



**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (GMT+2)
24 – 26 AOUT 2022**

Day 1, Wednesday 24th August 2022
Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue: 08.00am – 12.00pm
Arrival and Registration: 08.00am – 09.00am
Opening Session (Hybrid): 09.00am – 10.00am
Moderator – Jason Braganza (AFRODAD)
<p>Welcoming remarks – Barbara Khalima Phiri - AFRODAD Board Member and Bertha Phiri - MEJN Official Opening – Ministry of Finance, Malawi (TBC) Keynote Address – Dr Ronald Mangani, Former Secretary to the Treasury of the Government of Malawi Video/Livestream Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Kevin Chika Urama – Vice-President for Economic Governance & Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group (V)2. Dr Patrick Ndzana Olomo – African Union3. Hon. Boemo Sekgoma – Secretary General, Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF) (V)4. Prof. Attiya Waris – Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations, and human rights (V)5. Dr Raymond Gilpin – Chief Strategy, Analysis & Research Team (UNDP) (V)6. Dr Stephanie Blankenburg – Head of the Debt & Development Finance Branch United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (V)7. Crystal Simeoni – Executive Director, Nawi – Afrifem Macroeconomics Collective and the Stop The Bleeding Consortium
<p>Official photos</p> <p><u>Registration link</u></p>
Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue Session 1 (Hybrid): 10.00am – 11.00am

Moderator – Jason Braganza (AFRODAD)

Theme: Building the road map towards the establishment of the African Financial Architecture

Purpose: Political will and political power dynamics are at the centre of Africa’s engagement with the debt architecture. The political dialogue seeks to build a new political consensus towards the realisation on the African Union’s Financial Architecture. African countries should not have to contemplate double punishment for wanting to restructure their debt or seek moratoriums.

Objective – Political consensus towards the realisation on the African Union’s Financial Architecture

Main speaker: Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi

Discussants - Political Dialogue on the African Financial Architecture followed by Q&A

1. Dr Patrick Ndzana Olomo – African Union
2. Luckystar Miyandzi – UNDP
3. Penelope Hawkins – UNCTAD (V)
4. Donald Deya – CEO Pan-African Lawyers Union (PALU) and Chair of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign

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Tea Break – 11.00am – 11.30am

Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue –Session 2 (Hybrid) 11.30am – 13.00pm

Moderator – Jason Braganza (AFRODAD)

Theme: Africa’s Debt Conundrum: Public Debt, SDRs, and Africa’s Reform Agenda post COVID-19

Purpose: This session unpacks the financing needs of African countries, the utilisation of the SDR allocation and the current situation since the 2021 SDR allocation with the aim of arriving at an African position and call for increased SDR allocation for African countries to finance its burgeoning development.

Main speaker: Marie-Louise Aren, University of Pretoria (V)

Discussants

1. Nations Msowoya – Director, Debt Management Authority Malawi
2. Farayi Gwenhamo – IMF Malawi Country Representative
3. Winnie Auma Ogweni – Office of The Auditor General (Kenya)
4. Penelope Hawkins – UNCTAD (V)
5. Isaac Mwaipopo – CTPD
6. Joab Okanda - ChristianAid
7. Dr Ndongo Mané Kébé – LAREM (V)

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Lunch Break – 13.00pm – 14.30pm

Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue – Session 3 (Hybrid) 14.30pm – 16.00pm

Moderator – Jason Braganza (AFRODAD)

Theme: Digital Currencies: Towards Financial Inclusion and Defining Africa’s Financial Architecture

Purpose: This session will explore the extent to which African economies are ready to successfully introduce and implement digital currencies beyond financial inclusion and expand towards realising the African Financial Architecture. This session will delve into:

- Preparedness for continental roll-out of digital currencies
- Beyond financial inclusion, are digital currencies likely to enhance monetary stability?
- How do Central Banks build confidence and trust in CBDCs against competition from cryptocurrencies?
- Are digital currencies likely to offer macroeconomic policy space with regards to debt?

