

5th Edition
**African Conference
on Debt and
Development
(AfCoDD V)**

27th - 29th August 2025
Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel
Accra, Ghana

The Programme

Day 2
28th August

*1 Plenary session
and 17 Research &
Ideation break-out
sessions*

Day 3
29th August

*The Pan-African
Debt Rally*



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AfCoDD V Day 2

28th August 2025

1 Plenary session (8am - 9am) followed by breakout Sessions

Plenary Session

Venue: AfCoDD V Room 2 - Ambassador 2

0800 – 0900 **The Black Paper: A Political Economy framing of Africa's Development Finance Conundrum**

This session will present the draft 'Black Paper', which is a Pan-African, decolonial framing of Africa's transformation. The paper addresses the political ideological framing of Africa's Development agenda and situates the role of Debt, IFFs, and other Economic factors that undermine the continent's transformation pathway. The paper is developed under the stewardship of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign and seeks to provide a new roadmap for the discourse in Africa on Development Finance.

Moderator: Crystal Simeoni, Executive Director,
Nawi Collective

Panellists:

Prof. Godfred Bokpin, Economist and Professor of Finance,
University of Ghana Business School

Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director,
Tax Justice Network Africa

Dr. Eunice Offei, Consultant

Poetry and Spoken Word: Mukasiri Sibanda

Technical adviser, Development Alternatives Incorporated

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Snapshot of AfCoDD V Research & Ideation Breakout sessions

More details and descriptions for each breakout session are in the pages that follow

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| 0900 – 1030 | Session 5: Debt and Reparative Justice: Towards a Common African Position in Global Debt and Financial Reform Discussions FES AU Cooperation Office | Session 6: Reckoning with History: A Political Economy of Africa's Debt Crisis and the Imperative of Reparations AFRODAD & IDEAS | Session 7: Achieving transformative reparations amid emerging forms of injustices SEATINI & CTPD | Session 8: Pan-African Feminist Perspectives on Debt and Climate Justice through Reparation AMwA, FEMNET, CESR |
| 1030 – 1100 Coffee Break | | | | |
| 1100 – 1230 | Session 9: The road to reparations: Lessons from Tunisia and Continental perspectives Observatoire Tunisien de l'Economie | Session 10: Faith, Feminism and Fiscal Justice: Reclaiming Power to Reform the Global Financial Architecture ZCC, BAN, ZIMCODD | Session 11: Beyond Reparations: Emerging Evidence on Strengthening Domestic Accountability for Better Debt Management. Bajeti Hub, TISA, Okoa Uchumi Coalition | Session 12: Climate Justice, Debt Justice, and Reparations: Reimagining Global Finance for Africa's Future PALU, CESR |
| 1230 – 1400 Lunch Break | | | 1300 – 1400 Session 13: FfD4 and international financial architecture, what were CSO, and global south demands and what was the outcome - where to go now? the Gender IFI civil society collective | |
| 1400 – 1530 | Session 14: Feminist Fiscal Justice, Debt Restructuring, and Challenging Regressive Tax Policies in Southern Africa TJNA, ZIMCODD | Session 15: Co-Architects of a Debt-Free Future: African Youth Driving Debt Justice & Reparative Finance YTJN | Session 16: Democratising trade, financial and monetary governance: Strategic options for Africa in the current geopolitical context CS FfD Mechanism | Session 17: Debt and the Right to Remedy: Reclaiming Justice Through Systemic Reform AI, Oxfam, KHRC, CDD - Mozambique, EGP (Ghana) |
| 1530 – 1600 Coffee Break | | | | |
| 1600 – 1730 | Session 18: Setting an African Agenda for a new Multilateralism after FfD4: The lessons to learn from the Compromiso de Sevilla ADIN & SEATINI | Session 19: African Trade Unions' Framework for Debt Sustainability and Development in Africa ITUC - Africa | Session 20: Justice-centered Public Finance in Africa: Convening for Dialogue and Co-creation ICED & IPF-Kenya | Session 21: Beyond the Boom and Bust: Crafting a New Development Paradigm for Africa's Extractive Future AFRODAD |

Session 5: Debt and Reparative Justice: Towards a Common African Position in Global Debt and Financial Reform Discussions

This session aims to create a space for African actors (governments, trade unions, civil society, and researchers) to deliberate on the links between debt, historical injustice, and reparative justice. It will explore how the AU's 2025 theme on Justice for Africans and People of African Descent can be meaningfully integrated into debt and financial reform advocacy. The session will also assess the current status and coherence of African engagement in key global and regional platforms on debt and financial reform (e.g., FfD-4, UN processes, IMF/World Bank, SDG Summit follow-up), identify pathways toward a unified African narrative and negotiating stance that frames debt relief, cancellation, and financial restructuring as acts of justice, not charity, and amplify the role of African trade unions and grassroots movements in shaping the global debt debate, ensuring the demands of workers and marginalised communities are front and centre.

