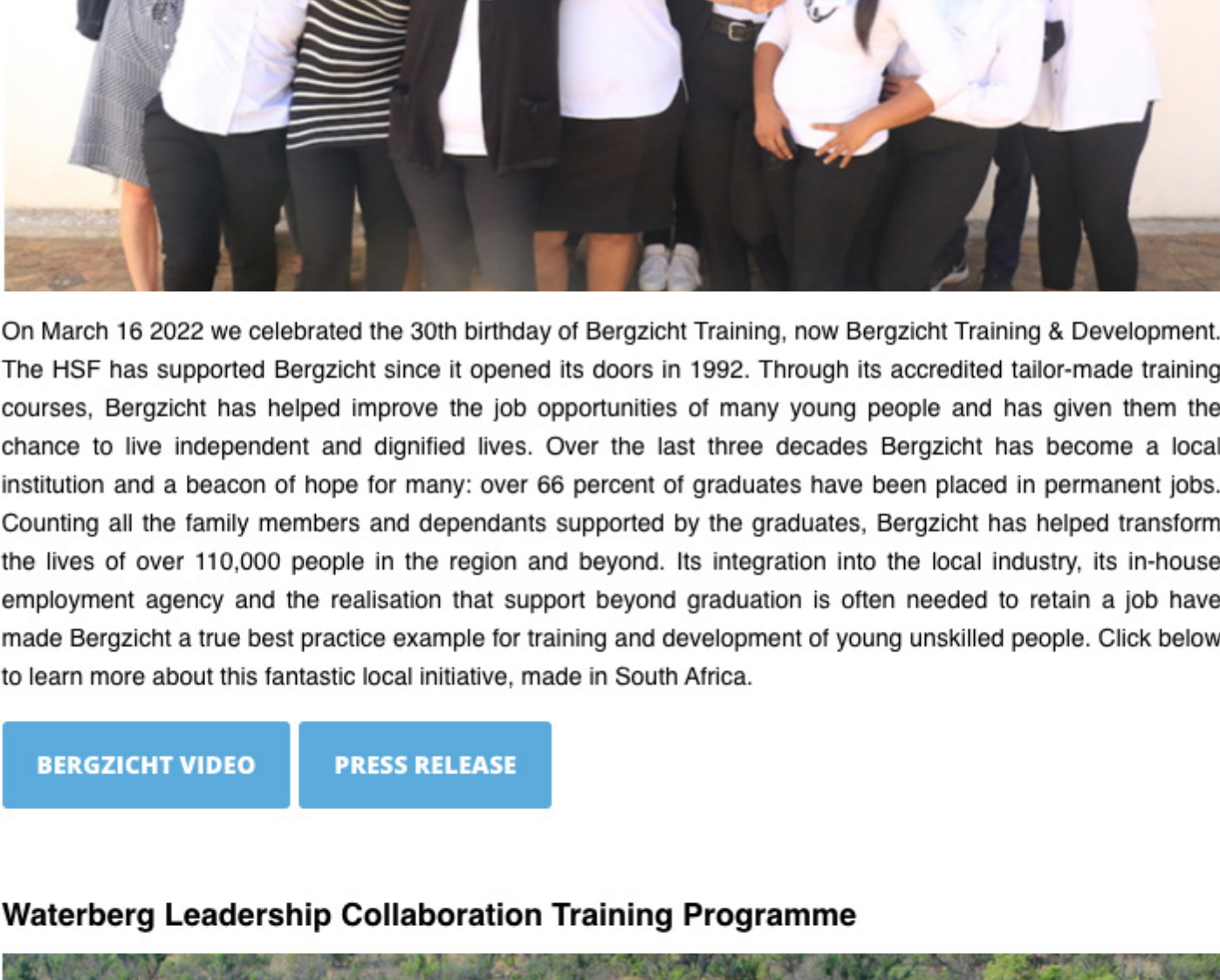


## News

### Celebrating 30 years of Bergzicht Training & Development

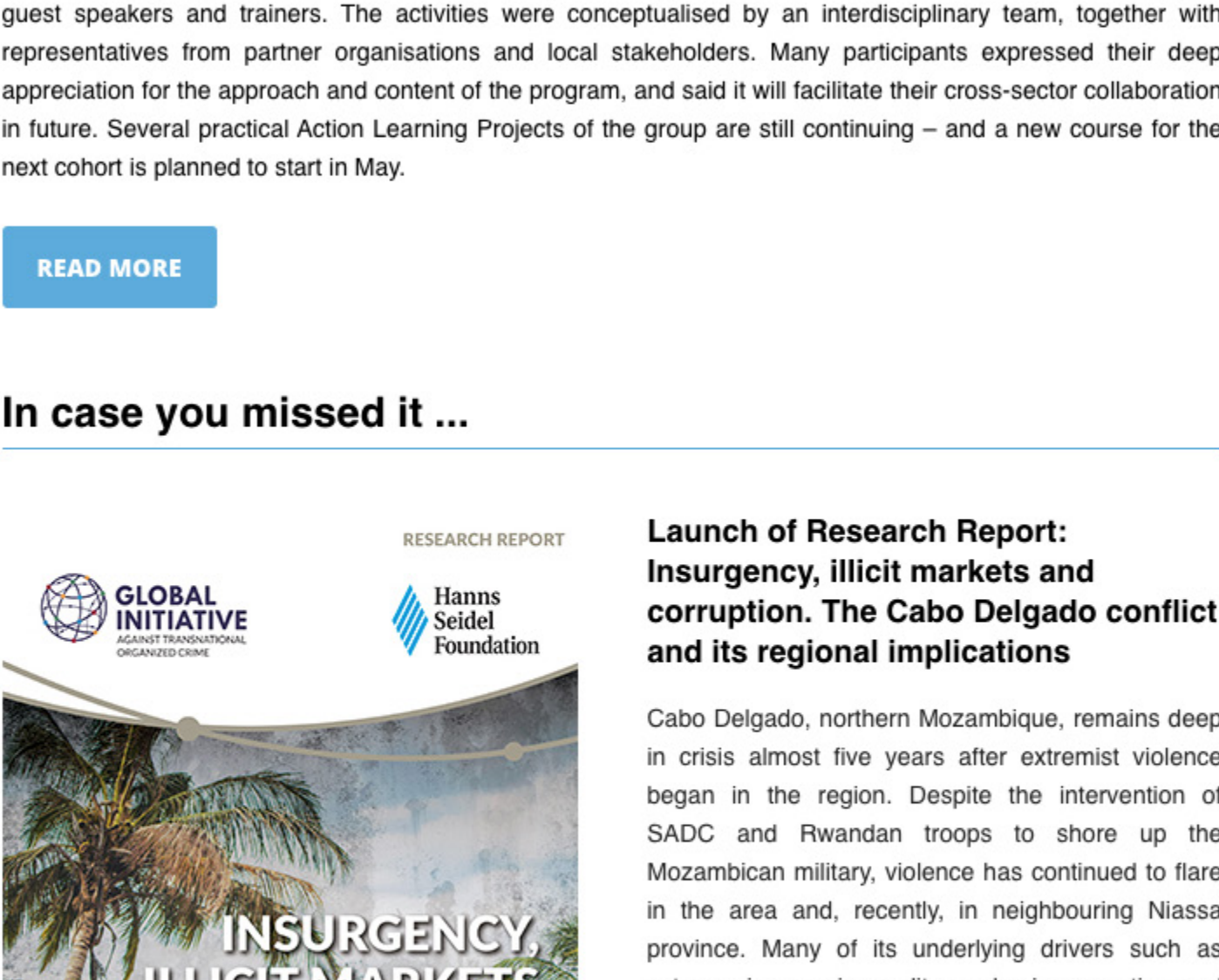


On March 16 2022 we celebrated the 30th birthday of Bergzicht Training, now Bergzicht Training & Development. The HSF has supported Bergzicht since it opened its doors in 1992. Through its accredited tailor-made training courses, Bergzicht has helped improve the job opportunities of many young people and has given them the chance to live independent and dignified lives. Over the last three decades Bergzicht has become a local institution and a beacon of hope for many: over 66 percent of graduates have been placed in permanent jobs. Counting all the family members and dependants supported by the graduates, Bergzicht has helped transform the lives of over 110.000 people in the region and beyond. Its integration into the local industry, its in-house employment agency and the realisation that support beyond graduation is often needed to retain a job have made Bergzicht a true best practice example for training and development of young unskilled people. Click below to learn more about this fantastic local initiative, made in South Africa.

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### Waterberg Leadership Collaboration Training Programme



Our partners at the In Transformation Initiative have been hosting this interactive cross-sector training program over a number of months – it recently concluded with an insightful, moving Graduation Day. Leaders from municipalities, business and civil society in the Waterberg District attended many sessions together in this practice-oriented project which stimulated reflections, debate and joint learning. Promoting self-awareness as well as context analysis, the program focused on aspects of team work, organisational development, communication, crucial conversation skills, project management and stakeholder involvement. The diverse, engaging modules were facilitated by experts and practitioners from different fields, as well as great guest speakers and trainers. The activities were conceptualised by an interdisciplinary team, together with representatives from partner organisations and local stakeholders. Many participants expressed their deep appreciation for the approach and content of the program, and said it will facilitate their cross-sector collaboration in future. Several practical Action Learning Projects of the group are still continuing – and a new course for the next cohort is planned to start in May.

