

INAUGURAL AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT (AFCODD)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (ALL TIMES HARARE TIME)

25TH TO 27TH AUGUST 2021

Day 1, Wednesday 25 th August 2021	
Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue - Session 1 (Virtual), 11.00am – 13.00pm	
Moderator – Ms Maya Hayakawa (BBC)	
Theme: The Political Economy of Africa's debt and building a common position out of the Pandemic	
Session Objectives	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To set the scene on the political economy dynamics surrounding the multiple crises arising out of the global pandemic from an Africa Perspective 2. To differentiate Africa's position in this crisis to that during the Global Financial Crisis and explore Africa's role in global commerce 3. To explore how the current relief measures, stack up in (i) reforming the debt architecture; (ii) reposition Africa on the negotiating table; and (iii) galvanising a Common African Position on both relief measures, and the reform agenda 	
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11.00 – 11.10	Welcoming and Introductions – Ms Maya Hayakawa Welcoming remarks – Dr Richard Kamidza, Trustee
11.10 – 11.55	Opening session Professor Attiya Waris – United Nations Independent Expert on Foreign debt, other international financial obligations and Human Rights Statements Eric Kehinde OGUNLEYE on behalf of Dr Rabah Arezki – Vice President, African Development Group Dr Raymond Gilpin – United Nations Development Programme Mr Abebe Aemro Selassie – International Monetary Fund
11.55 – 12.00noon	5-minute break – screenshot photo of opening session
12.00noon – 12.55	“Building Forward Together” – Is it time for an alternative Debt Dispensation? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Carina Sugden, Chief Governance and Economic Management Officer – African Development Bank 2. Dr Yeo Dossina – African Union 3. Ms Memory Kachambwa – The African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) 4. Mr Allan Mukungu – United Nations Economic Commission for Africa 5. Ms Hannah Ryder – Development Reimagined Q&A
12.55 – 13.00	Wrap up and close of session Screenshot photo of opening session
Pillar 2 Knowledge and Ideation - Breakout sessions (Virtual) 13.00 – 17.00	

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Session 2 (Virtual) - 13.00 – 14.45

Paper 1 – The Political Economy of Africa’s Debt Accumulation – Exploring the Power relations in debt contraction (China, Gulf States, Deep State, Commercial and Private Actors)

Moderator - TAMA FOUNDATION

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Session 3 (Virtual) - 13.00 – 14.45

Paper 2 – A Feminist Perspective to Macroeconomic Policy in Africa – opportunities from the debt crisis to redress contemporary flaws

Moderator - NAWI AFRIFEM

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Session 4 (Virtual) - 15.00 – 17.00

Paper 3 - Contemporary issues in the current debt crisis – Austerity in Indebtedness, different game, same players

Moderator – YUNGONG Theo Jong, Head of Programmes, AFRODAD!

Session Objectives

1. To review traditional policy approaches offered by IFIs and other partners in the heart of the crisis and their effects on fiscal space required to advance Africa’s development
2. To explore historical effects and the usefulness of austerity policies to African countries during times of crisis
3. To evaluate the usefulness and the viability of austerity policies to African countries in the heart of economic slowdown induced by COVID-19
4. To highlight and situate the key things to note in formulating a common African position and approach to handling austerity-related policy advice offered by African development partners

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15.00 – 15.15	Welcoming Remarks – Michael Zuze, AFRODAD
15.15– 15.30	Presentation: Cynthia Nona Tamale, Independent Consultant
15.30 16:50	Plenary Session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Chenai Mukumba, TJNA 2. Mr Isaac Mwaipopo, Center for Trade Policy and Development 3. Mr Nabil Abd, International Financial Institutions Oxfam International 4. Dr Perez Ayieko Onono, Department of Applied Economics, Kenyatta University 5. Ms Daisy Mukarate, Africa United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Africa
16.50 – 17.00	Wrap up and close of session
17.00 – 18.00	Session 20 - Watch Party – Voices of the Indebted > Registration Link

Day 2, Thursday 26th August 2021

Pillar 3 – Public Mobilisation – Regional Sessions (Virtual)