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<https://o2o.to/i/fJDpte>



Venue: AfCoDD Room 1 - Ambassador 1

Moderator: Amanuel D. Haile, Head of Project & Program Manager, FES AU Cooperation Office

Panellists:

Paul Sikazwe, GIZ AU and Debt Advisor to the African Union Commission

Yolokazi Mfuto, Civil Society Liaison Officer, Center for Human Rights – Pan African Parliament (PAP), South Africa

Joel Odigie, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation for Africa (ITUC-Africa), Lomé, Togo

Liliane Mouan (PhD), Expert on Human Rights and Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hon. Abena Osei-Asare (MP), Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee, Parliament of Ghana

Organiser:

FES AU Cooperation Office



Session 6: Reckoning with History: A Political Economy of Africa's Debt Crisis and the Imperative of Reparations

Africa's debt crisis reflects the continuity of colonialism. Postcolonial debt regimes often replicate colonial logics of control and dependency, diluting political sovereignty and economic autonomy. The legitimacy of current debts remains questionable as they still maintain cycles of dependency, compounded by colonial-era debts taken in their own interests – scholars have argued that much of Africa's current debt should be considered odious. This session will delve into a political economy framing of Africa's debt crisis, exploring a reparatory approach that not only addresses historical grievances but also provides a basis to amplify the demands for a more equitable global economic system, including calling for a UN Framework Convention on Sovereign Debt. It will examine the odious debt doctrine as a critical tool to reassess the legitimacy of existing debt obligations towards addressing Africa's unsustainable debt. The session will uncover the feminist framework for understanding the need for reparations of a system that continues to oppress women and exacerbate their experiences of inequality and violence.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 2 - Ambassador 2

Moderator: Catherine Mithia, Policy, Advocacy & Research Officer, Sovereign Debt Management, AFRODAD

Panellists:

Marie Louise Aren, International Lawyer and Researcher

Dr. Henry Gichana, Devolution and Research Lead, Katiba Institute

Mayada Hassanain, Senior Programs Officer, International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS)

Prof. Abena Oduro, Associate Professor, University of Ghana, Department of Economics

Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development

Organiser:

AFRODAD and IDEAS



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Session 7: Achieving transformative reparations amid emerging forms of injustices

Specifically, the session aims to enlighten the participants on the emerging forms of injustices and their impact on people's wellbeing, build consensus around a transformative reparative agenda for Africa, and generate actionable strategies for collective action to advocate for policies that empower communities and promote sustainable and equitable development in Africa.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 3 - H.E. Kofi Annan

Moderator:

Tumuhe Hilda, Debt and Aid Officer, SEATINI
Aloysious Kittengo, Program Coordinator, FFD

Panellists:

Nalunga Jane, Executive Director, the Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
Robert Mwale, Centre for Trade Policy and Development
Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)
Crystal Simeoni, Executive Director, NAWI Collective
Ronald Musoke, Journalist

Organisers: Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) & Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD)



Session 8: Pan-African Feminist Perspectives on Debt and Climate Justice through Reparation

This session will interrogate the intertwined crises of debt and climate through a decolonial, feminist and human rights lens, drawing on two key publications: "10 Decolonial Feminist Principles to unlock climate finance in Africa" and "Pan-African feminist perspectives on justice through reparations." It will unpack the colonial and gendered foundations of Africa's debt burden, showing how unjust debt regimes imposed on climate-vulnerable African countries accelerate ecological destruction, exacerbate inequalities, abrogate human rights - and the disproportionate impact on African women, girls and other marginalized communities. Speakers will share feminist analyses and justification for debt cancellation, reparations, and the creation of a decolonial, just economic order. The session will call for a collective reimagining of reparations, centering debt cancellation and climate justice as essential pathways towards repair. It will also explore the roles of African states, regional movements, and global allies in shaping a reparative justice agenda that reclaims Africa's right to self-determined development.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 4 - **Amb. Richard Maximilian Akwei**