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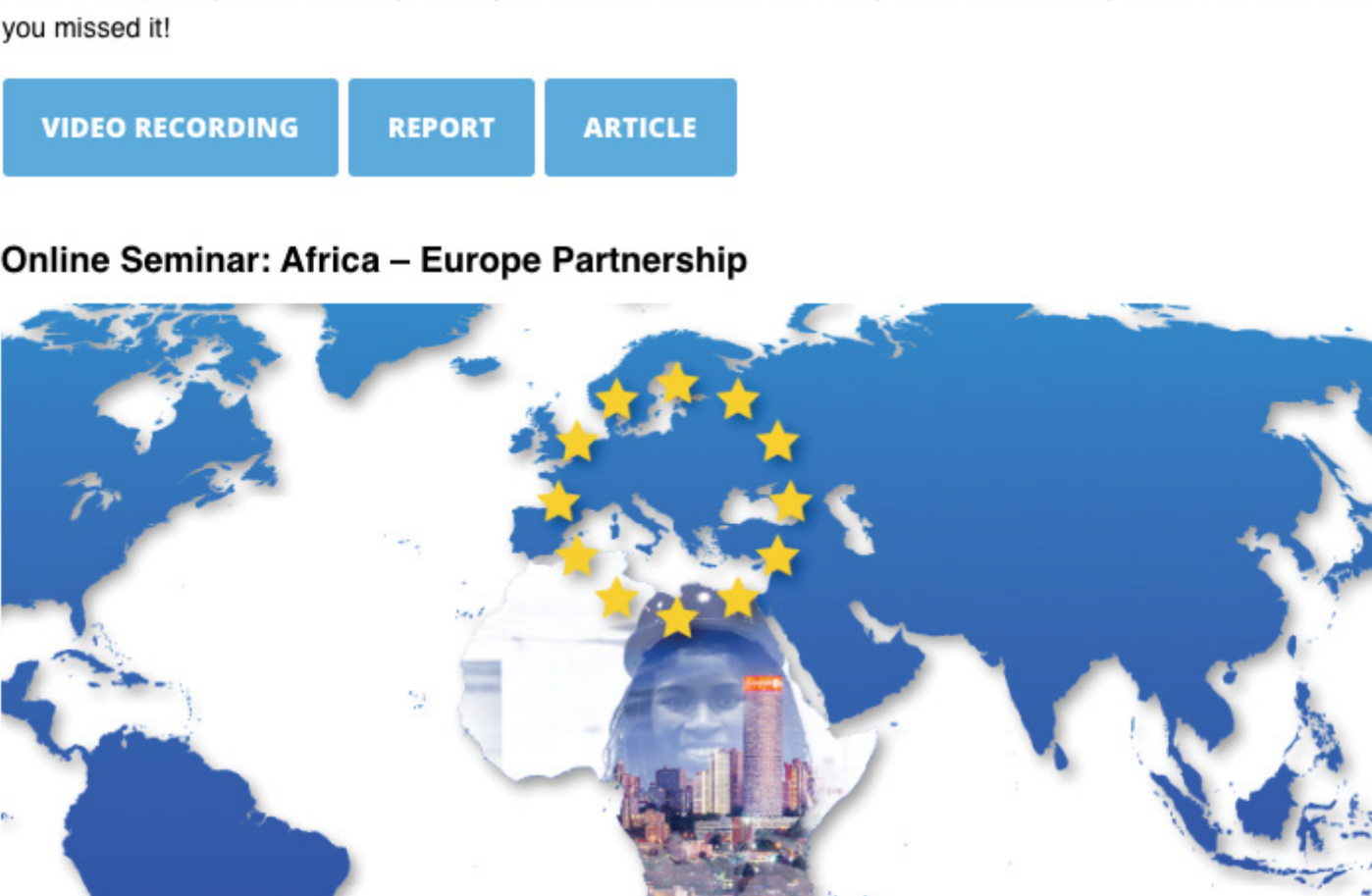
### Launch of Research Report: Insurgency, illicit markets and corruption. The Cabo Delgado conflict and its regional implications

Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique, remains deep in crisis almost five years after extremist violence began in the region. Despite the intervention of SADC and Rwandan troops to shore up the Mozambican military, violence has continued to flare in the area and, recently, in neighbouring Niassa province. Many of its underlying drivers such as extreme income inequality, endemic corruption and widespread organized crime remain unchanged. At a recent joint event of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and News24, the GI-TOC team shed light on the relationship between the insurgents and the illicit trafficking routes, knock-on effects of the conflict and extremism in neighbouring countries, and explained what could be done to rebuild Cabo Delgado. Watch the discussions and/or read the full report below.

