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Africa loses approximately US\$60 billion annually through Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs). The most common practices include trade mispricing, under-invoicing of exports, exaggeration of import values, corruption and general tax avoidance schemes. It is morally reprehensible for economic actors to continue engaging in these harmful practices at the expense of Africa's

future. This unconscionable loss of resources from the continent exacerbates the situation where human development, inclusive of access to quality health provision, education, jobs and decent standards of living remains unattainable for many Africans. The AU's Agenda 2063 underlines improved domestic resource mobilisation as a key pillar for Africa's sustainable and inclusive development and it is in this light that we at TrustAfrica, alongside our friends and partners within civil society, are calling for a new development compact underpinned by transparency, accountability and equity. To that end we are working to mobilize the masses of African people in a popular campaign against an opaque global economic system that accommodates IFFs.

Tendai Murisa, Executive Director, TrustAfrica



We officially launched #stopthebleeding campaign on June 25 2015, in Nairobi, Kenya. Hundreds of activists from across Africa took to the streets and raised their voices demanding action from African leaders and global policymakers to stop illicit financial flows, estimated to deprive the continent of at least \$60 billions of dollars annually. The campaign has spread to all the sub-regions of the continent with hundreds of citizens and civil society organizations endorsing the *Stop the Bleeding*

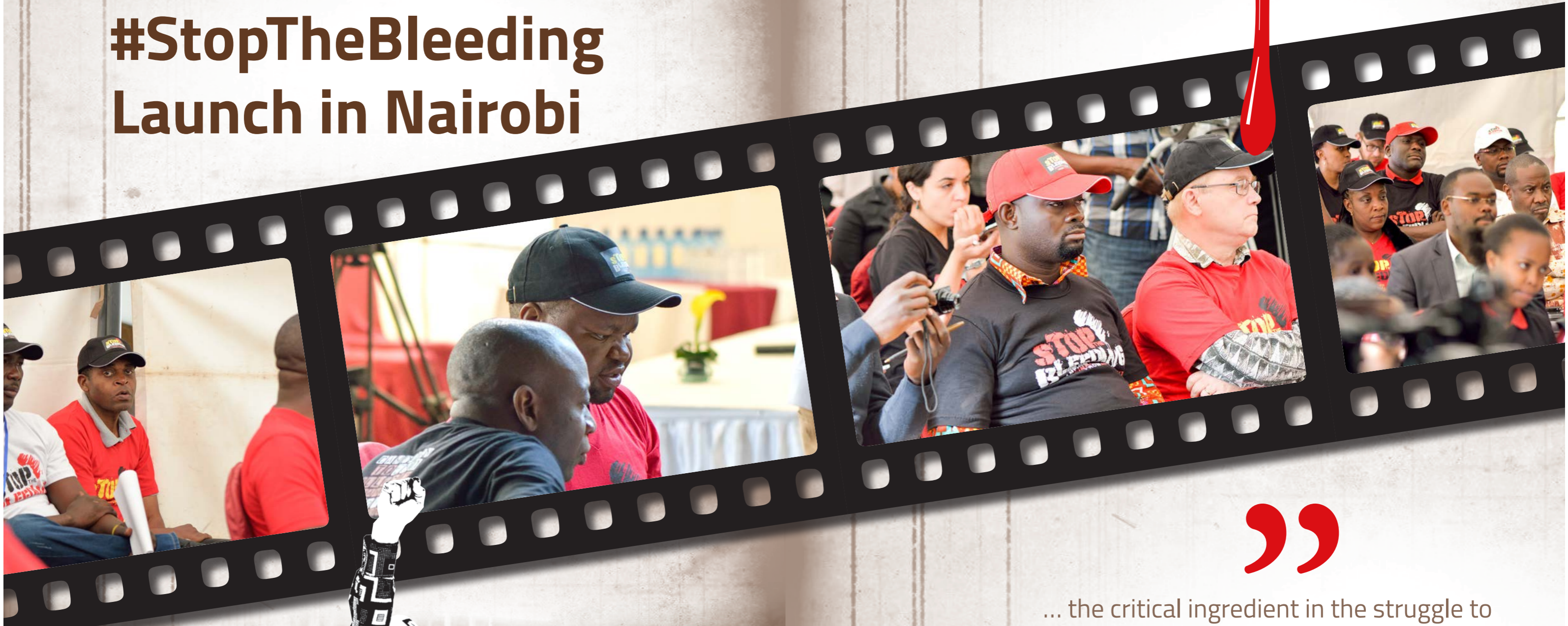
Campaign Declaration and Call to Action. Prominent figures including former South African president Thabo Mbeki, UNECA Executive Secretary Carlos Lopez, Liberian Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee, music star and UN goodwill ambassador Yvonne Chaka Chaka have all endorsed the campaign. The campaign is broadening the conversation on illicit financial flows beyond specialist circles and bringing in the voices of ordinary people. Indeed, we can sincerely say ***The People are Speaking!*** And they are demanding action to stop the bleeding of Africa's resources. They are demanding accountable governance of Africa's wealth. They are demanding inclusion and equitable development. They are demanding economic justice. The following pages showcases some highlights of #stopthebleeding campaign and our work to build a movement to curb illicit financial flows from Africa.

