

## The African Forum and Network on Debt and Development's Newsletter

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## A fruitful year has come to an end!

As a team we worked, we learnt and basically grew together in more than one aspect. Carryover work from 2017 was completed during the first quarter of the year along with implementation of 2018 planned activities around research, lobby and policy dialogues.

Plans for 2019 have been finalized and presented to AFRODAD Board for approval.

This newsletter covers work executed in the last quarter of the year.

**Receiving your feedback is always a pleasure!**

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### AFRODAD's Contribution to the Establishment of a fair and transparent international sovereign debt restructuring mechanism

#### Spring Meetings



AFRODAD was represented at the 2018 WB/IMF Annual Meetings held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Bali, Indonesia, by Dr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi - Executive Director and Mr. Tirivangani Mutazu – Senior Policy Analyst Debt Management. They both participated in a number of debt events during the aforementioned meetings, under the WB/IMF and civil society programs. Sovereign debt levels were noted to be rising especially in developing countries. The UNGA work on the legal framework was noted and the 10 principles adopted so far for debt restructuring were commented on, with calls for IFIs to play their role in the UN process. Discussions from a number of events during the meetings show a great deal of stakeholders' frustrations with stowed progress on this issue, especially directed at the USA.

AFRODAD had earlier contributed to the development and production of a policy advocacy research publication which was coordinated by EURODAD titled 'History RePPPeated'. It was launched at the Global Infrastructure Forum during the World Bank/ IMF Annual Meetings in Bali, Indonesia in October 2018.

### AFRODAD is Contributing to Advocacy Efforts towards a fair and effective tax system for financing development in Africa

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Pan African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows

AFRODAD joined other civil society organizations in the region in support and to strengthen the CSO movement for combating Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) out of Africa for the 6<sup>th</sup> Pan African Conference on IFFs and Taxation that was held on 17 – 18 October 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme for this year's conference was "Corruption as driver of IFFs from Africa".

The Conference provided a platform to multiple stakeholders and policy actors drawn from governments, CSOs, research and academia and other relevant players to deliberate and discuss pertinent issues on the IFFs agenda. The conference discussions will contribute and feed into ongoing efforts by the Africa Union to fight corruption and stop IFFs from Africa.



Fifteen (15) years after the adoption of the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC), 2018 provided a good opportunity to take stock on progress made so far, assess what still needs to be done and devise new strategies that appropriately address new corruption challenges. The Conference also provided an opportunity to take stock of the success made so far and challenges facing African governments in their efforts to honor their commitments to stem IFFs through the implementation of the High Level Panel recommendations

### AFRODAD is also Participating in Enhancing the Capacity of Governments to Understand and Engage on Implications of Public Finance from Emerging Sources, and Monitor its Development on Poverty Reduction.



AFRODAD was also one of the African CSO Coalition that engaged the African Regional Centre on the 30<sup>th</sup> October in Sandton, South Africa and in Shanghai, China on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2018 respectively. The thrust has been to influence NDB operations through NDB-CSO engagements on NDB Operational

policies such as the Environmental and Social Framework, Country Partnership Plan, Policy on Financial Management and Financial Analysis, as well as Economic Analysis of Projects including the Information Disclosure Policy which AFRODAD, as part of the CSO Coalition on the NDB, was of the view that these had to be reviewed to promote socio-economic sustainable development beyond the profit aspect of the bank's operations.



### AFRODAD is adding Value through building capacity to understand the implications and develop frameworks of Publicly Supported Private Finance and Public Private Partnerships that contributes to sustainable development.

#### AFRODAD Media Initiative in Zimbabwe



In line with AFRODAD's initiative to build capacity for business journalists, AFRODAD has hosted two training so far. The first was held in Malawi and the second took place in Harare, Zimbabwe in November 2018. The purpose of this initiative was to raise the awareness of business journalists on Public Private Partnerships, Human Rights and financing for development and to bring them to speed on the role they can play in the monitoring of the implementation of these projects. This led to the establishment of working groups both on social media and email list-

serves where information regarding PPPs in the country is shared and strategies to engage with relevant stakeholders are proposed.

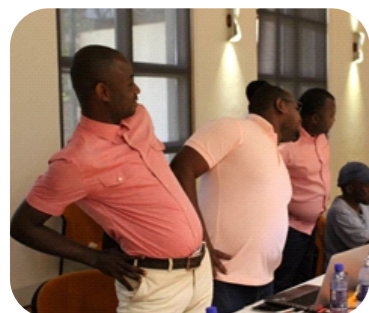


## AFRODAD is Contributing to the Strengthening of Extractive Industries' Revenue Management in Africa

### AFRODAD's 4<sup>th</sup> Summer School

The participation of parliament, civil society organizations, the academia and media in decision making is a fundamental prerequisite for good governance hence AFRODAD's initiative to host the yearly Summer School initiative.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Summer School took place from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Mangochi, Malawi. It was attended by 40 participants (an increase from 25 in 2017) drawn from the western, eastern, central and southern African regions. Women constituted about 42% of the participants. Most importantly the event was graced by parliamentarians from the SADC PF and East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) who actively engaged with other participants.



Objectives of the Summer Schools were to:

- (i) improve participants' knowledge and understanding of extractive sector revenue mobilization and management; institutions governing the mining sector; and the role of the AMV in enhancing fiscal resource mobilization to finance development;
- (ii) develop participants' knowledge and understanding of domestic and external sources of financing development particularly on issues of Debt, IFFs, ODA, PPPs and AFRODAD's work in the region;



A blog and a video with more details including outcomes are available on AFRODAD's YouTube channel and the blog on the website.

- (iii) establish linkages between civil society organizations, parliamentarians and the media in effective resource mobilization; and
- (iv) ensure that civil society organizations, faith based organizations, parliamentarians, and the media play an influential role in monitoring and influencing tax justice.

## AFRODAD has been Contributing to Strengthening Inclusive, Transparent and Accountable Public Debt Borrowing and Loan Contractation Processes

### Inception meeting in Nigeria

AFRODAD collaborated with Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) and ECONDAD to organize a two-day project inception meeting from 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December in Abuja, Nigeria. This meeting provided a forum for deliberating on the modalities of collaboration on the project, implementation strategy and reaching agreement on a plan of action. Furthermore, participants had the opportunity of sharing ideas on African regional debt profiles and debt management strategies; Public debt escalation and consequential effects on socio-economic development and "Tracking Illicit Financial Flows through Technological Innovation: Sub-regional Perspectives".



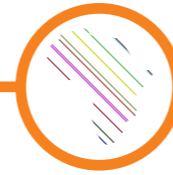
### Partners' Relations

AFRODAD attended the Diakonia Annual partners Meeting in Nairobi Kenya on 12 and 13 November, 2018. The meeting was attended by regional organizations being funded by Diakonia. During the meeting, AFRODAD representatives gave a report on AFRODAD's work. Participants were trained on narrative reporting and conflict sensitivity. The meeting provided AFRODAD the opportunity to forge synergies with other regional organizations in terms of fundraising and programming. Total participants were 22, twelve of them were women.



## Organizational Leadership

AFRODAD Board members held the end of year meeting to consider organizational reports detailing key developments in the organization with a view of establishing its health and effectiveness. The board also reviewed key performance indicators highlighted by the secretariat.



## Camera Moments

And the Photographer has been doing a great job!



