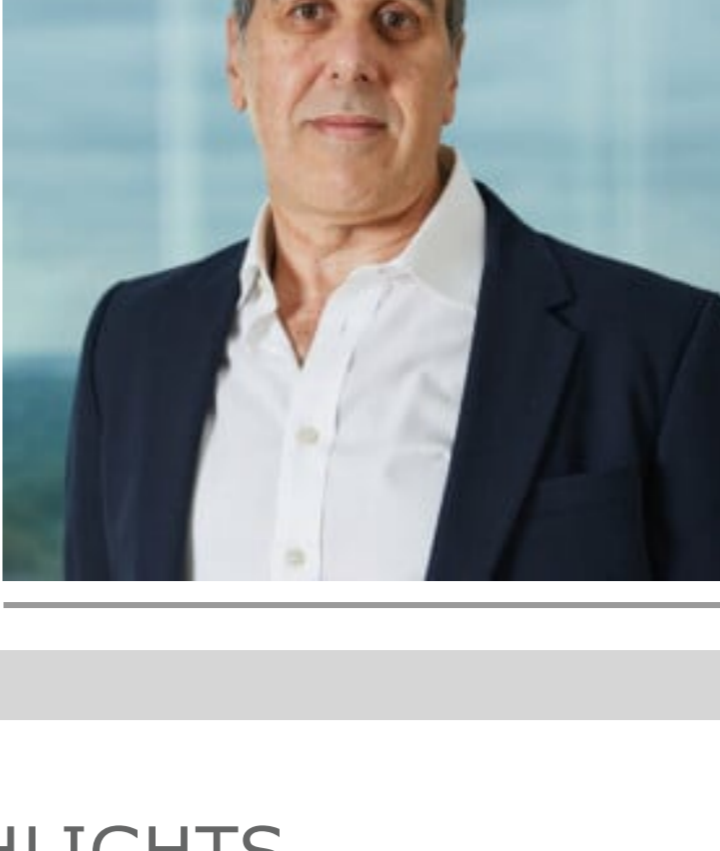


LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IVOR CHIPKIN

IN THIS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, WE SHARE WITH YOU HOW WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTION THAT WILL ADVANCE INSTITUTIONS AND ADDRESS GOVERNANCE ISSUES

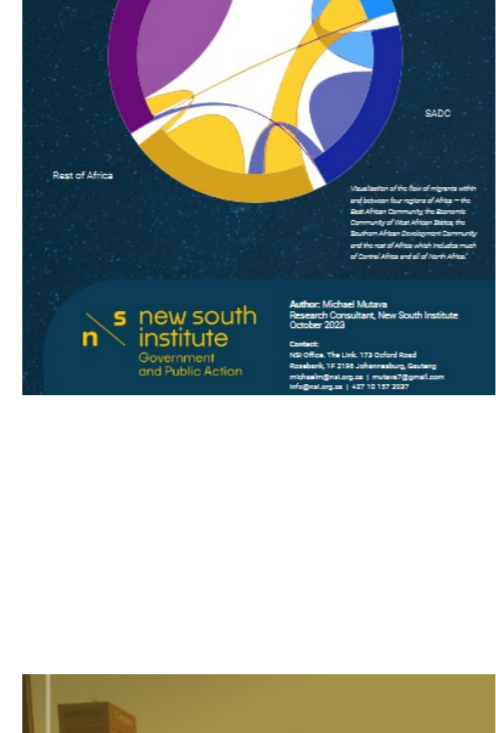
The work highlighted in this quarterly newsletter is a testament to our dedication to providing evidence-based policy and applied research on complex problems of government in delicate democracies.



It is just a fraction of our year-end reflections on 2023's final quarter.

We hope you enjoy reading it and gain insight into the global impact and recognition of our work.