Briggs Bomba, IFF project coordinator, TrustAfrica



KENYA

Official #StopTheBleeding Launch in Nairobi



... the critical ingredient in the struggle to end illicit financial flows is the political will of governments, not only technical capacity

Thabo Mbeki - Former president (South Africa) and Chair, High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa



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I'm signing because I believe in the collective power of us, Africans, to reverse the paradox of a rich Africa with poor Africans

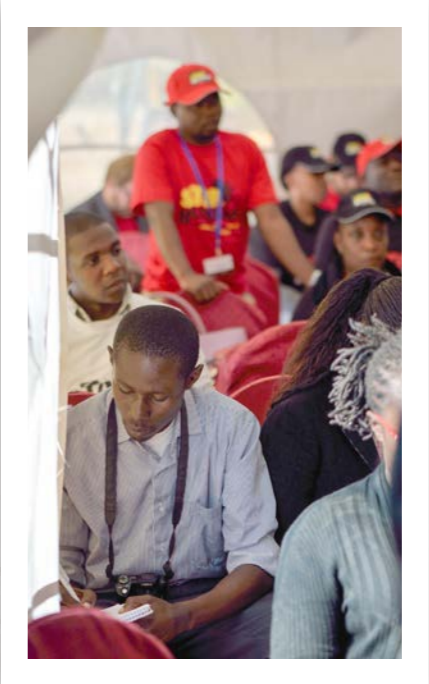
Tutu Alicante - Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



From the left: Savior Mwambwa (Tax Justice Network-Africa), Joel Odigie (ITUC – Africa) and Tendai Murisa (TrustAfrica) speaking during the Press Conference in Nairobi.



Executive Director of TrustAfrica, Dr. Tendai Murisa being interviewed during the Press Conference in Nairobi



” This is the time for Africa to take action to stop off and to fulfill its own development agenda post 2015 and Agenda 2063.
Samrawit Fikre - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



TrustAfrica IFF Project coordinator, Briggs Bomba (right) with Former President of South Africa, His Excellency Thabo Mbeki in Addis Ababa