Moderator: **Grace Namugabe**, Economics and Justice & Rights Officer, FEMNET

Panellists:

Mworozi Patricia, Economic Justice and Climate Action Associate, AMWA
Peninnah Mbabazi, Climate Justice lead, Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)
Jessica Mandanda, ActionAid
Africa Kiiza, Economic Justice Advisor, ChristianAid

Organisers: Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA), The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) and Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)



Session 9: The road to reparations: Lessons from Tunisia and Continental perspectives

Through its transitional justice process, Tunisia's Truth and Dignity Commission (IVD) issued an official Memo in 2019, addressed to the IMF and World Bank, explicitly demanding recognition of human rights violations, réparations, and debt cancellation for the harm caused by decades of externally imposed economic policies. This session will aim to leverage Tunisia's Memo as a catalyst for building African-led strategies aimed at securing accountability and reparations from IFIs, contribute to the African Union's Year for Reparations by linking national-level actions with continental strategies, and discuss pathways to strengthen the use of existing mechanisms in legal, diplomatic, or advocacy efforts

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 1 - Ambassador 1

Moderator: Nada Trigui, Observatoire Tunisien de l'Économie

Panellists:

Hajer Gueldish, (Legal Counsel, African Union)
Afshin Nazir, Policy Research & Advocacy Officer, Legal Analysis and Advocacy (LAAD), AFRODAD
Chioneso Samantha Kanoyangwa, Coordinator, Afronomicslaw
Ameni Ben Sik Ali, Observatoire Tunisien de l'Économie

Organiser:
Observatoire Tunisien de l'Économie



Session 10: Faith, Feminism and Fiscal Justice: Reclaiming Power to Reform the Global Financial Architecture

Christian Aid (CA) and its partners including the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) and Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZimCoDD) will convene this critical side session at the fifth African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD V). The session will explore the structural and colonial roots of Africa's debt and tax injustices—including debt, illicit financial flows, and regressive tax systems—and their gendered effects. Grounded in experiences from countries like Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and previous faith and civic dialogues, it will advance proposals on the necessary reforms both in policies and ecosystem for a transformative international financial architecture. The session will also highlight how such a reform should emphasise feminist and faith-rooted alternatives that prioritize repair, social investment, and economic sovereignty. Participants will co-develop strategies that illuminate their vision for a transformative, gender-just global financial architecture rooted in justice, redress, and human dignity.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 2 - Ambassador 2

Moderator: Victoria Hawanatu, Programme Officer, Christian Aid

Panellists:

Jennifer Larbie, Head of UK Advocacy and Campaigns, Christian Aid
Abu Bakarr Kamara, Coordinator, Budget Advocacy Network (BAN)
Admire Mutizwa, Church Peace & Just Society, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC)
John Maketo, National Director, Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD)

Organisers: Christian Aid, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) and Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZimCoDD)



Session 11: Beyond Reparations: Emerging Evidence on Strengthening Domestic Accountability for Better Debt Management.

Accountability is crucial for effective domestic resource management worldwide. The Sevilla Commitment at FF4D emphasizes that sustainable sovereign debt depends on greater transparency and parliamentary oversight. As discussions on financial and institutional reparations gain momentum, aligned with the African Union's 2025 theme, African countries urgently need practical ways to strengthen domestic accountability. This session will examine sovereign debt accountability, focusing on civic and institutional needs for successful debt reparations. By exploring recent research on public debt accountability in Africa and the shadow governance and corruption diagnostic report from Kenya compared to Zambia and Ghana, the session will outline options for better managing public debt crises before, during, and after reparations.