NSI HIGHLIGHTS

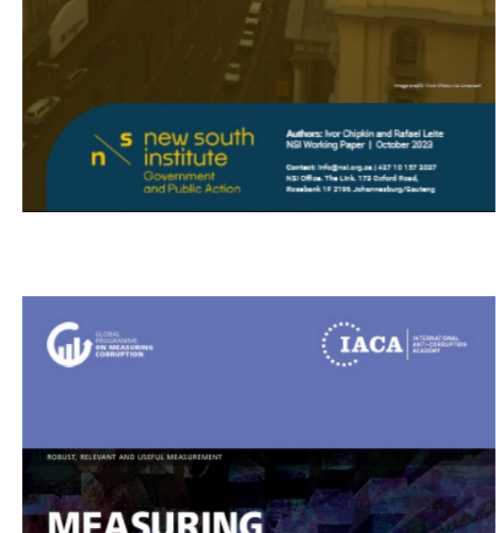


REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

NSI RESEARCH HAS RELEASED ITS SECOND REPORT ON MIGRATION, FOCUSING ON TRENDS AND PATTERNS IN MIGRATION IN AFRICA

The New South Institute is dedicated to reforming migration governance, undertaking a transformative approach by conducting a thorough review of current migration data within South Africa and other African countries. In November 2023, we released a research report titled **"An Analysis of Trends and Patterns in Migration in Africa."** This report provides a continental perspective, revealing key migration trends prevalent across African countries and regions.

[Download the link...](#)



NSI IDENTIFIES A PRACTICAL AND ACHIEVABLE AGENDA FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN NEW REPORT

The New South Institute has produced a detailed report outlining five key challenges facing public administrations in South Africa. Titled, *'The Five Cs of the Contemporary Crisis of Government'*, the policy brief illustrates NSI's ongoing commitment to public administration reform and seeks to address declines in technical efficiency and government policy. The paper sets out a practical and achievable agenda for professionalizing public administration.

[Download the report here...](#)



INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT STATE CAPTURE AND CORRUPTION

The NSI has been actively involved in combating state capture, and some of our members have played a crucial role in preventing it. Our active focus is not only on addressing current state capture but also on preventing its recurrence by enhancing existing measures against corruption. The New South Institute (NSI) was this year part of the Global Programme on Measuring Corruption. The NSI is being recognized for its visible work on helping to protect institutions from capture. Our researchers Ivor Chipkin and Jelena Vidojević contributed to the discussions by the Global Programme on Measuring Corruption focusing on preventing and measuring state capture, which led to the production of a policy response. The brief emphasizes the importance of targeted measurement, while the Country Insights Brief for South Africa explores the country's perspectives, needs, and current approaches to corruption measurement.

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NSI OP-EDS AND RESEARCH ARTICLES

Our researchers have made valuable contributions to a range of educational and academic journals, as well as media platforms. Rafael Leite's article on the professionalization of the civil service is featured in the Global Government Forum. Please read [more here](#).



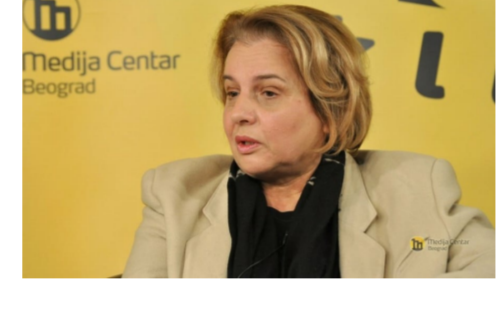
Alan Hirsch and Michael Mutava discuss the challenges and opportunities of changes in an article on *The Conversation Africa*, emphasizing the impact on African Union's Agenda 2063. Please see the article [here](#).

Jelena Vidojević explores the global crisis and the need for a renewed governance approach in articles for the Global Government Forum and Brave New Europe. Please click [here](#) to read the research article published in the Global Government Forum.

We would also like to share the link to Vidojević's article published in Brave New Europe, an educational website based in London. You can access the article by clicking [here](#).

Vidojević published a research article on the South African welfare system focusing on the Universal Basic Income. The chapter has been published in *The Routledge International Handbook to Welfare State Systems*.

