



AFRICAN FORUM AND NETWORK
ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT

Day 1, Monday 17th June 2024
Arrival and Registration: 8:00am-8:30am
Opening Session: 8:30am-9:00am
Moderator- AFRODAD
Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donald Deya, CEO, Pan-African Lawyers Union (PALU)• Jason Braganza, Executive Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)
Session 1- Module 1: 9:00am -10:30am
Convener- AFRODAD Facilitator- Jason Braganza
Title: The Political Economy of Debt Purpose: The purpose of this module is to give the participants a deep dive into the issues revolving around the political economy of debt from a global set up down to the African context. This session will be pegged on the recommendations of the Harare Declaration. 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: 10:30am – 10.45am
Session 2- Module 2: Thematic Area 1: 10.45am- 12.15pm
Convener – AFRODAD Facilitator- Dr Yungong Theophilus Jong
Title: Debt Purpose: This thematic area will look into emphasising the issues highlighted in 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 the debt landscape. Objective: The objective of this session is to understand the issue of debt from a transparency and accountability point of view.
Lunch Break & Emails: 12.15pm-2pm
Session 3: Module 3: Thematic Area 2: 2pm-3.30pm
Convener- SEATINI Facilitator- Jane Nalunga & Hilda Tumuhe
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-3.45pm
END OF DAY ONE!!!
Day 2, Tuesday 18th June 2024



Arrival and Registration: 8:00am-8:30am
Thematic Areas Around Debt: 8am- 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: 8:30am-10:00am
Convener- Christian Aid Facilitator- 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.
Session 4-Module 5: 10:00am-11:30am
Convener - NAWI Facilitator - Crystal Simeoni and Nombuso Mathibela
Title: Alternative Approaches to Debt: The Feminist Perspective
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.
Tea/Coffee Break: 11:30am-11:45am
Session 5-Module 6: Thematic Area 3: 11:45am-1:15pm
Convener- PALU Facilitator- Rangarirai Chikova
Title: The Rule and Role of the Law
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.
Lunch Break: 1:15pm-2:00pm
Session 6-Module 7: Thematic Area 4: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Convener- TJNA Facilitator- Francis Kairu
Title: Debt, Tax, and Illicit Financial Flows
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.



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Tea/Coffee Break: 3:30pm- 3:45pm
Session 7-Module 8: 3:45pm-5:15pm
Convener- Society for International Development Facilitator- Stefano Prato
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.
END OF DAY 2!!!
Day 3, Wednesday 19th June 2024
Arrival and Registration: 8:30am-9:00am
Session 8- Module 8: 9:00am-10:30am
Convener-APPNIFT Facilitator- Dr Tshabalala
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 9: 11:00am- 12.30pm
Convener- Stop the Bleeding Campaign Facilitators- Mukasiri Sibanda
Title: An African Debt Campaign by Stop the Bleeding Campaign 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- Merlene Amonde Closing Remarks- Jason Braganza
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DINNER AND COCKTAIL 7PM