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### Online Seminar: 2024 – Will the ANC still rule? Scenarios for South Africa



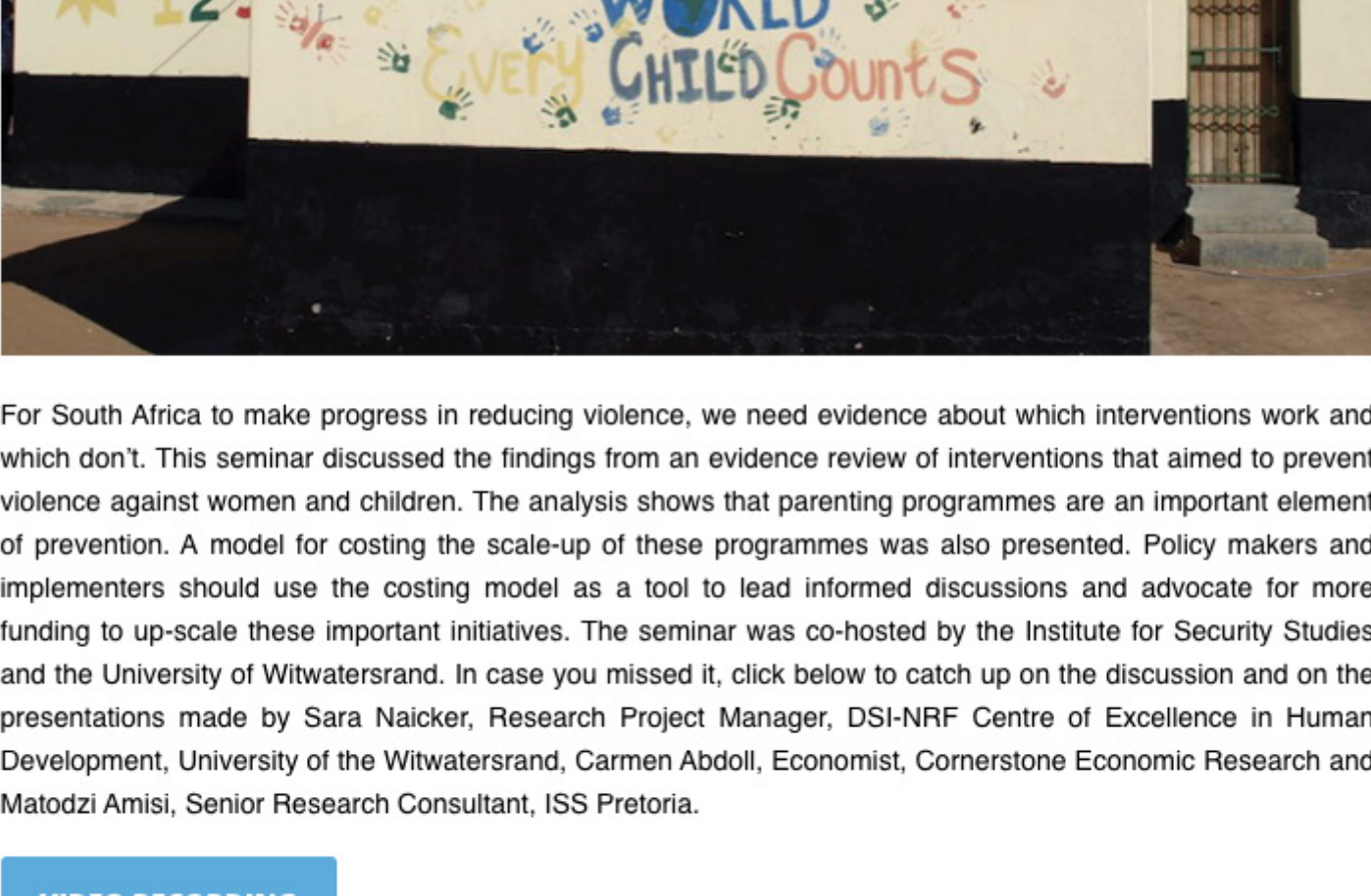
"South Africa is struggling with corruption, poor governance and mismanagement. The ruling African National Congress (ANC) is in deep crisis. In the 2021 local government elections, ANC support fell below 50% for the first time since 1994. The party's decline and low voter turnout represent a loss of confidence in the ANC and in the democratic project. Opposition parties haven't yet filled the political void, and the resulting legitimacy deficit poses a serious risk to South Africa's hard-won democracy, stability and socio-economic development." At this joint event of News24, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Dr Jakkie Cilliers, Head of the African Futures and Innovation Programme at the ISS, presented findings from his new research report on the potential impact of the ANC's 2022 choices on the 2024 and 2029 elections, and discussed them with Lindiwe Mazibuko, Co-Founder & CEO of Futurelect, an Apolitical Academy, News24's Adriaan Basson (Editor in Chief) and Mpumelelo Mkhabela, Journalist (Political Columnist). Click below in case you missed it!