Venue: AfCoDD Room 3 - H.E. Kofi Annan

Moderator: Cuba Houghton, Budget Financing Lead, Bajeti Hub

Panellists:

Sonia Aima, Program Officer, The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA)

Dennis Omondi, National Democratic Institute

Abdulkarim Mohammed, Coordinator, Economic Governance Platform

Representative from Zambia Coalition on Debt

Organisers: Bajeti Hub, The Institute of Transparency and Accountability (TISA) and Okoa Uchumi Coalition

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Session 12: Climate Justice, Debt Justice, and Reparations: Reimagining Global Finance for Africa's Future

This session seeks to critically examine the intersection of climate justice, debt justice, and reparations, unpacking how the current financial architecture fuels structural inequality. It will challenge dominant narratives around climate finance and call for a shift from debt-inducing loans to meaningful reparations that acknowledge historical responsibility, uphold human rights, and advance transformative reforms. The discussion will also explore strategies for achieving climate and debt justice that strengthen Africa's sovereignty, resilience, and capacity to meet the climate emergency head-on.

Venue: AfCoDD Room 4 - Amb. Richard Maximilian Akwei

Moderator: Jason R. Braganza, Executive Director, AFRODAD

Panellists:

June Cynthia Okelo, Programme Officer (Project Lead- Climate Justice), PALU

Penninah Mbabazi, Climate Justice lead, Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

Ruth Ogbewekon, Focal Point for Research & Publications (Project Lead- Reparative Justice in Africa), PALU

Organisers: Pan-African Lawyers Union (PALU) and Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

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Pan African Lawyers Union
 Union Panafricaine des Avocats
 União Pan-Africana dos Advogados
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CENTER for ECONOMIC and SOCIAL RIGHTS

Session 13: FfD4 and international financial architecture, what were CSO, and global south demands and what was the outcome - where to go now?

This one-hour online session would be a crossover event between AfCoDD V and the Gender IFIs summer school (see the 2024 programme here as an example) taking place on Thursday, 28 August. Moderated by a representative of the CS FfD Mechanism Feminist Workstream, this dialogue would prompt in-depth, cross-regional and cross-thematic analysis and unpacking of features of the Compromiso de Sevilla, particularly investigating the impact on gender. Aspects for discussion would include: debt (the borrowers bloc), tax, private finance (diaspora investment), and civil society participation. This session would also feature an update from AfCoDD shared by speakers who are also attending, feeding into reflections of the aftermath of FfD and next steps for regional resistance

Venue: AfCoDD Room 4 - Amb. Richard Maximilian Akwei

Moderator: Nicole Maloba, FEMNET

Panellists:

Ashina Mtsumi, Tax Ed Alliance, ActionAid - Tax

Verónica Serafini, LATINDADD - Debt

Diana Mochoqe, Policy Research & Advocacy Officer - Domestic Resource Mobilisation, AFRODAD

Rougui Diallo, ITUC - Private Finance

April Porteria, APWLD

Organisers: the Gender IFI civil society collective

Webinar link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013591323?pwd=NzdZfKvGoacVgfyTbH4lFh4aTmhe9u.1>

Session 14: Feminist Fiscal Justice, Debt Restructuring, and Challenging Regressive Tax Policies in Southern Africa

This session explores how unjust tax regimes, public debt, and the influence of international financial institutions (IFIs) in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique disproportionately impact women and marginalized communities. Drawing on lived experiences, feminist fiscal justice perspectives, and research from ZIMCODD's regional compendium on sovereign debt restructuring—alongside a forthcoming report on IMF-driven tax reforms—the session will interrogate how revenue policies, debt burdens, and IFI conditionalities deepen gendered inequality and erode public services. The discussion will advocate for progressive, gender-responsive tax systems, rights-based debt restructuring, and alternatives to regressive fiscal policies imposed by external actors. Participants will also explore regional campaign strategies to integrate gender equity into sovereign debt frameworks and resist harmful tax reforms.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 1 - Ambassador 1

Moderator: Muchanyara Midzi, ZIMCODD

Panellists:

Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

Adrian Chikowore, Christian Aid

Mike Banda, Malawi Economic Justice Network (MEJN)

Samantha C. Kanoyangwa – Afronomics Law

Ucizi Ngulube, Action Aid International

Organisers: Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD)



Session 15: Co-Architects of a Debt-Free Future: African Youth Driving Debt Justice & Reparative Finance

To spotlight youth-driven narratives on debt justice and reparative economics. The event marks the launch of the Youth FfD4 Accountability Collective, a bold initiative to monitor global commitments and elevate youth voices in shaping the continent's financial future.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 2 - Ambassador 2

Moderator: Lurit Yugusuk, Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN)

Panellists:

Jon Kafuko, Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN)

