful for your support of our work and appreciate engagement on our activities.

Regards,

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Activities

1 April 2022

ISI speaks on the Welfare State at the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees

The Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) was invited to participate in a panel discussion titled “Is South Africa advancing towards the Welfare State”, which was hosted by Die Burger during the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees. The ISI was represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr Daryl Swanepoel.

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25 April 2022

ISI meets with the Institute for Futures Studies

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Profs Folke Tersman and Joe Rousses of the Institute of Futures Studies to discuss and take forward work they are already collaborating on, and to seek synergies for further potential collaboration. They discussed inequality, and ways to bring about a more socially just society. The ISI is currently working with the IFFS on a number of projects, such as shifting the inequality debate that focusses of income inequality to wellbeing inequality, and programmes to advance social democracy as a mechanism for steering South Africa towards a more caring and fairer country.



25 April 2022

ISI meets with the Olof Palme International Center

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with representatives of the Olaf Palme Centre, including its Secretary General, Ms Anna Sundström. The aim of the discussions were to discuss ways to share and advance shared social democratic values between Sweden and South Africa, and to consider practical ways in which to give expression thereto. Amongst other, they discussed international cooperation in the fields of democracy and human rights, and the need to improve the efficacy of international multilateralism.



26 April 2022

ISI meets with Global Challenges Foundation

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Jens Orback, the Director of the Global Challenges Foundation and its Secretariat. They discussed a joint project on the Sustainable Population of Earth that they are working on, and how to advance the outcome of its findings. They also decided to explore future joint work in the field of multilateralism, and specifically how to improve the efficacy of its institutions.



26 April 2022

ISI meets with the Swedish Social Democratic Party

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Johan Hassel, the International Secretary of the Swedish Social Democratic Party, with who it is working on a project to define the meaning of social democracy in the modern world and the conditions needed within society to advance towards the welfare state. They also discussed ways and means to improve Swedish - South Africa dialogue across a number of socio-economic and political areas.



26 April 2022

ISI meets with the International IDEA

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Ms Theresa Pearce Laanela of IDEA to discuss potential areas of cooperation. They were of the opinion that collaboration between the two sides could be mutually beneficial to advance the shared values of democracy and human rights. Of particular interest was the strengthening of political parties and electoral systems, as well as to stimulate continued active participation of society within the democratic dispensation.



27 April 2022

ISI meets with Arenagruppen

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Håkan Bengtsson, the CEO of Arenagruppen. The purpose of the visit was to further chart the way forward for the project the two sides are working on in the field of understanding and promoting social democracy in the 21st century. They also agreed to further explore ways in which the memory of the Danish Anti-Apartheid activists could be preserved, and to share and work together with regard to public policy research.



28 April 2022

ISI meets with Cevea

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute (ISI) met with Abjorn Sonne Norgaard, the CEO of the public policy research institute CEVEA. CEVEA, like the ISI does its work through the lens of social democracy. They shared ideas on a range of socio-economic policies and discussed the potential for future cooperation between the two organisations.



28 April 2022

ISI meets with the Danish Social Democratic Party

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Marianne Hansen, the International Consultant of the Danish Social Democratic Party and Steen Christensen, a former Secretary General of the Party. They discussed ways and means to improve Danish - South Africa dialogue across a number of socio-economic and political areas. There was a strong feeling that the cooperation between the Danish political fraternity and the South African liberation movement during the Anti-Apartheid years was in need of revitalisation and nurturing.



28 April 2022

ISI visits Workers' Museum

The Inclusive Society Institute CEO visits the Worker's Museum in Copenhagen. Discusses with its Director, Soren Bak-Jansen, potential collaboration on building legacy archives



28 April 2022

ISI meets with the Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Ms Lisbeth Pilegaard of the Danish Institute for Political Parties and Democracy. They shared the outcomes of their work and plans going forward. They agreed that much could be achieved through the sharing between parties with regard to best practice as it relates to party management. They also considered ways in which Danish and South African parties could work together in such exchange of ideas.



29 April 2022

ISI meets with University of Copenhagen

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with a team, led by Professor Karen Lauterbach, of the Centre for African Studies at the University of Copenhagen. The purpose of the visit was to establish ties with a view to collaboration in studies related to contemporary African public policy, human rights and democracy. A critical aspect of the discussion was related to the African response to the future of multilateralism.



29 April 2022

ISI meets with Arbejderbevægelsens (Economic Council of the Labour Movement)

The CEO of the Inclusive Society Institute met with Lars Andersen, the CEO of the Economic Council of the [Danish] Labour Movement. The ISI was particularly interested in how the political fraternity, civil society and the labour movement of Denmark engaged in the field of public policy promotion and development. It was felt that South Africa could learn much from the Danish welfare model and how it impacts labour regulations which is surprisingly liberal. The two organisations discussed ideas for future collaboration and exchanges.

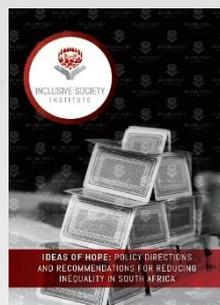


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