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### Online Seminar: Africa – Europe Partnership

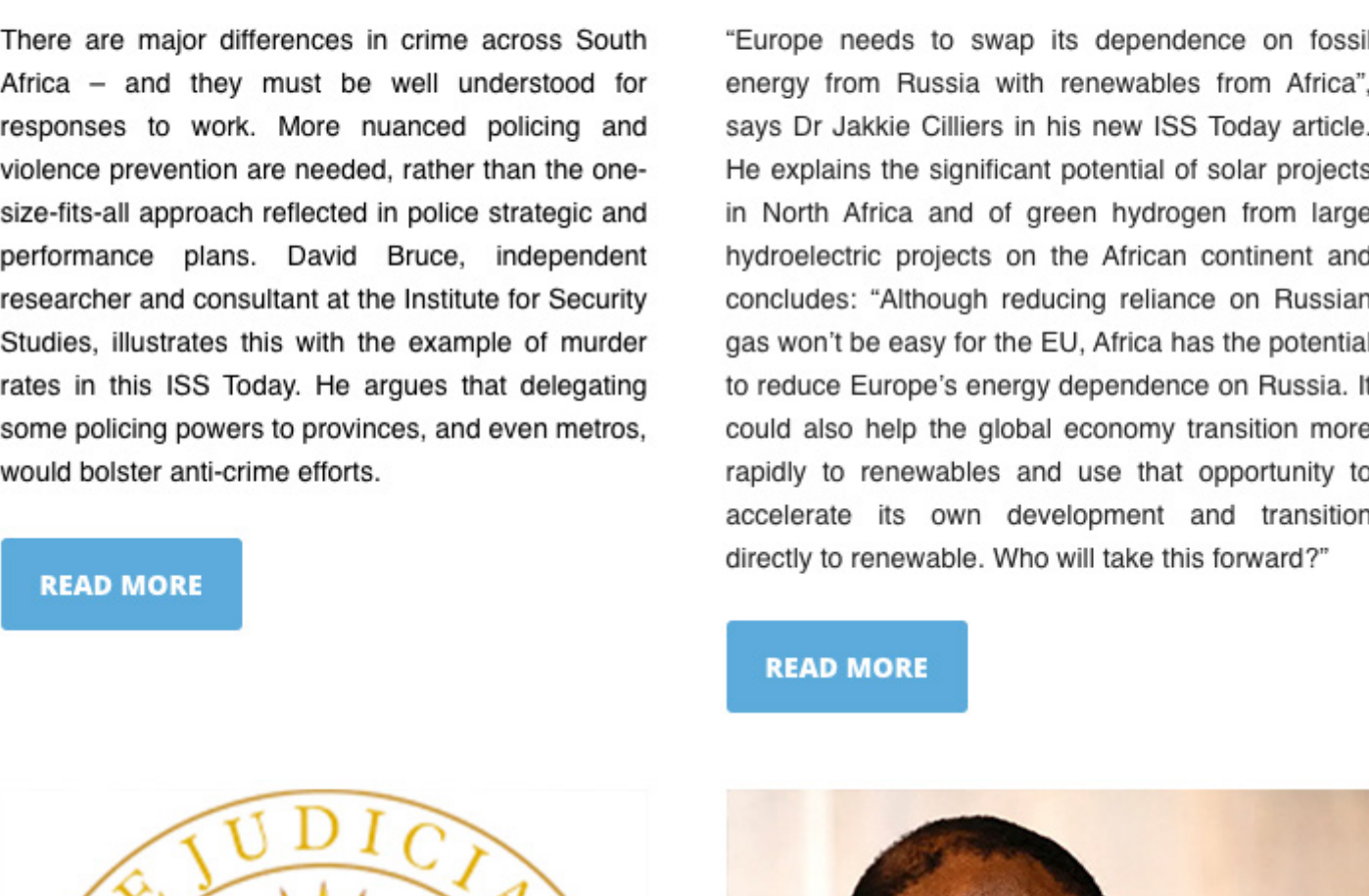


The third component of the EU-Africa Strategy of March 2020 proposes a new partnership for sustainable growth and jobs. Africa is a vital partner for the EU, and vice versa. Future developments on the two continents, including in the economic sphere, will be closely intertwined. At this recent joint event of the HSF and the ISS, the new study "Beyond aid – Making the EU strategy with Africa work for Africa", was presented by its author Dr Len Ishmael (Former Ambassador of the Eastern Caribbean States to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union; Former President of the African, Caribbean & Pacific (ACP) Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels), shedding light on how to make the EU strategy with Africa mutually beneficial. Dr Jakkie Cilliers, Head of the African Futures & Innovation Programme at the ISS, responded to Dr Ishmael and shared insights as to what could and should be done to improve economic growth and unlock the continent's potential. Participants from both Africa and Europe discussed the findings and recommendations of the research report and its implications for policymakers with Dr Ishmael, Dr Cilliers, Markus Ferber, Member of the European Parliament and Coordinator of the EPP Group in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament and HSF Chairman, and Bertrand Soret, Advisor to MD Africa, European External Action Service, Brussels.

