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## Introduction

It is our delight to share with you the AFRODEBT Newsletter for the period January-March 2022. You will be updated on events we hosted in most cases with our various national partners. We are also letting you know about campaigns we were part of such as the Global protest to fight inequality and the International Women's Day/ week *under the hashtag #BreaktheBias*. Our feature story is the successful hosting of our flagship event, the AFRODAD Media Initiative; (AFROMEDI II) which was hosted in Kenya with-partners hosting the event in their respective countries. The main outcome was the launch of the Media-Debt Network Africa (M-DNA); 'a platform that brings together journalists who focus on reporting on development finance issues from across the continent.

## Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight in Budget Policy- South Sudan

AFRODAD in partnership with Center for budget policy and accountability and Ecopeace Initiative for Development (ECOID) conducted a parliamentary training on Strengthening Parliamentary oversight in Public Debt Management in the context of Covid-19 in Juba, South Sudan on 22-24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The training was mainly attended by Members of Parliament (MPs), from the Budget Committee and African Parliamentarian's Network Against Corruption (APNAC) Members, Faith based Organisation (FBOs) leaders, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) representatives and Media.

A total of 47 MPs attended training sessions and after the three days training, participants agreed to work on the formulation of budget policy in South Sudan & oversight and its implementation. "We have summoned the parliamentarians to work on that matter. I wanted to assure the public that parliamentarians are committed to ensuring that whatever knowledge acquired in this training is implemented," Said Hon Chamcoth Pijok, Chairperson of the Economic and Finance committee in his closing remarks. Jennifer Akech, Executive Director, Ecopeace Initiative for Development advised that there is also need for a Climate Change Bill to animate and guide all climate change work in South Sudan. Moreover in her submission she noted that there is need and opportunity to create a climate change committee in the National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) whether as a subcommittee or a fully-fledged committee.

The training was very timely because it came at a time when the parliament had just been reconstituted by the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGNU) as per the peace agreement, Revitalised agreement for the Resolution of the conflict in South Sudan (R-ACRSS). Chapter four of the R-ACRSS calls for reforms in the economic management of the public resources. South Sudan faces several challenges that include weak government institutions and mismanagement of public and natural resources which should change so as to curb corruption in the use of public and natural resources; in order to guarantee transparency, good governance and accountability. The review of the Public Finance Management (PFM) law should therefore take place now in order to facilitate the effective implementation of the reforms that the unity government will undertake during the transitional period. Such reviews should also inform precise policy required to the management of domestic resource mobilisation and debt governance.



Group photo from the parliamentary training in Juba, South Sudan on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Second Edition of the AFRODAD Media Initiative

The second edition of the AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI II) was hosted in 7 African countries i.e. Angola, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The continental gathering was in Nairobi, Kenya and it hosted journalists from 22 African countries. AFROMEDI II aimed at building capacity for journalists on debt and development issues, strengthening their humanising skills while reporting on debt and finance related issues, and lastly increasing awareness and prioritising debt issues which translates to the increase in quality and quantity of reporting on financing for development.

In his remarks, Mr. Jason Braganza AFRODAD's Executive Director urged African journalists to actively utilise the new M-DNA platform and to play their role in improving public understanding of debt related issues in their respective countries to enhance public attention in policy making.

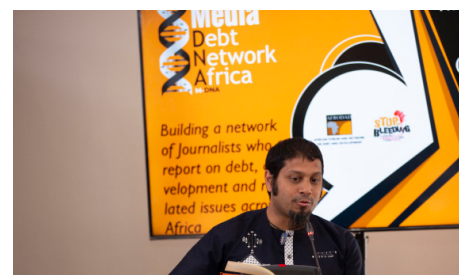


*Journalists participating in the AFRODAD Media Initiative in Nairobi on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022*



## Launch of the Media - Debt Network Africa

The Media - Debt Network Africa was established as a networking, experience sharing and collaboration platform for Africa's journalists who report on financing for development and related issues. The M-DNA has 81 members from 35 countries and some of their articles can be found [here](#).



# “SUM-IT” Reflections on the 5th AU-EU Summit and the 6th European Union - African Union Summit: CSOs Perspective

“[A Joint Vision for 2030](#)” is how the sixth meeting between the Heads of State from Africa and the European Union was dubbed as the final communique was published. The irony that a Summit of this magnitude would lay emphasis on the year 2030 and not 2063 is rather telling on whose “joint vision” this Summit was really for. [Agenda 2063](#) is Africa’s continental blueprint geared towards structural transformation and making Africa a force to be reckoned with on the global stage. It further aims to deliver on its goal for inclusive and sustainable development and is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity pursued under Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance.

## Podcasts



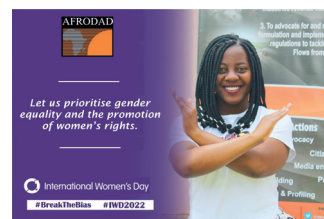
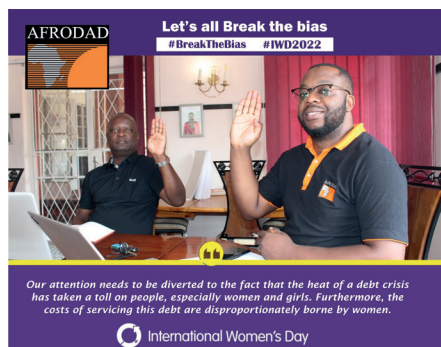
We are excited to launch the AFRODEBT podcast SEASON 1, episode 01. We had an opportunity to enjoy some coffee and a good dialogue with Mr. Braganza, AFRODAD’s Executive Director. Learning more about his experiences so far, and his outlook for the future of the organisation. Listen [here](#).

Podcast reflections on the 5<sup>th</sup> AU-EU Summit and the 6<sup>th</sup> European Union - African Union Summit

Listen full episode [here](#)

## Campaigns - International Womens’ Day

AFRODAD took part in the campaign through social media through embracing, celebrating and promoting the achievements of women. One of the messages shared was diverting attention to the fact that the great of a debt crisis has taken a toll on people especially women and girls. Below are some of the imageries with messages shared on our social media handles celebrating the international women’s day 2022.





## Strengthening Gender Equality Through Effective Special Drawing Rights

By Vanessa Jaravaza - AFRODAD Administrative Assistant

The latest allocation of 450 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) by the IMF in August 2021 in support of economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic impacts came amid calls by various stakeholders to inject the much-needed liquidity especially in developing countries. However, the formula used to allocate the SDRs is based on politics rather than need; the bulk of the SDRs went to advanced countries who are not in need of such resources.

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