Anthony Samba Buluma, Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA)

Martha Bekele, Founder, DevTransform

Shem Joshua, Knowledge management Advisor, GIZ African Union

Organisers:

Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN)



Session 16: Democratising trade, financial and monetary governance: Strategic options for Africa in the current geopolitical context

The side event will focus on the critical reforms of the International Financial Architecture that are essential to advance the structural transformation of the African continent. The emergence of the role of the WTO and the G20 have crowded out the normative role of the United Nations, also leading to a significant disconnect from the development finance, real economy transformation and global financial regulation. The side event aims to provide space for the discussion on the key strategic options for Africa in its political engagement in the UN space as well as other multilateral spaces (i.e., WTO) in order to expand its fiscal and policy space for socio-economic transformation. The session will also explore the role that UNGA/FfD and UNCTAD XVI can play towards democratizing trade, financial and monetary governance to advance the Right to Development of the region.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 3 - H.E. Kofi Annan

Moderator:

Tetteh Hormeku, Third World Network Africa
Stefano Prato, Society for International Development

Organisers: Civil Society FfD Mechanism



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Session 17: Debt and the Right to Remedy: Reclaiming Justice Through Systemic Reform

This session will explore Africa's debt crisis through a reparations and reparative justice framework, centering the human rights impacts of over-indebtedness. Drawing on experiences from Ghana, Mozambique, and Kenya, panellists will examine the colonial and neo-colonial roots of debt, its role in perpetuating harmful economic extraction, and its erosion of states' capacity to deliver essential services. The discussion will highlight how current debt arrangements undermine human rights, deepen inequality, and exacerbate climate vulnerability. It will also explore how the legal right to remedy, grounded under human rights law, can be leveraged for sustainable debt resolution as part of the systemic reform of the global financial architecture. The session will provide practical recommendations for integrating human rights principles into debt restructuring processes to ensure accountability, equity, and justice.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 4 - Amb. Richard Maximilian Akwei

Moderator: Naomi Majale, Just Economies Advisor, Oxfam in Africa

Panellists:

Gabriel Manguale, Economic Justice Program Lead, CDD Mozambique

Abdulkarim Mohammed, Coordinator, Economic Governance Platform (Ghana)

Annet Nerima, Inclusion and Political Justice Program Manager, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)

Riva Jalipa, Taxation and Human Rights Researcher/Advisor, Amnesty International

Organisers: Amnesty International, Oxfam, and partners: KHRC, CDD-Mozambique, Economic Governance Platform (Ghana)



Session 18: Setting an African Agenda for a new Multilateralism after FfD4: The lessons to learn from the Compromiso de Sevilla

The FfD4 negotiation process unfolded with clear resistance, from the “Developed World”, to any concrete and meaningful change of the current global multilateralism setting. It remains doubtful that the “Compromiso de Sevilla” will get the World out of the more than 60 year old circle of unmet promises that reinforce historical injustices detrimental to Africa, with systemic inequalities as a consequence. This indicates the necessity for a shift in the continental mind-set, with a view to providing Africa with a stand and a positioning that match its real bargaining power, in full emancipation and sovereignty, strong enough in the quest for reparations, not in a begging posture, but rather as a powerful claimer, in capacity to dictate the rule. From an analysis of the FfD4 outcome in Seville, looking at the FfD history and evolutions in multilateralism, discussions will explore the best way to reposition Africa in the global setting.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 1 - Ambassador 1

Moderator: Martin Tsounkeu, ADIN

Panellists:

Jane Nalunga, Executive Director, SEATINI

Leo Atakpu, Deputy Executive Director, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, ANEEJ

Nana Osei Bonsu, Pan African Agribusiness Apex Chamber

Dr. Patrick Ndzana-Olomo, Ag. Director Economic Development Integration and Trade and Head of Economic Policy and Sustainable Development, African Union Commission

Hon Jean Galvanis M’Gassiyombo, Vice-President, African Parliamentarian Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax (APNIFFT)

Respondents (online)

Fr. JP Ngoyi Kasongo, Justice Development and Peace (JDPC), Nigeria

Hon. Agho Oliver Bamenju, MP, Cameroon

Florence Nazare, Acting Director of Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation, AUDA-NEPAD

