

Draft Programme – Conference on IFFs and Debt amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic (All times SAT)

Time	Session
Day 1 – Monday 22nd March 2021	
11.00am – 11.15am	Welcoming Remarks – Member of the AFRODAD Board
11.15am – 11.30am	Poem on Debt and IFFs – Samantha Dube
11.30am – 11.45am	<p>Session1: Key Note Speech - Situating Illicit Financial Flows and Debt amidst the Covid-19 Global Pandemic</p> <p>Whilst the global pandemic led to an economic crisis and ground the world to a halt, the harsh reality is this wasn't the case for the generation and movement of illicit financial flows. In fact, it could be argued the global pandemic has created the environment for certain types of IFFs to thrive. And at a time when Africa is facing a triple whammy of crises – economic, health, and debt – IFFs remain a major significant hinderance to the region's recovery from the Pandemic.</p> <p>Objective: Understanding how the slow implementation in curbing IFFs is contributing to the indebtedness of the continent.</p> <p>Moderator: Mukasiri Sibanda Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ndinaye Sekwi: African Union
11.45am-13:30pm	<p>Plenary Session 1: Unpacking the FACTI Panel Report from an African Perspective</p> <p>The FACTI Panel released its report and recommendations that seek to further enhance the accountability and transparency of the global financial architecture. The Report comes against the background of the Mbeki Panel of 2015 that has been adopted the AU Member States.</p> <p>Objective Reconciling the FACTI Panel with the Mbeki Panel in a way the advances Africa's position on reforming the global financial architecture.</p> <p>Moderator: Mukasiri Sibanda Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mustapha Ndajiwo - FACTI Panel Coordinator 2. Alvin Mosioma – Tax Justice Network Africa 3. Leila Kituyi – African Tax Administration Forum 4. Robert Ssuuna- The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) <p>Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eHHwV-UpTvilGaonCqyDSA</p>
13:30	Close Day 1
Day 2 – Tuesday 23rd March 2021	
10.00am – 11.30am	<p>Side Session 1 – Kenya - The State of Play in curbing IFFs in the EAC</p> <p>This session can explore (1) The IFCs in the region; (2) Corruption related IFFs due to Covid-19; (3) The debt intersection with IFFs related to the SGR expose; and (4) Regional Efforts to Curb IFFs in the region</p> <p>Objective: To explore the implications of IFCs, debt and Corruption on the scale and mechanisms of IFFs.</p>

	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. East Africa Tax and Governance Network (EATGN) 2. The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA) 3. Transparency International (TI-Kenya) 4. East African Legislators Assembly (EALA) <p>Form:</p> <p>Physical – Kenya Nairobi</p> <p>Virtual -</p>
10.00am - 11.30 am	<p>Side Session 2 – Measurement of IFFs and Policy Interventions</p> <p>There are a number of methods used to measure the scale of IFFs. These different methods and measures have resulted in different figures on the size of IFFs that have been brought to the fore. This poses the question on the effectiveness of these measurements in giving a true picture of the size of IFFs. These weaknesses have prompted the need to revisit the statistical approaches to estimate IFFs. Further, an assessment of policy interventions drawing from recommendations of the HLP report is also paramount.</p> <p>Objective: To understand ongoing initiatives in improving the measurement of IFFs, and evaluate policy interventions in curbing IFFs thus far.</p> <p>Host: MEFMI</p> <p>Moderator: Edmond Kangamungazi</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allan Mukungu – United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) 2. Bojan Nastav – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 3. Kathy Nicolaou-Manias- Argent Econ Consult (Pty) Ltd <p>Form:</p> <p>Virtual:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qTE7HX1fSHmOosxUJUXBIQ</p>
10.00am – 11.00am	<p>Side Session 3 – Zimbabwe: The debt and extractives nexus</p> <p>The African continent is witnessing a growing trend where countries are collateralizing debts using mineral resources. In a context where contracted debts are doing little to end poverty and inequality, this trend has led to paltry benefits from the extractives sector accruing to the citizens.</p> <p>Objective: To explore and understand the link between debt and extractives.</p> <p>Hosts: AFRODAD and ZIMCDD</p> <p>Moderator: John Maketo (ZIMCDD)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tafadzwa Chikumbu - TI-Zimbabwe 2. Veronica Zano- Southern Africa Resources Watch (SARW) 3. Jessie Majome - Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) 4. Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) <p>Form:</p>