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Regional Session 8 - 09:00 – 10:30 Moderator – Rangarirai Chikova Theme: Understanding the debt and extractives nexus Objectives: To understand the connection between debt and extractive and the risks associated with resources backed loans. > Registration Link	
09:00 – 09:05	Welcoming remarks – AFRODAD/ SAPSN
09:05 – 09:55	Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unpacking the link between debt and extractives – Veronica Zano – Southern African Resources Watch. 2. Understanding the risks of resources backed loans – David Mahilyi - Natural Resources Governance Institute 3. Civic Society concerns on RBL – Oxfam SAF/Malawi
09:55– 10: 25	Plenary Session followed by Q&A
10:25 – 10:30	Wrap up and close of session
Session 9 – 11:00 – 13:00 Moderator – Mr Mukasiri Sibanda (Stop the Bleeding Consortia) Theme: Adopting a Big Tent Approach: The Stop the Bleeding Campaign Objectives: Adopt a big tent approach that seeks to include CSOs from various sectors to raise the necessary pressure for governments and corporates to tackle IFFs- from Africa. > Registration Link	
11:00 – 11:05	Welcoming remarks
11:05 – 12:00	What is the story behind STB Campaign? A throwback, relevance progress, challenges faced, lessons learnt and a call to action <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briggs Bomba – Trust Africa 2. Joel Odigie 3. Sendisa Ndlovu 4. Vivien Chime 5. Don Deya 6. Farah Nguegan – Tax Justice Network Africa Q&A
12:00 – 12:40	Reflections from grassroots movements to the big tent approach, who is missing and what it takes to achieve synergy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflections (JCTR) (tbc) 2. All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) (tbc) 3. Sendisa Ndlovu - Students and Youth Working on Reproductive Health Action Team (SAYWHAT) 4. Joel Odige - International Congress of Trade Unions Q&A
12.00 – 13.00	Wrap up and close of session
Pillar 3 – Public Mobilisation In- Country Breakout Sessions (Hybrid), 09.00 – 17.00	

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Session 11 (Hybrid) - 09.00– 12.00 Moderator - Leopold Ngarlenan Docdjengar, former Minister of Finance and Budget	
Chad Country Session – Cercle de Réflexion et d'Orientation sur la Soutenabilité de l'Economie Tchadienne (CROSET) > Registration Link	
09.00 – 09.10	Welcoming remarks: Remadji Christelle, Acting President du CROSET & AFRODAD
09.00 – 09.20	Introductions : Leopold Ngarlenan Docdjengar, former Minister of Finance and Budget
09.20 – 11.00	Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debt landscape in Chad - Nicodème Maho, Debt Department Director, Ministry of Finance and Budget 2. Domestic Ressources Mobilisation - Sikassa Esdras, Tax Department Direction, Ministry of Finance and Budget 3. Illicit Financial Flows - Aigongué Djinguebaye, Directorate Studies and Forecasting, Ministry of Finance and Budget 4. IMF loans and Austerity - Fata Houssoubé, Directorate Studies and Forecasting, Ministry of Finance and Budget 5. Public spending and Gender - Kamadji Demba, Tchad Trade Unions 6. Civil society role and Public Finance Transparency - Nassingar Rimtebaye, Civil Society Activist Summary of Presentations - Leopold Ngarlenan Docdjengar, former Minister of Finance and Budget
11.00 – 12.00	Plenary Session followed by Q&A
12.00 – 12.15	Wrap up and close of session
12.15 – 13.00	Cocktail reception
Session 12 (Hybrid) - 12.30– 17.15 Tanzania Country Session – Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development (TCDD) > Registration Link	
12.30 - 13.00	Registration
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	Welcoming Remarks - TCDD/AFRODAD
14.30 - 15.15	Presentation - Abeid Mzee, Ministry of Finance
15.15 - 16.00	Panel Discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abeid Mzee 2. Esther Matiko (MP) 3. Peter Ogillo 4. Marina Bakanova 5. Abel Chidawali
16.00 - 17.00	Plenary Session followed by Q&A
17.00 - 17.15	Wrap up and close of session

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Session 13 (Hybrid) - 10.00– 13.00 Moderator - Stean Mpolo, International Consultant Central Bank Expert Cameroon Country Session – Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) > Registration Link	
09.00 – 09.40	Registration Opening and Welcoming Remarks Remarks - Martin Tsounkeu, ADIN; Theophilus J. Yungong, AFRODAD; Jean Marie Nguele, OFFICIEL
09.40 – 11.00	Presentation – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Debt Strategy - Line Enanga, Ministry of Finance 2. Public Finance Reforms - Line Rachelle Fouth, Ministry of Finance 3. Challenges of the parliamentarian action on debt - Louis Roger Essola, Parliamentarian 4. Support and expectations of the International Financial Institutions (IFI) - Du Prince Tchokote, IMF 5. Impact of Illicit financial Flows on Domestic Resources Mobilization - Jean Mballa Mballa, CRADEC 6. Youth perspective on the public debt burden - Rita Suwun Beri, CAMTOSFOP
11.00 – 12.30	Plenary Session followed by Q&A
12.30 – 13.00	Wrap up and close of session
Session 14 (Hybrid) - 10.00 – 13.00 Zambia Country Session – Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) + Consumer Unity Trust Society (CUTS)-Lusaka + Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) > Registration Link	
09.00 - 09.30	Registration - CUTS
09.30 - 09.40	Welcoming Remarks - Dr Claudia Pollen + Engwase Mwale
09.40 - 10.15	Presentation - Ceasar Cheelo
10.15 - 11.00	Panel Discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engwase Mwale, NGOCC 2. Mulenga Jones Shimbela, CYLA. 3. Harriet Chibuta, YWA 4. Florence Banda Muleya, ZAM
11.00 -12.30	Plenary discussion – Q&A
12.30 - 13.00	Wrap-up and closing session
Session 15 (Hybrid) - 10.00 – 13.00 Uganda Country Session – Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)+ Uganda Debt Network (UDN) Moderator - Christine Byiringiro/Mr. Gilbert Musinguzi > Registration Link	
09.00 - 09.20	Registration and arrival of participants
09.20 - 09.30	Opening & Welcome Remarks - AFRODAD/SEATINI