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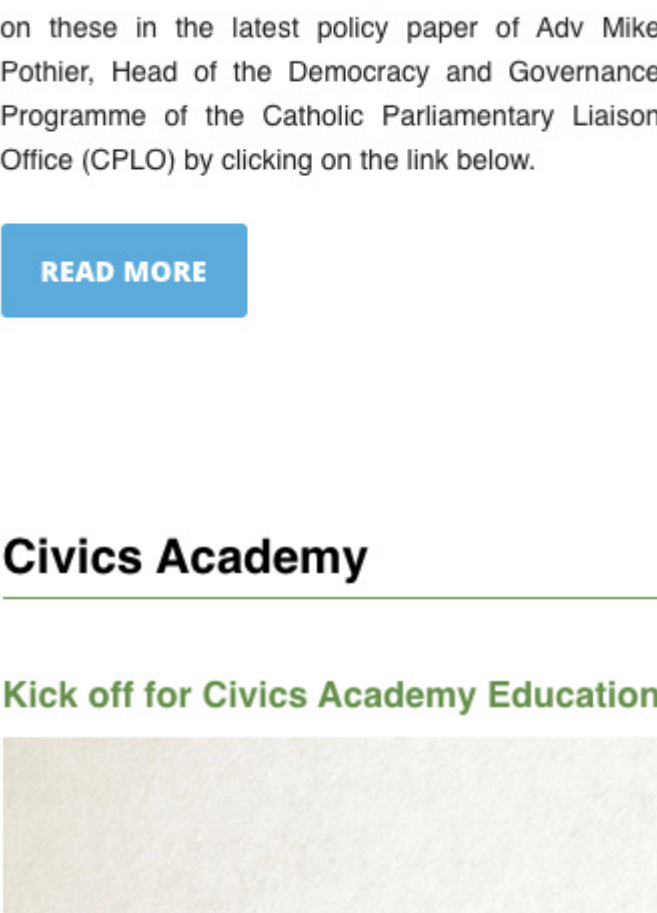
### Online Seminar: Costing effective violence prevention for South Africa



For South Africa to make progress in reducing violence, we need evidence about which interventions work and which don't. This seminar discussed the findings from an evidence review of interventions that aimed to prevent violence against women and children. The analysis shows that parenting programmes are an important element of prevention. A model for costing the scale-up of these programmes was also presented. Policy makers and implementers should use the costing model as a tool to lead informed discussions and advocate for more funding to up-scale these important initiatives. The seminar was co-hosted by the Institute for Security Studies and the University of Witwatersrand. In case you missed it, click below to catch up on the discussion and on the presentations made by Sara Naicker, Research Project Manager, DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, University of the Witwatersrand, Carmen Abdoli, Economist, Cornerstone Economic Research and Matodzi Amisi, Senior Research Consultant, ISS Pretoria.

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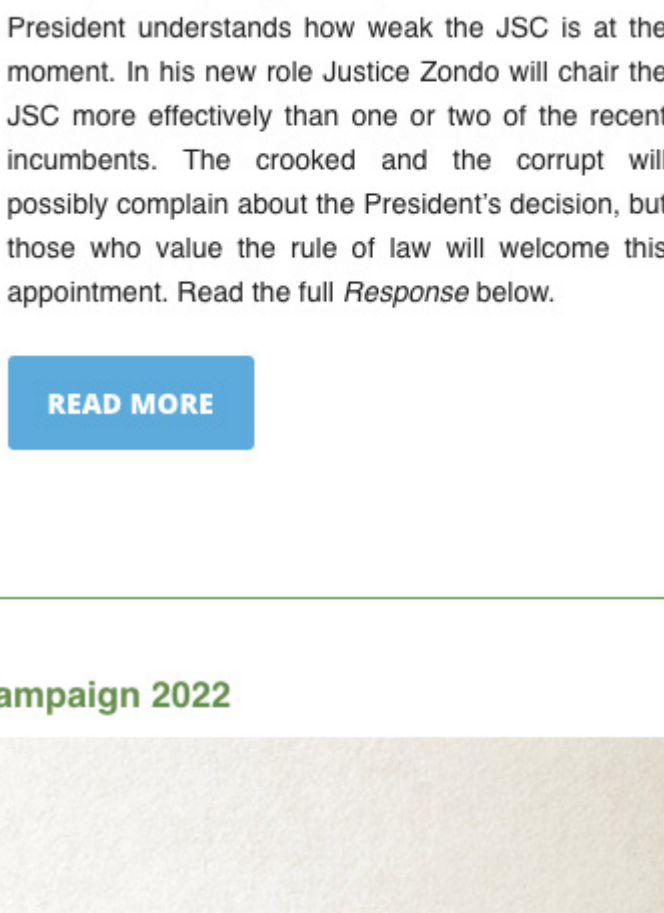
## Reports, Policy Briefs, Papers & Articles



### Opinion: South Africa needs less nationally-focused policing responses

There are major differences in crime across South Africa – and they must be well understood for responses to work. More nuanced policing and violence prevention are needed, rather than the one-size-fits-all approach reflected in police strategic and performance plans. David Bruce, independent researcher and consultant at the Institute for Security Studies, illustrates this with the example of murder rates in this ISS Today. He argues that delegating some policing powers to provinces, and even metros, would bolster anti-crime efforts.