	Physical - Zimbabwe Harare Virtual -
	Side Session 4 – The nexus between Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and Debt within the Covid-19 context in Zambia <p>The session will bring together key stakeholders which include legislators from relevant portfolio committees, government officials, CSOs from diverse thematic areas and the faith-based sector to a discussion around how IFFs have contributed to the rapid increase in Zambia’s public debt stock, but more so, how the Covid-19 pandemic has interfaced with the debt situation vis-à-vis IFFs. More specifically, the conversation will revolve around IFFs in Government procurement processes, issues of transfer mispricing in the mining sector and mismanagement of Covid-19 funds</p> <p>Objective of the session: The session will seek to establish trends in IFFs in Zambia with a bias towards how these trends have exacerbated Zambia’s debt situation in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Moderator: Miss Ellen Makinishi</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Intelligence Centre 2. Dr. Gabriel Pollen 3. International Growth Centre <p>Form Physical – Zambia Lusaka Virtual -</p>
11.00am – 2.00pm Lunch	
14.00pm – 15.30pm	Side Session 5 – Assessing Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)'s factors in West and Central Africa with a comparative perspective: The cases of Cameroon & Cote d'Ivoire <p>Addressing the issues related to investment for sustainable development and debt sustainability in the context of the COVID-19 crisis recovery call for a wider reflection than just within governments. All stakeholders need to fully participate in the process, to ensure better effectiveness. In that respect, a multi-stakeholder dialogue is necessary that considers the contribution of non-state actors, as well as that of the affected communities, through those who in the civil society carry their voices. The combined session will mark a critical step toward that direction, by ensuring a wide consultation and integrating various perspectives on IFF and DRM while proffering recommendations on possible solutions.</p> <p>Objective: To draw lessons from the past and initiate a deep reflexion, at national level and then at regional level, sharing experiences, in the framework of a Public-Private Dialogue (PPD), looking at the key factors of Illicit Financial Flows, to try to shape effective solutions.</p> <p>Host: Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) Moderator: Matin Tsounkeu Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ivory Coast 2. Cameroon <p>Form: Physical – Cameroon Yaoundé and Ivory Coast Abijan Virtual -</p>

	<p>Side Session 6 – Progress, challenges and strategies for improved debt management and curbing IFFs by legislators and government officials (SADC PF, EALA, APNIFFT, ECOWAS, PAP).</p> <p>Legislators and government officials are key stakeholders when it comes to the crafting and implementation of policies that touch on prudent debt management and curbing IFFs. Capacity building and strategies to alleviate challenges faced by legislators and government official are key in ensuring prudent debt management and stemming IFFs from the continent.</p> <p>Objective: To evaluate progress and challenges faced by legislators and government officials with the view to strategies on how to improve prudent debt management and curbing IFFs.</p> <p>Hosts: MEFMI and AFRODAD Moderator: Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rangarirai Chikova - AFRODAD 2. MEFMI Representative 3. SADC PF Representative 4. EALA Representative <p>Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mCvvUTOpSa2zgjoFZq_RTw</p>
16.00pm Close Day 2	
Day 3 – Wednesday 24th March 2021	
11.00am – 13.00pm	<p>Plenary Session 3 – Complexities of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Curbing IFFs and Debt Management in Africa</p> <p>Before the Covid-19 pandemic, countries were already vulnerable to IFFs and debt distress. Furthermore, IFFs have also increased countries vulnerabilities to borrow as a source of financing development needs. The Covid-19 pandemic has further exacerbated this situation and as the scale of IFFs has risen and more countries risking debt distress.</p> <p>Objective: To understand how the Covid-19 pandemic has increased the vulnerability of countries to IFFs and debt unsustainability.</p> <p>Host: Transparency International Moderator: Jason Rosario Braganza Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sheila Masinde – Executive Director, Transparency International Kenya 2. Hon Chidakwa - Member of Parliament (Zimbabwe) 3. Brian Tamuka Kagoro – Open Societies Foundation (OSF) 4. Cynthia Nona Tamale – Fellow, African Sovereign Debt Justice Network (AfSDJN) <p>Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eHHwV-UpTvilGaonCqyDSA</p>
12.30pm – 13.30pm	<p>Session 6 – Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rangarirai Chikova - Feedback and action points

	2. Jason Braganza - Closing Remarks
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