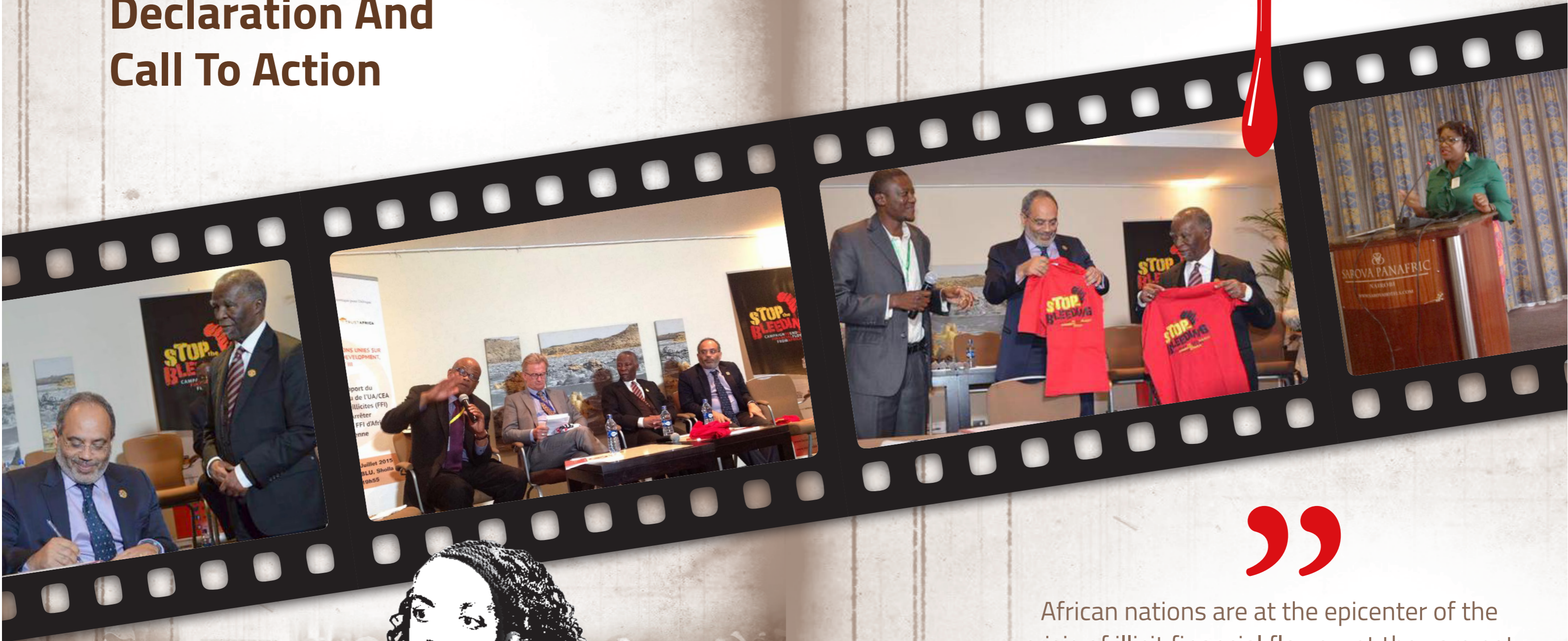


I am signing because illicit financial flows from Africa cannot be separated from corruption in Africa. Right now this whole thing is slowing down our development. There is no way we can eliminate or even reduce poverty in Africa without putting a stop to it.

Stephen Agugua - Port Harcourt, Nigeria

CAMPAIGN DECLARATION

Africa Iff Campaign Declaration And Call To Action



African nations are at the epicenter of the crisis of illicit financial flows, yet they are not even in the room when decisions are being made...a global tax body is one important step in fixing this global problem

Alvin Mosioma - Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa

STOP THE BLEEDING DECLARATION

1. The Problem

Illicit Financial Flows are generally defined as “money that is illegally earned, transferred or used”. This definition was adopted by the AU/ECA High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (the High Level Panel). Based on the definition, estimates are that Africa each year loses as much as \$60 billion dollars through IFFs deriving mostly from three components – *commercial activities, criminal activities and corruption* with commercial activities by far accounting for the largest part.

The main mechanism of illicit financial flows related to commercial activity has been identified as **trade mis-invoicing**. This is the rampant practice of misrepresenting the price, quantity and or quality of imports or exports in order to hide or accumulate money in other jurisdictions. This way, companies, especially multinationals evade and avoid taxes, dodge customs duties, transfer kick-backs and launder money. To date, Africa has lost trillions of dollars that could have been invested in the continent’s development.

2. Preamble

We note the findings and recommendations of the High Level Panel and embrace **the Mbeki-led HLP process** as an important response and a crucial opportunity to establish continental unity and assert African leadership and perspectives in framing and responding to the challenge of illicit financial flows from Africa.

