**INAUGURAL DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY (DaDA)**

**PROGRAMME**

**2ND – 4TH OCTOBER 2023**

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| **Day 1, Monday 2nd October 2023** |
| **Arrival and Registration: 8:00am-8:30am** |
| **Opening Session: 8:30am-9:00am** |
| **Moderator- AFRODAD**  **Welcoming remarks**   * **PALU** * **AFRODAD**   **Keynote Address** |
| **Session 1- Module 1: 9:00am -11:00am** |
| **Convener- Stephano Prato & Jane Nalunga**  **Title: Global Processes and the Political Economy of Debt**  **Purpose:** The purpose of this module is to enable the participants understand the processes of the rapid debt accumulation that we have witnessed over the years, providing an analysis of the causes and evolution of public debt over the years and the deeply rooted challenges of the political economy of debt in the Africa and the global south.  **Objective-** to enlighten the participants on where we are coming from in terms of the political economy of debt and the resultant challenges and impacts of the current debt architecture and the need for its dismantling. |
| **Tea/Coffee Break: 11:00am – 11.30am** |
| **Session 2- Module 2: 11.30am- 1pm** |
| **Convener- Crystal Simeoni**  **Title: Alternative Approaches to Debt**  **Purpose:** The purpose of this module is to unpack the different emerging approaches to debt as it evolves with particular focus on the neoliberal/neocolonial approach and the feminist approach based on the impact that debt has on human rights, especially on the rights of women and girls.  **Objective**- The objective of this module is to unpack the various approaches to debt are critical in the comprehension of the macroeconomic dimension of inequalities besides the microeconomic implications of debt. |
| **Lunch Break: 1pm-2pm** |
| **Session 3- Module 3: 2pm-3.30pm** |
| **Convener- Joab Okanda**  **Title: Influencing Institutions**  **Purpose:** This module seeks to enlighten the participants on how major institutions in Africa work and their processes.  **Objective:** The objective of this module is to help participants understand the key moments, why we need to influence these institutions and how to go about it. |
| **END OF DAY ONE!!!** |
| **Day 2, Tuesday 3rd October 2023** |
| **Arrival and Registration: 8:30am-9:00am** |
| **Thematic Areas Around Debt: 9am- 5pm**  This module will focus on connecting debt as there are many interfaces between debt and trade, tax, climate as well as looking into the legal aspects of debt that need to be singles out as they are crucial due to the multidimensional aspect of debt. |
| **Session 4-Module 4: Thematic Area 1: 9:00am-10:30am** |
| **Convener – AFRODAD**  **Title: Debt**  **Purpose:** This thematic area will look into emphasizing the issues highlighted in the Harare Declaration and the Africa Borrowing Charter around participation, accountability, and governance principles around debt. These two debt toolkits highlight the best practises for prudential debt management It shall also cover the current affairs and new development around debt especially around debt relief initiatives.  **Objective:** The objective of this session is to understand the issue of debt from a transparency and accountability point of view. |
| **Tea/Coffee Break: 10:30am-11:00am** |
| **Session 5-Module 4: Thematic Area 2: 11:00am-12:30pm** |
| **Convener- TJNA**  **Title: Debt and Tax**  **Purpose:** This thematic area seeks to demonstrate the nexus that exists between debt and tax as tax is the major source of revenue for the government.  **Objective:** The objectives of this thematic areas is to analyse the linkage between debt and taxation and how they affect people’s livelihoods. |
| **Lunch Break: 1:00pm-2:00pm** |
| **Session 6-Module 4: Thematic Area 3: 2:00pm-3:30pm** |
| **Convener- SEATINI**  **Title: Debt and Trade**  **Purpose:** This thematic area seeks to help understand the nexus between trade and debt.  **Objective:** The objective of this thematic area is to unpack the nexus between trade and debt and what reforms in the global trade architecture are necessary to improve trade in Africa which will be critical in curbing the debt crisis we are in. |
| **Tea/Coffee Break: 3:30pm- 4:00pm** |
| **Session 7-Module 4: Thematic Area 4: 4:00pm-5:30pm** |
| **Convener- PALU**  **Title: Legal Aspects of Debt**  **Purpose:** The purpose of this session is to show the linkage that there is between debt and the law. This is particularly important because for there to be an effective public debt management, a robust legal framework is required given the centrality of law to public debt.  **Objective:** The objective of this thematic area is to venture into the broad overview of the public debt management legal framework and how existing frameworks can be strengthened to ensure that public debt is sustainable. |
| **END OF DAY 2!!!** |
| **Day 3, Wednesday 4th October 2023** |
| **Arrival and Registration: 8:30am-9:00am** |
| **Session 8- Module 5: 9:00am-11:00am** |
| **Convener- Parliamentarians**  **Title: The Role of Parliamentarians in Debt Management**    **Purpose:** The purpose of this session is to unpack the central role of the parliament in public debt management through their constitutional mandates to legislate, represent and oversight that play a critical role in the management of public financial resources.  **Objective:** The objective of this module is to unpack how parliament can provide strong fiscal oversight of government budget, borrowing and spending through specific public debt related legislation and mechanisms for legislative debt management and oversight which ensures that all decisions that impact on the citizens’ future are transparent and accountable. |
| **Session 9- Module 6: 11:00am- 12.30pm** |
| **Convener- Okoa Uchumi Coalition, Stop the Bleeding Campaign, CTPD**  **Title: Coalition Building**  **Purpose:** The purpose of this module is to highlight the important need of coalition building in the debt movement to ensure that there is unity of purpose across the continent in resolving the debt crisis.  **Objective:** The objective of this module is to highlight the importance of coalition building in the global south particularly in Africa on debt to ensure that the prevailing debt crisis is eradicated. |
| **CLOSING SESSION: 12:30pm-1:00pm** |
| **Moderator- AFRODAD**  **Vote of Thanks-**  **Closing Remarks-** |
| **END OF DaDA!!!** |