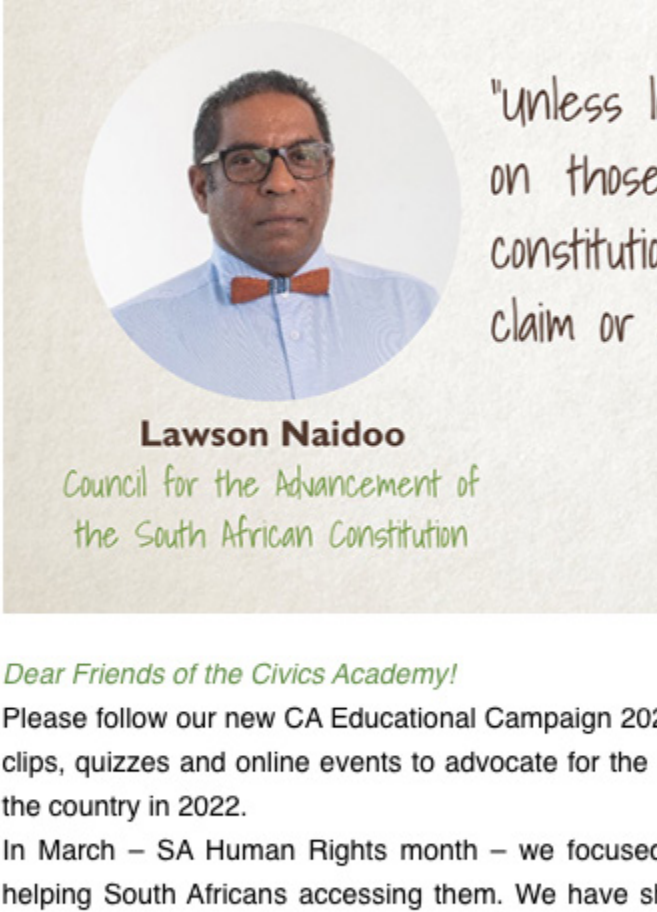
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### Article: Africa holds the answers to Europe's wartime energy crisis

"Europe needs to swap its dependence on fossil energy from Russia with renewables from Africa", says Dr Jakkie Cilliers in his new ISS Today article. He explains the significant potential of solar projects in North Africa and of green hydrogen from large hydroelectric projects on the African continent and concludes: "Although reducing reliance on Russian gas won't be easy for the EU, Africa has the potential to reduce Europe's energy dependence on Russia. It could also help the global economy transition more rapidly to renewables and use that opportunity to accelerate its own development and transition directly to renewable. Who will take this forward?"

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### Policy Paper: Assessing the Judicial Service Commission

The Commission's constitutional and legal basis is sound, and many individual commissioners undertake their duties with integrity and sincerity. It needs to insulate itself more securely however against politicking and partisanship, and perhaps to adopt and enforce a code of conduct for its members. Four recent developments engender optimism that the JSC can overcome its recent 'wobbles' and re-secure its reputation. Find out more on these in the latest policy paper of Adv Mike Pothier, Head of the Democracy and Governance Programme of the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLLO) by clicking on the link below.