Vitalice Meja, Executive Director, RoA Africa Network

Stean Mpolo, Monetary Expert, Former Central Bank Executive, Cameroon

Organisers: Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) & Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)



Session 19: African Trade Unions’ Framework for Debt Sustainability and Development in Africa

Africa’s sovereign debt crisis has escalated into both a fiscal challenge and a profound social and democratic emergency, with debt servicing consuming over half of government revenues in many countries. For workers, this translates into wage freezes, hiring moratoria, cuts to social-protection floors and reduced participation in economic decision-making. Against this backdrop, African trade unions have articulated a framework centred on employment creation, living wages, social dialogue, and inclusive industrial democracy. This side event convenes trade union leaders, policymakers, civil society, and international partners to deliberate on embedding workers’ priorities in national and continental debt strategies. It will examine how to advance union-led advocacy, accountability, and coalition-building beyond the non-binding Compromiso de Sevilla commitments, and chart a roadmap towards a “Sovereign Debt New Deal” rooted in transparency, equity, and social protection.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 2 - Ambassador 2

Moderator:

Panellists:

Dr. Hod Anyigba, Executive Director, ALREI, ITUC-Africa

Anselme Amoussou, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC-Africa

Rose Omamo, Deputy President, ITUC-Africa

Dr. Kwabena Otoo, Deputy General Secretary, Trades Union Congress of Ghana

Comrade Asuzu Echezonachukwu Prince, Nigeria Labour of Congress

Organiser: ITUC-Africa



Session 20: Justice-centered Public Finance in Africa: Convening for Dialogue and Co-creation

One of the most pressing dilemmas facing African economies today is how to manage debt burden while fulfilling the state's responsibility to invest in people. Kenya and many of her peers are allocating a growing share of their budgets to debt servicing, squeezing out fiscal space for essential public services. Building on this, there is growing recognition that alternative financing mechanisms could offer pathways to rebalance fiscal priorities, but only if designed with strong governance within a reparative lens, social investment mandates, and public oversight. What remains underexplored, however, is how these mechanisms would function in practice, particularly in African contexts marked by democratic and institutional constraints. This side event will convene a multi-actor conversation on what it would take to domesticate and implement justice- anchored fiscal solutions like debt swaps, structured renegotiation, and inclusive fiscal architecture. Kenya offers a useful case for reflection, as it navigates rising debt distress constrained fiscal space, and calls for reform, all happening at a time a shift in policy is fast happening globally.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 3 - H.E. Kofi Annan

Moderator: Daniel Ndirangu

Panellists:

Hon. Jean Galvanis M'Gassiyombo,

Vice-chair of African Parliamentary Network on IFFs and Taxation – APNIFFT

Appolinaire Nishirimbere, ICED Founder, APNIFFT Council Member

Bernard Njiri, Senior Research Analyst, Institute of Public Finance

Organisers: ICED & IPF-Kenya



Session 21: Beyond the Boom and Bust: Crafting a New Development Paradigm for Africa's Extractive Future

To dissect the links between critical mineral and hydrocarbon extraction, development injustice, and the emerging discourse on reparations. Using the specific cases of Mozambique and Tanzania, the session seeks move beyond theoretical discussions, to explore the tangible human, environmental, and economic costs highlighting how historical patterns of extraction are being replicated, fuelling conflicts, displacing communities, and deepening debt, all while failing to deliver on promises of prosperity.

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Venue: AfCoDD Room 4 - Amb. Richard Maximilian Akwei

Moderator: Riska Koopman, Policy, Research & Advocacy Officer, International Public & Private Finance, AFRODAD

Panellists:

Gabriel Manguele, CDD Mozambique

Dr. Adebayo Majekolagbe

Mandla Hadebe, Economic Justice Network

Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development (TCDD)

Organiser:

AFRODAD



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AfCoDD V Day 3 - The Pan-African Debt Rally

29th August 2025

The Rally Route

Start: 9:30 AM at Obra Spot (Kwame Nkrumah Circle)

Participants: Approx. 10,000 people

Pace: Very slow walk with chants, songs, and pauses (average 2 km/hour)

1. Obra Spot → Coral (Circle) Traffic Light

- Distance: approx. 0.8 km
- Time: approx. 25 mins (due to large numbers)
- Arrival: 9:55 AM