The NSI is pleased to share a new article written by our co-founders, Ivor Chipkin, Executive Director, and Jelena Vidojević, Research Fellow and leader of the Welfare Reform project. The piece, published in Brave New Europe and titled *Africa is Not A Country*, can be accessed by clicking [here](#).



NSI RESEARCHER PROVIDES ANALYSIS ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Our work requires us to be in tune and develop a deep understanding of pertinent challenges across several regions. Distinguished sociologist Radmila Nakarada, a researcher at the New South Institute, provided a gripping interview on the persistent Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The interview was with *The Media Centre*, which was founded by the Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia in 1994, covering the South East Europe region.

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EVENTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

NSI RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE LEADING VOICES IN AFRICA AND IN NEW SOUTH

The Policy Center for the New South recently hosted the 12th edition of *The Atlantic Dialogues*, an annual international conference that took place in Morocco from December 14-16.



The conference brought together leaders from the public and private sectors to deliberate on cross-regional and cross-sectoral issues, not only for the region but globally.

Distinguished guests participating in the conference included former heads of state, global leaders, civil society representatives, and policymakers. We are pleased to note that the New South Institute is the only organisation that was invited from South Africa to participate in *The Atlantic Dialogues*.

Our Director and Co-Founder, Ivor Chipkin, a leading scholar of government and performance in South Africa was in Morocco and contributed valuable insights to a panel discussion under the theme *'From Barracks to Power: A New Norm in the Sahel?'*

NSI HOSTS WEBINAR ON MIGRATION TRENDS AND POSSIBILITIES IN AFRICA

The New South Institute hosted a webinar on Monday, November 20, to engage with the current state of migration in Africa and reflect on the two framing papers that have, this year, been published by the MIGRA research programme. Speakers at the webinar included NSI researchers Alan Hirsch, author of the first framework paper called *Framing a Study of African Migration Governance Reform – Towards Freer Movement*, who is also the leader of the MIGRA programme, and NSI researcher Michael Mutava, who authored the report called *An Analysis of Trends and Patterns in Migration in Africa*. Senior Policy Research Officer at the International Organisation for Migration, Tsion Tsadesse Abebe, based in Nairobi, as well as Diego Iturralde, Chief Director of Demography and Population Statistics at Statistics South Africa, responded to the presentations by Alan and Michael at the webinar.



[You can watch the online discussion by clicking on the link provided here...](#)

NSI SENIOR RESEARCHER, ALAN HIRSCH, SPEAKS AT CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

The Center for Global Development (CGD), an organization dedicated to reducing global poverty and improving lives through innovative economic research, better policy, and practice, recently hosted a seminar titled *'Is it Time for a Common African Market?'* as part of its Working Group Series on Advancing Regional Economic Integration in Africa. The NSI had the honour of presenting at the event, where the leader of our MIGRA research program, Alan Hirsch, spoke alongside Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary-General of the African Organization for Standardization, and CGD representatives W. Gyude Moore and Francis Mangeni. The seminar aimed to explore the feasibility and consequences of establishing a Common African Market, with discussions centering on key stakeholders, the impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and its influence on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and broader bilateral relationships. Alan Hirsch's contribution focused on governance reform in Africa, drawing on his research and expertise.



OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AT THE INCLUSIVE GROWTH FORUM

The Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation hosted its Annual Drakensberg Inclusive Growth Forum, which is a platform for distinguished guests and leading organisations committed to addressing the challenges and opportunities related to inclusive economic growth. The gathering, led by former president Kgalema Motlanthe, focused on critical issues affecting the African continent and possible solutions. The New South Institute was among the special guests invited to attend and address the forum. Representing the Institute, Director, Ivor Chipkin delivered a talk focusing on the current reform proposals for professionalising public administration. Chipkin suggested that South Africa appears to be on the cusp of a significant transformation, a second public moment that could fundamentally alter the character of the country.