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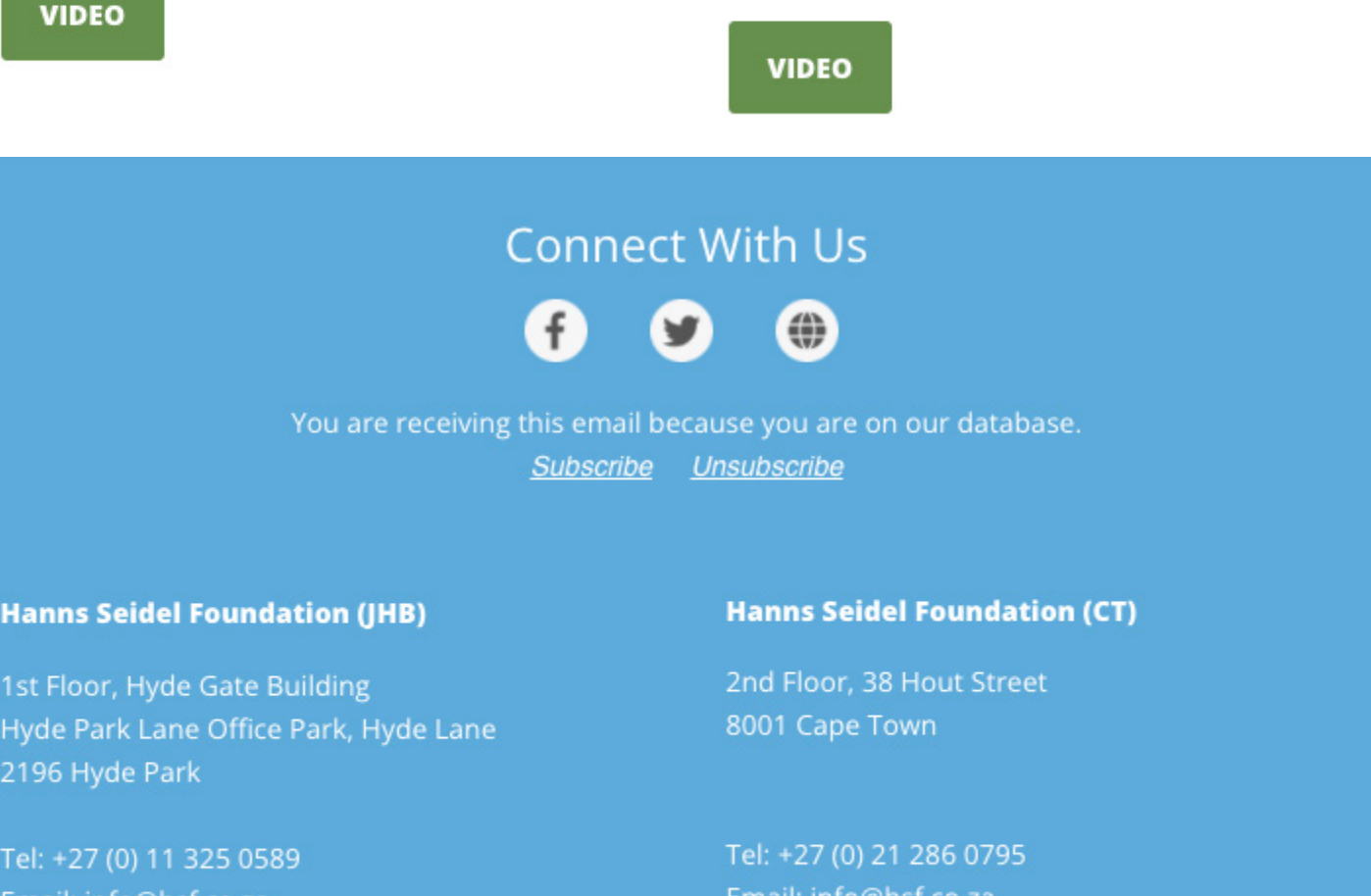
### Response: Choosing the new Chief Justice

In his latest *Response*, Adv Mike Pothier, Head of the Democracy and Governance Programme of the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLLO) writes that President Cyril Ramaphosa's decision to appoint Justice Raymond Zondo, the current Deputy (and Acting) Chief Justice, and at the same time to indicate his intention to appoint Judge Maya as Deputy Chief Justice, filling the vacancy left by Zondo, is a surprising but very neat one indeed. The President understands how weak the JSC is at the moment. In his new role Justice Zondo will chair the JSC more effectively than one or two of the recent incumbents. The crooked and the corrupt will possibly complain about the President's decision, but those who value the rule of law will welcome this appointment. Read the full *Response* below.

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## Civics Academy

### Kick off for Civics Academy Educational Campaign 2022



Dear Friends of the Civics Academy!

Please follow our new CA Educational Campaign 2022 on Social Media and via our website, featuring new video clips, quizzes and online events to advocate for the importance of civic education alongside important events in the country in 2022.

In March – SA Human Rights month – we focused on human rights and the role local government plays in helping South Africans accessing them. We have shared educational content including our videos titled: What are Human Rights?, What can I expect from my Municipality?, and What is a Responsible Citizen?. Join us from April to June to discuss the importance of civic education in educational institutions.



Check out these new Civics Academy videos ...



### What is the Bill of Rights?

Do you want to know what Chapter 2 of our Constitution, the South African Bill of Rights actually says and what our rights and responsibilities are? Then check out this new video! You will gain a better understanding of the different groups of rights included in the Bill of Rights and why it is the cornerstone of South Africa's democracy.

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### What is the Rule of Law?

Do you know what the Rule of Law actually means and how it plays out in our daily life? In this new Civics Academy video we explain this fundamental concept of our constitutional democracy and the main principles it is based on. For example, you will learn what it means that government action must be based on law and that the law must be clear and accessible to everyone.

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