We see the step by African leaders to adopt the HLP report and issue a Heads of State Declaration as movement in the right direction.

We now call for accelerated action to put in place policy measures at national, continental and global levels to effectively stop illicit financial flows from Africa and recover the billions illicitly siphoned out of the continent over the years.

Our call for urgent action on this matter seeks to make a number of points that we believe are important in defining a platform for African unity and global solidarity in responding to illicit financial flows.

3. Our Perspective

First, we believe that the notion of illegality, while an important entry point, does not fully capture the full spectrum of illicit financial flows from Africa. **Many of the mechanisms that corporations and individuals are using to illicitly siphon wealth from the continent are perfectly legal yet illegitimate and unjust.** This includes aggressive tax avoidance measures employed by corporations and individuals that resort to crafty accounting practices. In addition, perfectly “legal” yet unsound policies by the actions of our own governments, for instance, uneconomical tax breaks and unfair contracts, especially relating to natural resource extraction, are major culprits in facilitating illicit flows from the continent.

We, therefore, assert that responses to illicit financial flows from Africa should look beyond the illegal to include all the unjust systems and structures that undermine domestic resource mobilization and drain resources from Africa.

In essence, we view the phenomenon of Illicit Financial Flows as an expression of the multiple ways in which wealth and resources that are produced in Africa, and should be reinvested there for Africa’s human and economic development, are unconscionably drained and exported out of the continent. At the root of this IFF phenomenon in Africa are historical and new forms in which the stranglehold of Global Capital and Trans National Companies on Africa’s economic production, trade, finance, and their control over the ownership and distribution of the overall economic surplus is being extended and deepened in the first decades of the 21st Century.

This stranglehold is the outcome of the intensification of three interlinked processes impacting Africa: the imposition of neo-liberal reforms, especially whole-scale privatisation and the liberalisation of Trade, Investment and Finance; the resulting deindustrialisation, rollback of economic diversification and a renewed emphasis on primary commodity production and export; accelerated expansion of TNC control over the spaces vacated or opened up by privatisation and economic fragmentation in Africa.



4. Our Proposition

We believe that:

- Stopping illicit financial flows from Africa is crucial to Africa’s social, economic and political progress.

We, therefore, raise our voices to ask national, continental and international institutions to:

- Take concrete action to stop IFFs;
- Maximize the mobilization, use and benefits of Africa resources for the good of the continent.
- Join our clarion call to reinforce the agenda for Africa’s renaissance and transformation through our many efforts to achieve decent livelihoods, economic justice, good governance, and structural economic transformation.

In light of the above:

We, representatives of African trade unions, non-governmental organisations, farmers, faith-based groups, networks, women, youth and all concerned citizens:

- Alarmed by the growing crisis of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa;
- Acknowledging that Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa increase poverty and inequality across the continent, and thereby undermine the chances of inclusive development;
- Recognising the threats posed to the peoples, societies and economies of Africa by IFFs;
- Cognizant also of the urgent need to scale up appropriate responses to stop the haemorrhage;
- Having resolved to share our strategies to confront this crisis and its root causes;
- United by our shared vision of a prosperous and equitable Africa;

Submit this Declaration and Call to Action, as follows:

STOP THE BLEEDING DECLARATION



Former President of South Africa, His Excellency Thabo Mbeki signing the Stop the Bleeding Declaration in Addis Ababa



UNECA Executive Secretary, Dr. Carlos Lopes signing the Stop the Bleeding Declaration in Addis Ababa

5. Our Demands

Transparency:

We demand:

- All relevant national and international actors to implement the recommendations of the Mbeki HLP report unequivocally as a starting point of any sincere initiative to address IFF in Africa, including the immediate and full repatriation of Illicit Financial Flows back into the public ownership of the source countries in Africa.
- Full disclosure for all cross-border financial, capital and trade transactions and transfers in the Natural Resource Sector, including transfers of technology and skills to the host country.