[Download Chipkin's presentation here...](#)

NSI SPEAKS AT THE BELGRADE SECURITY CONFERENCE 2023, SERBIA

The Belgrade Security Conference (BSC) is the biggest high-level Western Balkan conference on foreign policy and security, gathering world leaders, by invitation only, to tackle relevant issues not only regionally, but globally. Among the speakers at the conference were distinguished representatives from government and civil society, as well as established and emerging organizations and several policy and research institutes. Hosted by the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP), a leading think tank in the Western Balkans, the event featured a panel discussion moderated by Ivor Chipkin. Panelists included Jelena Pejić Nikić, Senior Researcher at the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP), Nikola Dimitrov, President of the Balkan Centre for Constructive Policies and former Foreign Minister of North Macedonia, legal expert Reinhard Priebe and Lenche Ristoska, Liaison Prosecutor for the Republic of North Macedonia at Eurojust, who explored the concept of state capture and its implications for power distribution, institutional accessibility, and the potential misuse of authority for personal gain.



In September, New South Institute Director Ivor Chipkin participated in the 5th Annual Local Government Talent Management Seminar that was organised by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). The South African Local Government Association is an autonomous association of all 257 South African local governments, comprising of a national association.

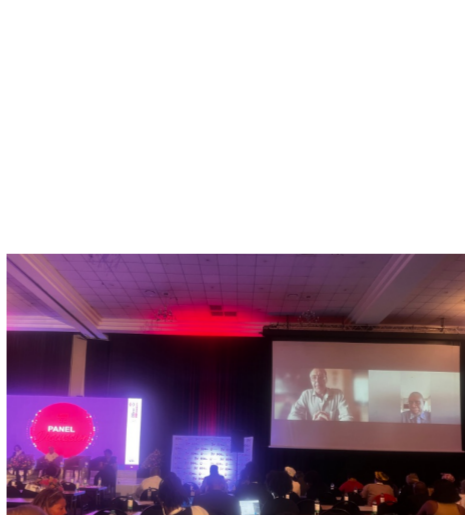


Leader of our MIGRA research program, Alan Hirsch attended and participated in the 8th Conference of the African Union Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM), held from October 31 to November 2, 2023, in Gaborone, Botswana. The event was organised by the African Union in collaboration with the Republic of Botswana.

The New South Institute was invited to provide expert knowledge on public service reform at the Action SA policy conference, which took place in September. Action SA is a South African political party that positions itself as one of the top four in the country. Ivor Chipkin delivered a presentation at its policy conference in Johannesburg.

NSI SPEAKS AT THE INTERFAITH FORUM OF SOUTH AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023 ON THE MAKINGS OF A CAPABLE STATE

In October, the New South Institute received an invitation to participate in a panel discussion at a conference hosted by the Interfaith Forum of South Africa. This forum, representing diverse faith communities united to address South Africa's current challenges, sought solutions to the country's declining state of affairs. NSI Director Ivor Chipkin, while acknowledging ongoing important reforms aimed at building a capable state, addressed the conference. In his remarks, Chipkin drew parallels between the crisis of democracy in South Africa and the current global political crisis. The 3-day conference featured notable speakers, including Advocate Mojanku Gumbi, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Racism in the Workplace, political scientist Dr Sikehlembe Mbetse, Ambassador Gertrude Mongella, the First President of the Pan African Parliament, and businessman and former chief executive of mining company Anglo American Mark Cutfani, among others. Former President Thabo Mbeki was also in attendance.



NSI TAKES PART IN THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP GLOBAL SUMMIT, ESTONIA

In September, the Estonian Government hosted the 2023 OGP Global Summit in Tallinn, where the New South Institute was invited to attend and share contributions on open government in the digital age, the potential of technology to make governance and policy-making more transparent and accountable, and the preservation of democracy. The Summit brought together senior government officials, representatives of civil society and policy makers around the world. Our Director, Ivor Chipkin, representing the NSI, was at the conference sharing insights with reformers both within and outside the government who are dedicated to reshaping the way government works.



[Listen to the radio interview where Chipkin shares his learnings from the summit...](#)

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As we work to strengthen delicate democracies, your support helps us build effective and accountable institutions. Each contribution is a step towards this vital goal.

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