

CBE at UJ staff member study leader of the SA Local Government Inclusive Growth Index





In a move to address systemic inequalities within South Africa's municipalities, the University of Johannesburg's School of Public Management in the College of Business and Economics, in partnership with Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), launched a transformative Local Government Inclusive Growth Index (LGIGI). This index aims to assist local governance by providing a tangible framework for measuring inclusive growth across all levels of government.

The LGIGI emerges at a time when South African municipalities face persistent socio-economic challenges, exacerbated by stark disparities in wealth distribution and access to essential services. Professor Daniel Meyer (second from left), the study's lead researcher, states, "We believe that the index will be a game-changer, enabling local governments to pinpoint inequalities and implement targeted interventions to ensure that every citizen benefits from economic progress."

This index responds to President Ramaphosa's urgent call for inclusive economic growth articulated in the 2025 State of the Nation Address. Prof Meyer highlights, "By exposing inequalities hidden by conventional statistics, we provide a crucial lens through which policymakers can craft strategies aimed at equitable growth and improved quality of life for all South Africans."

Read more here: https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-research-study-unlocks-municipality-potential-with-inclusive-growth-index-to-tackle-inequality/

Watch eNCA interview here: https://www.enca.com/videos/local-government-inclusive-growth-index-launched