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Dear Readers,

August's activities reaffirmed the Inclusive Society Institute's commitment to ethical governance, social inclusion and constructive international cooperation. Across our engagements, a common concern emerged: how institutions can respond more effectively to inequality while earning and sustaining public trust.

Our support for the Symposium on Gender Inequality and Anti-Corruption in Cape Town reflected the importance of understanding corruption's unequal consequences. Representing the Institute, Thabang Chiloane highlighted the role of effective institutions, public accountability and collaboration. These discussions reinforced the need to place gender considerations at the centre of governance and institutional reform.

Berenice Marks represented the Institute at the United Nations Protection Working Group meeting, where participants considered racism, xenophobia and the challenges facing migrants and refugees. Reports of harassment and barriers to essential services underline the continuing need to defend human dignity, strengthen social cohesion and ensure that vulnerable communities are heard.

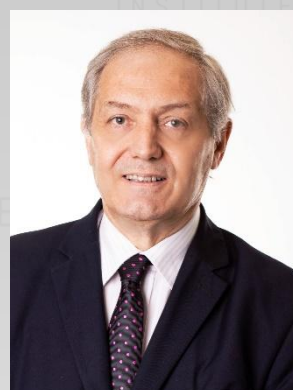
Internationally, our publication on the role of middle powers in reshaping multilateralism considered their contribution to cooperation and partnership with the next United Nations Secretary-General. This focus complements our domestic work: accountable institutions and inclusive dialogue matter at every level.

Our media contributions also engaged with economic conditions, electoral reform, social protection, education and language. We remain committed to bringing evidence and thoughtful analysis into public debate.

Thank you to our colleagues, partners and supporters for advancing this important work. I invite you to explore this newsletter and continue engaging with us as we pursue a more inclusive, democratic and equitable society.

Warm regards,

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Aug 14, 2026

ISI supports Symposium on Gender Inequality and Anti-Corruption

The Inclusive Society Institute sponsored a symposium on gender inequality and corruption in Cape Town from 12–14 August 2026. Hosted by Stellenbosch University's ACCERUS, it explored accountability, gender-responsive governance and institutional reform. ISI representative Thabang Chiloane emphasised effective institutions, public accountability and collaboration to address corruption and its unequal consequences.



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Meeting of the UN Protection Working Group (PWG)

Berenice Marks represented the Inclusive Society Institute at the UN Protection Working Group meeting on 19 August 2026. Discussions addressed racism, xenophobia and migrant and refugee protection, including harassment and service barriers. Priorities included combating misinformation, strengthening stakeholder engagement, building capacity and considering refugee organisations' participation in the Working Group.

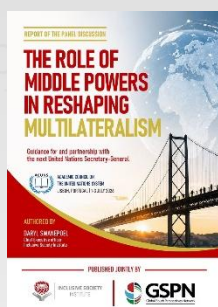


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