Main Speakers: Linda Bonyo - Lawyers Hub (V) & Ali Hussein, Consultant Fintech | Digital Transformation

Panel Discussants

1. Anzette Were – AWERE (V)
2. Luca Antonio Ricci – IMF (V)
3. Aiaze Mitha – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (V)
4. Nzilani Mweu – Rilani Advocates
5. Alvin Mosioma - Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and Member of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign

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Tea Break – 16.00pm – 17.00pm

Debt, Culture and Arts – 17.00pm – 18.00pm

Music and Poetry with Chrissie Kamthunzi

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 4 - 18.00pm – 19.30pm

Theme: Presentation of the Debt Toolkit - A resource guide for understanding public debt, its relevance, consequences and management, applicable frameworks and capacity strengthening tools

By Dr Enoch Nyorekwa Twinoburyo

Purpose: This Public Debt Toolkit brings together the most common public debt analysis tools and strategies that public debt advocates employ in their work with governments and partners to strengthen public debt management

Presentation and discussion with the audience

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Day 2, Thursday 25th August 2022

Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Breakout sessions 09.30am – 11.00am

Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 5 (Virtual) 09.30am – 11.00am

Moderator – Professor Daniel Bradlow, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Theme: COVID-19 and Sovereign Debt: The Case of SADC

Purpose: This session focuses on unpacking the issue of African sovereign debt management and renegotiation/restructuring, with a particular concentration on the countries that are members of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). It shall seek to proffer an understanding of the debt challenges facing these countries and to offer some policy-oriented suggestions on how they can more effectively address these.

Main speaker: Dr Magalie Masamba - University of Pretoria

Panel Discussants

1. Muriuki Muriungi - KMK Africa Law Advocates
2. Dr Jimcall Pfumrodze - The University of Botswana
3. Martin Kessler - Finance for Development Lab (V)
4. Marie-Louise Aren - University of Pretoria (V)

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 6 (Hybrid) 09.30am – 11.00am

Moderator – Francis Kairu (TJNA)

Theme: Making the African Case for a UN Tax Convention: How Global Tax Reform Could Help Reduce Africa’s Debt Burden

Purpose: This session will unpack why African leaders need to continue to call for decision-making on the international tax system at the United Nations to reduce their dependency on debt and other external financing. It will unpack the current discussions on reforming the global tax system and how a more democratic system will benefit the continent.

Panel Discussants

1. Donald Deya - Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)
2. Leila Kituyi – African Tax administration Forum (ATAF)
3. Hon. James Chidakwa – Member of Parliament, Zimbabwe
4. Hon. Irene Ovonji Odida - UN FACTI Panel (V)
5. Luckystar Miyandazi – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
6. Chenai Mukumba – Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 7 (Hybrid) 09.30am – 11.00am

Moderator – John Kafuko (YTJN)

Theme: Youth Tax and Debt Justice

Purpose: This session will focus on assessing whether youth have been able to make any recovery from the debt crisis and Covid-19 pandemic in light of their prevailing socio-economic situation. It will also focus on assessing the viability of the narrative of youth being rule makers not rule takers in light of the fact that they constitute the majority population on the continent and in light of the current global financial architecture. A paper will be presented in this vein and a select youth panel will give their insights on it and make recommendations of the reforms to undertake going forward.

Main speaker: Hon. Nyamutoro Phiona, National Female Youth Member of Parliament, Uganda

Panel Discussants

1. Hon. Mathias Daisry, Presidential advisor on youth and enterprise matters Namibia
2. Hon. Daniel Obal, Senior Presidential Aide in Charge of Youth Affairs, State House Uganda
3. Dr. Misheck Gondo, Regional Coordinator, Southern Africa Youth Forum

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 8 - 09.30am – 11.00am

Moderator – Mukasiri Sibanda (STB Campaign)

Theme: Stop the Bleeding Campaign #SisiNdioTukp (closed session)

Purpose: The STB Campaign will host a session to have a learning and sharing session around how the proposed debt campaign could build on fresh, innovative as well as well proven strategies to ensure it resonates at national level. We shall use the session to collectively share learnings, ideas and build on what a cascading framework across regional dimensions could look like.