2. Coral Traffic Light → AfCFTA Secretariat (Ridge)

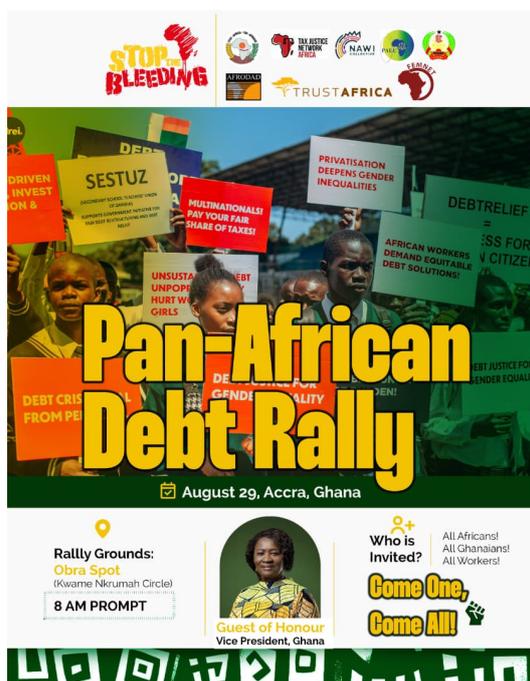
- Distance: approx. 1.8 km
- Time: approx. 45 mins
- Arrival: 10:40 AM
- Stop at Secretariat: 20 minutes (Presentation of the Petition to the AfCFTA Secretariat)
- Departure: 11:00 AM

3. AfCFTA Secretariat → National Theatre

- Distance: approx. 1 km
- Time: approx. 30 mins
- Arrival: 11:30 AM

4. National Theatre → Independence Square

- Distance: approx. 1.5 km
- Time: approx. 40 mins
- Arrival: 12:10 PM



Independence Square

Programme for Dignitaries' Speeches & Petition Presentation (12:00 – 13:00)

1230 – 1235

Opening & welcome; anthem; acknowledgement of dignitaries

12:35 – 12:40

Host welcome – Ghana's debt distress and workers' struggles; appreciation of continental solidarity

12:40 – 12:45

Policy analysis – Africa's debt crisis and reparative justice

12:45 – 12:50

Movement endorsement – connecting AfCoDD with the rally's demands

12:50 – 12:55

Civil society voice: Illicit financial flows and debt as modern colonialism

12:50 – 12:55

Music and Chants

13:00 – 13:05

Continental workers' voice – debt, labour rights, and economic decolonisation`

13:05 – 13:10

Public reading and symbolic handover of the petition. Copies will also be delivered to embassies, creditor organisations, and the President of Ghana. Additional copies will be given to dignitaries from the diplomatic corps, international creditors, and other concerned parties PRESENT.

13:10 – 13:15

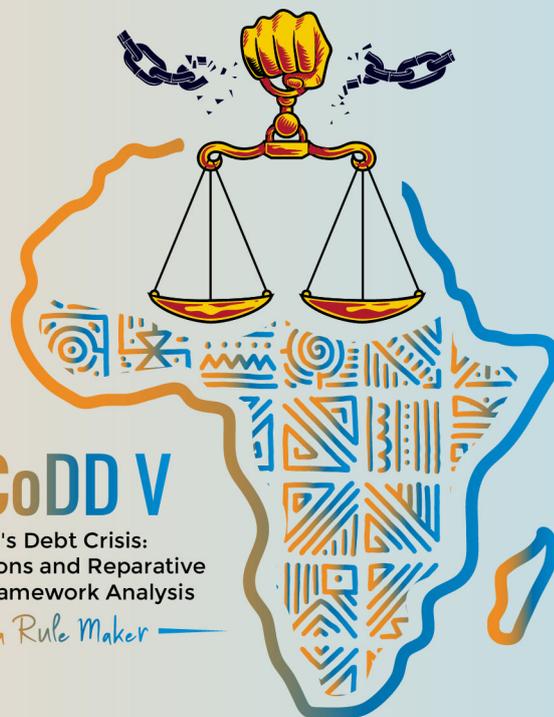
Government perspective – sovereignty, national development, and debt justice

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Guest of Honour – receives petition on behalf of the Republic; affirms Ghana's solidarity with debt justice

13:25 – 13:30

Rally Resolution; symbolic chain-breaking act; closing music



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