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09.30 - 09.40	Keynote address - Prof. Ezra Suruma, UDN Board member, Chancellor Makerere University
09.40 - 10.15	Presentation on <i>Strengthening Public Debt Accountability in Uganda</i> - Ms. Marris Wanyera Director Debt Management Unit, MoFPED
10.15 - 11.15	Panel discussion based on the presentation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Adam Mugume, Director Research-Bank of Uganda. 2. Hon Steven Mukitale, Former MP Bulisa, Debt management Expert. 3. Dr. Fred Muhumuza, Senior Economist & Lecturer Makerere University 4. Ismail Ladu, Senior Journalist, Nation Media Uganda
11.15 – 12.30	Plenary session followed by Q&A
12.30 – 13.00	Wrap up and closing remarks - Ms. Izabela Karpowicz, IMF Resident Representative for Uganda
<p>Session 16 (Virtual) - 08.00– 12.00 (09:00 – 12pm, Kenya Time) Kenya Country Session Moderator - Valerie Okumu-Ojiambo, Legal and Socio-Political Researcher and Consultant</p> <p>Theme: Kenya's Public Debt - Lessons from Structural Adjustment Programs: What Way Forward for Kenya? <i>The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA) under the Okoa Uchumi Campaign</i></p> <p>> Registration Link</p>	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Remarks - Wanjiru Gikonyo, National Coordinator, TISA, OkoaUchumi Campaign
10.10 – 10.15	Overview of the Program and Brief Introduction Forum Objectives - Ms. Valerie Okumu-Ojiambo, Legal and Socio-Political Researcher and Consultant
10:15 – 10:50	Keynote Presentation – Dr Stephen Njaramba
10:50 – 11:50	High Level Panel Discussion based on Keynote Presentation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Rasmussen, Tobias Nybo, Kenya Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund 2. Ms. Wangari Muikia – Economics Expert and PFM Specialist 3. Ms. Crystal Simeoni – Director, The Nawi – Afrifem Macroeconomics Collective (Nawi Collective) Pan – African Feminist Initiative – 4. Dr. Simon Githuku – Research and Policy Manager – Kenya Association of Manufacturers <p>Q&A</p>
11.50 – 12.45	Political perspectives on structural adjustments and fiscal consolidation in Kenya's public debt <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Dr. Amos Kimunya, MP- Leader of Majority Party, National Assembly – TBC 2. Hon. Wanga, MP - Chairperson Finance Committee, National Assembly -TBC 3. His Excellency, Hon. Musalia Mudavadi - Amani National Congress, Party Leader – TBC
12.45 – 12.55	Communique adoption by the meeting - Ms. Wanjiru Gikonyo, National Coordinator, TISA , Convenor, Okoa Uchumi Campaign
12.55 – 13.00	Appreciation – The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA)

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Session 17 (Hybrid) - 09.00– 13.00

Mozambique Country Session - Centro para Democracia e Desenvolvimento (CDD) and Fórum de Monitoria do Orçamento (FMO)

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09.00 - 09.30	Registration - CDD
09.30 - 09.40	Welcoming Remarks - Prof. Dr. Adriano Nuvunga (Fmo Chairperson) and Afrodad (Representative)
09.40 - 10.15	Presentation - <i>Public Debt and Development: Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Public Debt Management in Mozambique</i> - Dr. Eduardo Neves
10.15 - 11.00	Panel Discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Yassifir Ibraimo - IESE 2. Dra. Nádia Hassamo – CTA 3. Dr. Egas Daniel - London School Of Economics And Up
11.00 -12.30	Plenary discussion – Q&A
12.30 - 13.00	Wrap-up and closing session