Outcome – A documentation of a collective thought process of what a debt campaign rooted in Pan African and feminist economics values could begin to look like at national level. Greater insights on lessons learnt to shape the repositioning of the STB Campaign.

Tea Break – 11.00am – 11.30am

Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Breakout sessions 11.30am – 13.00pm

Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Session 9 – 11.30am – 13.00pm

Moderator – AFRODAD

Theme: Resource backed loans and collateralization of mineral resources: Are these sustainable financing options for Southern Africa?

Purpose: Although they are emerging as a popular financing mechanism, RBLs remain essentially a contested concept and it is hard to standardise their operationalisation without exploring the different sheds of meaning behind the concepts and how they should be understood in extractives sector in African countries. The opportunities, risks and threats which need to be borne in mind when negotiating and consummating RBLs still need to be laid bare. In addition, the lessons which resource rich African countries can derive from RBLs consummated thus far need to be outlines to ensure that a mutually beneficial arrangement can be structured.

The session will discuss the merits of resource-backed loans as a source of financing infrastructure, pointing out at the pitfalls and attendant challenges which need to be borne in mind if they are to be used as a mode of finance.

Main speaker: Dr Cornelius Dube (V)

Panel Discussants

1. Mukupa Nsenduluka - TJNA
2. Mukasiri Sibanda - STB
3. Hon. James Chidakwa – Parliament of Zimbabwe
4. Tafadzwa Muropa - Gender Consultant /Board member - Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network (ZWRCN)
5. Benedict Doh -TI Ghana (V)

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Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Session 10 – 11.30am – 13.00pm

Moderator – Dr James Gathii – Afronomics Law

Theme: National Legal Frameworks for Debt Contracting, Prudent Management and Accountability in Africa

Purpose: This session aims to unpack the role of and effectiveness of national legal and policy frameworks for debt contracting, management and accountability in Africa.

Essays presentation**followed by panel discussion**

1. Chioneso Samantha Kanoyangwa
2. Dotun Odunlade Nathaniel (V)
3. Issabella Anane-Fosuhene
4. Ugwuezi Winnerman Odinakachi (V)
5. Nater Akpen (V)

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Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Session 11 – 11.30am – 13.00pm



Moderator – Hon. Khanyisile, Litchfield-Tshabalala Chairperson of the Africa Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax (APNIFFT)

Theme: BRICS in Africa: The Role of the BRICS Bank (New Development Bank) in Facilitating Infrastructure Financing in Africa: The Case of Lesotho Highlands Water Project II

Purpose: The session aims to unpack the role of the BRICS in facilitating infrastructure finance within the Africa region giving context specific and new information on its current initiatives to inform best practices for sustainable lending when membership becomes open to the generality of African states.

Main speaker – AFRODAD

Panel Discussants

1. Nkoti Reitumetse - Senoili Legal Centre
2. Marianne Buenaventura – Oxfam PAP
3. Dr Magalie Masamba – University of Pretoria

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 12 -14.30pm– 16.00pm

Moderator – Crystal Simeoni (NAWI)

Theme: Wading through the AfCFTA : A feminist journey

Purpose: The year 2019 brought positive outcomes at the African Union (AU). The most noteworthy was the entry into force of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on 30 May 2019. The instrument establishes what is set to become the largest free trade area since the creation of the World Trade Organization. There has been a lot of excitement over the potential of the AfCFTA and will be a huge defining factor for Africa's trade going forward. How impactful on the lives of everyday Africans it will be however, will be determined by the details of inclusion and equity in its implementation. Narratives around the AfCFTA will need to move away from the idea that gender and trade is framed primarily in terms of opportunities for women as units of production and consumption – and usually at the lowest levels.

