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#### In the media

Dear Readers,

This month under review has been particularly significant, with key events and publications that reinforce our mission.

A highlight was the release of the 2024 South African Social Cohesion Index (SASCI) on 5 February, in collaboration with Constructor University in Bremen, Germany. The Index provides critical insights into the state of social cohesion in our country, reflecting both progress and challenges. The launch event, co-hosted with Telkom at Villa Calatrava, featured a keynote address by Deputy President Paul Mashatile.

On 4 February, the Black Professionals Institute (BPI) hosted its annual lecture and panel discussion, with former Statistician General Prof. Pali Lehohla delivering a thought-provoking address on South Africa's demographic and economic future. We participated in the panel discussion.

Further extending our engagement on global platforms, I had the privilege of participating in the Türkiye-Africa Media Forum in Istanbul on 28 February. The discussions on public diplomacy and strategic communication underscored the importance of international collaboration in shaping inclusive narratives.

Our recent publications, including the SASCI 2024 Update and our study on the decolonisation of education, continue to inform policy and discourse. We encourage you to engage with these findings and contribute to the ongoing conversation.

The impact of our work has also been widely acknowledged in the media, with coverage in major outlets such as TimesLIVE, SABC News, Business Day, and Mail & Guardian. These discussions have sparked national conversations on the role of social cohesion, economic resilience, and the power of shared narratives in shaping a united South Africa.

Warm regards,

*Daryl Swanepoel*



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## Activities

Feb 4, 2025

### Black Professionals Institute Lecture and Panel Discussion

The Black Professionals Institute (BPI) held its annual lecture and panel discussion on Tuesday evening, 4 February 2025.

The annual lecture was delivered by Prof. Pali Lehohla (former Statistician General, who spoke on the topic “Whither a democratic dividend or demographic disaster: What is to be done?”



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### Inclusive Society Institute releases the 2024 South African Social Cohesion Index

The ISI released the 2024 South African Social Cohesion Index at a function co-hosted by Telkom and themselves at Villa Calatrava in Cape Town on 5 February 2025. SASCI, a multiyear trends analysis of social cohesion in South Africa was developed on cooperation with Constructor University in Bremen, Germany.



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Feb 28, 2025

### Türkiye Africa Media Forum

The Chief Executive Officer of the Inclusive Society Institute, Daryl Swanepoel participated in the TÜRKİYE AFRICA MEDIA FORUM, which was held on 28 February 2025 in Istanbul, Türkiye.



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Feb 4, 2025		TimesLIVE	The annual BPI lecture
Feb 4, 2025		The Presidency	Deputy President Mashatile to deliver keynote address at the launch of the 2024 Social Cohesion Index Research
Feb 5, 2025		SABC News	Launch of 2024 Social Cohesion Index Research
Feb 5, 2025		SABC News	2024 Social Cohesion Index   'SA compares favourably with countries like Germany': Daryl Swanepoel
Feb 5, 2025		SABC News	Social Cohesion Index   'Building the country together' - Paul Mashatile
Feb 5, 2025		The Presidency	Keynote address by Deputy President Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile at the launch of the 2024 South African Social Cohesion Index (SASCI), Western Cape
Feb 7, 2025		Farmer's Weekly	Planning is vital to reduce climate 'transition shock'
Feb 7, 2025		Polity	The South Africa Social Cohesion Index: Measuring the well-being of a society
Feb 7, 2025		Daily Maverick	Cooperative government is key to a prosperous future for SA
Feb 12, 2025		Engineering News	Our pride in being South African is the glue that holds us together
Feb 12, 2025		The Mercury	Insights from the 2024 SA social cohesion index
Feb 12, 2025		Cape Times	Insights from the 2024 SA social cohesion index
Feb 12, 2025		iWeb	Being proudly South African is powerful unifying force
Feb 12, 2025		NG Kerk in Oos-Kaapland	Indeks meet Sosiale Kohesie in Suid-Afrika vandag
Feb 12, 2025		SAfm The Talking Point	Citizens Corner: Social cohesion on the decline, how do we turn things around?
Feb 13, 2025		eNCA	Limpopo has more social cohesion levels than KZN - Research
Feb 14, 2025		eNCA	2024 Social Cohesion Index
Feb 19, 2025		Business Day	Make plans to secure the US market because Trump tariffs will hurt
Feb 19, 2025		Business Day	Trump tariff fest poses a threat to SA exports
Feb 21, 2025		Times LIVE	Is technology bad for social cohesion in SA? It seems so

Feb 24, 2025		Mail & Guardian	A national dialogue must be people-centred for SA to thrive
Feb 28, 2025		İletişim Başkanlığı	“Türkiye-Africa Media Forum” was held in Istanbul
Feb 28, 2025		Anadolu Agency	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		8Sutun	Türkiye-Africa Media Forum: Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication
Feb 28, 2025		Haberport	Strategic Communication and Public Diplomacy Discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		aksiyon.com.tr	Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication Discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		Gelen Harberler	Türkiye-Africa Media Forum Emphasis on Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication
Feb 28, 2025		Bengü Türk	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		Avrupa Gazete	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		SonDakika	Public diplomacy and strategic communication issues were discussed at the Türkiye-Africa Media Forum.
Feb 28, 2025		24 SAAT	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		Milli Iradenin Sesi Star	Türkiye-Africa Media Forum: The model implemented by Türkiye needs to be known more across the continent
Feb 28, 2025		eurovizyon	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		Ogretmenler	“Türkiye-Africa Media Forum” was held in Istanbul
Feb 28, 2025		canligaste	Public diplomacy and strategic communication discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum
Feb 28, 2025		Haberler	Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication Issues Discussed at Türkiye-Africa Media Forum