Session 18 (Hybrid) - 10.00– 13.00

Nigeria Country Session - Africa Network for Environment & Economic Justice (ANEEJ)

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10.00 – 10.30	Welcoming – Marie/Ovie Opening and Remarks – ANEEJ / AFRODAD
10.30 – 11.00	Presentation - Oscar Ubhenin, <i>PhD</i> <i>IFFs, Inequality, Natural Resources, Transparency, Special Drawing Rights; G20 Common Framework; Debt transparency, accountability, and governance; IMF Loans and Austerity; and the African Borrowing Charter</i>
11.00 – 12.30	Plenary Session Panellists <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Shubham Chaudhuri, World Bank Country Director 2. Hon. Dr. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmed, House of Reps 3. Ms. Inyingi Irimagha, GADA, (Youth Representative) 4. Mrs. Elizabeth Akpana Egharevba, Director, International Cooperation, Ministry of Budget and National Planning (tbc) 5. Ms. Oneha, Director General Debt Management Office (DMO) (tbc) 6. Mr. Leo Atakpu, Chair of Panel/Representing CSOs Q&A
12.30 – 13.00	Wrap up and closing session Lunch

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Session 19 (Hybrid) - 10.00 – 13.00

Senegal Country Session - Laboratoire de recherches économiques et monétaires (LAREM)

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Pillar 2 Knowledge and Ideation - Breakout sessions (Virtual)

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Session 6 (Virtual) – 15.00 – 17.00 Moderator - Olabisi Akinkugbe Paper 5 - The Transparency, Accountability, and Governance (TAG) Agenda in the age of shrinking civic space – the Weaponisation of Covid-19 and what it means for public participation in debt matters Session objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To examine the relationship between public debt and governance for sub-Saharan African countries whose aim is ultimately to enhance evidence- based policy discourse and advocacy on governance and public debt management in Sub-Saharan Africa 	
> Registration Link	
15.00 – 15.15	Welcoming Remarks
15.15 – 15.30	Presentation: James Gathii, Convenor, African Sovereign Debt Justice Network
15.30 - 16:50	Plenary Session Potential Panellists <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Magalie Masamba Prof Daniel Bradlow Dr Richard Makoto Dr Innocent Bayai
16.50 – 17.00	Wrap up and close of session
Session 7 (Virtual) - 15.00 – 17.00 Paper 6 - Debt and governance in Sub-Saharan Africa Moderator – JENA > Registration Link	
Pillar 3 – Public Mobilisation – Regional Session (Virtual) 15:30– 17:00	
Session 10 (Hybrid) – 15.30 – 17.00 Regional Session – Youth, Debt, Corruption, and Tax (Virtual) EAC region’s debt situation has elements around corruption and the youth. Corruption in a major driver for the debt predicament the region finds itself in; and it is the youth who are being saddled with the bill of paying the debt off. And both these issues are regional issues and have a close interlinkage with the governance agenda in the region specifically, and tax and IFFs more broadly.	
Session objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the role of youths in tax justice and prudent debt management 	
> Registration Link	
15.30 - 16:40	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> EATGN - Economic Sustainability in East Africa: Framing the Linkages Between Public Debt and Tax Justice YTJN / AU Youth Division - The role of young people in debt management TI- Kenya (tbc)
16.40 – 16.45	Wrap up and close of session
17.00 – 18.00	Session 21 - Watch Party > Registration Link

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Day 3 – Friday 27th August 2021 – Closing Session

Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue –Session 22 (Virtual) 12.00 – 13.30

Moderator – Ms Maya Hayakawa (BBC News)

Theme: Building Forward Together – being purposefully propositional in the solutions that make Africa a rule maker not a rule taker

Session objectives

1. To define what ‘*building forward together*’ means for Pan-African Civil Society
2. To be propositional to an alternative model/pathway towards Africa the rule maker not the rule taker

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12.00noon – 13.00	<p>The Multidimensional aspects of building forward together – beyond the economics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Crystal Simeoni, NAWI Afrifem Macroeconomic Collective 2. Mr Allan Murangira, Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN) 3. Ms Joanne Manda, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 4. Dr Olumide Abimbola, APRI – Africa Policy Research Institute 5. Ms Karimi Kinoti, Africa Division Christian Aid <p>Q&A</p>
13.00 – 13.05	5-minute break for screenshot photo
13.05 – 13.20	<p>Conference Wrap-up and next steps Mr Jason Rosario Braganza – Executive Director, AFRODAD Mr Peter Kamalingin – Director, Oxfam Pan-Africa Programme</p> <p>Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks Jason Rosario Braganza – Executive Director, AFRODAD</p>
13.25 – 13.30	<p>Wrap up and close of session 20 Screenshot photo of the final session</p>
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