Presenters and Discussants

1. Nicole Mumala Maloba
2. Sofia Phalatse - Pan-African feminist economist and activist
3. Africa Kiiza – University of Hamburg and Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (V)

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LUNCH BREAK – 13.00pm – 14.30pm

Pillar 2 Knowledge and Research - Breakout sessions 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 13 - 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Session: Parliamentary session

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 14 - 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Moderator - Kevin O. Ouko (JENA)

Theme: From Recovery to reform: A framework for socio-ecological transformation for global poverty eradication

Purpose: This session will delve into: Laudato si' as a vision of socio-ecological transformation, contextualized with the recent history of African development, recovery to reform, and the debt crisis. The session will also have a case study presentation on Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) - an intervention with no transformation fails. The second case study will be on Zambia public finance reform - changing rules is good, but still not transformation, and lastly what should this transformation look like in Africa. A paper will be presented in this vein and a select panelists affiliated to JENA will give their insights on it and make recommendations of the reforms to undertake going forward.

Presentation: Kevin O. Ouko, Research and Policy Analyst, Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA)

Panel Discussants

1. Dr Jerry Rawlings Mazuba - The Jesuit Center for Theological Reflection (JCTR)
2. Dr. Anne Gongwe - St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT)
3. David Bote – Jesuit Social Justice and Development Centre - Silveira House

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 15 - 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Moderator - Malawi Economic Justice Network and Christian Aid

Theme: Special Drawing Rights and Debt Management in Malawi

Purpose:

Presentation

Discussants

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 16 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Moderator: FES-AU

Theme: Governing Debt in Africa: Can an African Debt Observatory Help to Improve Debt Management Strategies

Purpose: This session aims to highlight the looming debt crisis and explore the evolving nature and its dynamics in the African continent. Furthermore, it seeks to debate the existing policy frameworks and legal tools to manage the crisis and provides recommendations on how to better address and govern the situation. It will unpack the current discussions at the continental level and also briefly looks at the proposal for the establishment of the African Debt Observatory, which is a policy initiative by the African Union to build a debt observatory for African countries that will collate and analyze standardized indicators and information while raising the level of knowledge on public debt in order to strengthen policy making and dialogue in the continent.

Discussants

1. Dr Patrick Ndzana Olomo – African Union ETTIM
2. Soko Bopelokgale – Public Finance, Governance and Financial Sector Research
3. Amanuel Desalegne Halle – FES – AU

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Pillar 2 - Knowledge and Research – Session 17 - 14.30pm– 16.00pm

Moderator – Oxfam

Theme: Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index

Main speaker:

Panel Discussants

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Tea Break 16.30pm – 17.00pm

Debt, Culture and Arts – 17.00pm – 18.00pm

Documentary/Danse/Poetry

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Pillar 3 - Public mobilisation – Session 18 -18.00pm – 19.30pm

OKOA UCHUMI (Closed Session)

Day 3 – Friday 26th August 2022– Closing Session

Pillar 1 – Political Dialogue Session 19 - 09.30am – 11.00pm

Moderator – Joab Okanda (Christian Aid)

Theme: The Political Economy of Climate Change, Energy Transition, and Debt in Africa’s Transformation

Purpose: To unpack the power relations in the delivery of climate finance to Africa and its implications on debt on climate vulnerable countries in the region. Session shall also analyse ideologies, discourses and narratives obtaining in Africa’s climate finance discourse: This will seek to address questions on the dominant ideologies/knowledge and conceptual framings around climate investment funds objectives that shape coalitions, decisions and actions?

Presentation Mohamed Adow – PowerShift Africa (V)

Discussants

1. Dr Nqobizitha Dube - Lupane State University
2. Ahmed El Drubi – Greenpeace (V)
3. Daisy Mukarate – UNDP
4. Julius Mbatia - Act Alliance (V)
5. Riva Jalipa – Oxfam Kenya
6. Memory Kachambwa – FEMNET (V)

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BREAK 10.30am – 11.00am

CLOSING SESSION (Hybrid) 11.00am – 12.00am



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Wrap-up on the main aspects of the AfCoDD II

Vote of thanks - Tineneji Banda, AFRODAD

Official Closing Remarks - OXFAM/ Christian Aid / AFRODAD

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