- Full disclosure and re-opening of all existing contracts in the Natural Resource sectors, as part of the new phase of reconstructing national mining visions under the rubric of the Africa Mining Vision.

5.2. Financial Reforms and Capital Repatriation:

We demand:

- Support for and implementation of Capital Controls, the necessity of which the IMF recognised at the height of the Global Financial Crisis and which is also now recognised in the Financing For Development discussions, a key means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Provision for Capital Controls to be allowed as part of the toolkit of national policy space to address Trade and Financial volatility, and for the regulation of investment to stem speculation while ensuring

the accumulation and strategic deployment of Productive Capital in Africa.

- The immediate adoption and transparent implementation of Capital Repatriation schemes and measures to return IFF to African public ownership.

5.3. Taxation:

We demand:

- African governments and the international community to support and make available resources necessary for the establishment and operation of a new intergovernmental body on international cooperation in tax matters.

5.4. International Trade & Investment:

We condemn:

- The threat posed to Africa by the liberalisation of International Trade, Investment and Finance through the imposition of lock in mechanisms of rules, agreements and treaties.

We reject:

- The unfair Economic Partnership Agreements being imposed on Africa and the attempt to extend them into areas of Services, Intellectual property and Investment – precisely the areas of “intangibles and innovation” that the Mbeki Report warns as pernicious emerging threats and new sources of IFF from Africa.

We commit:

- To mobilise Africa to resist the alarming trends that the dominant powers are seeking to permanently

STOP THE BLEEDING DECLARATION

institutionalise in the WTO including provisions that undermine *local content development* and the industrialization of African economies.

5.5. Social Investment and Development:

We demand:

- Full disclosure of all PPPs and all infrastructure projects, especially in the essential social sectors such as health, water, sanitation, public transport, electricity and education.
- The systematic and planned implementation of developing local Production Capabilities that can construct such infrastructure.
- Foreign Private Finance to be completely excluded from basic social sectors.
- Social sectors to not only provide baseline public services, but also promote and develop Local Content Linkages and be oriented towards Structural Transformation of the entire economy with the aim of transforming the position of Women in society and in the economy.

6. Our Call to Action

In the pursuit of vigorous efforts for the realization of these demands,

We call on:

- Other organizations and citizens groups across Africa to join us in this effort.

We, especially, ask for:

- Solidarity and Synergies from existing campaigns and activism to ensure Africa's development and social justice. These include campaigns on the transformation of Natural Resources and Extractive Regimes, Debt & Finance for Development, SDGs, Transparency and Accountability, Women's Empowerment and Equality, Full Employment and Decent Jobs, Youth Movements, Environment and Human Rights.

We also call for:

- African leadership of the IFF discourse at the level of inter-governmental decision making globally and within Africa, as a key necessity to counter-balance the marginalization of African voices and guarantee sovereignty and recommend, to this end, that the Mbeki HLP report must be the key reference point.

We echo:

- The conclusion by the Mbeki HLP report that stopping illicit financial flows from Africa is ultimately a political question.

Anchored in a deep conviction that it is people power that forces political will,

We, therefore, call for:

- A massive demonstration of people's support for the **stop the bleeding campaign to end illicit financial flows from Africa**.
- All people of good conscience across the continent and globally to join the movement and express support in the following specific ways:

- **ADD YOUR VOICE (Individuals) to the campaign:**

We invite individual citizens to:

- Add their voices to calls for national, regional and global institutions to put in place policies to stop illicit financial flows from Africa.

Indicate your support by signing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign Declaration and Call to Action.

- Contribute to mobilize **ONE MILLION VOICES** globally to demonstrate mass support for this agenda and build the people power necessary to drive policy change at national, continental and global levels.

- Sign up at the campaign website www.stopthebleedingafrica.org, or send an email to isupport@stopthebleeding.org, or through physical forms provided by local organizers.

- **GIVE YOUR ENDORSEMENT (Organizations):**

We are inviting organizations, including those working on different but related campaigns, to:



Tax Justice Network Africa Executive Director, Alvin Mosioma presenting the Stop the Bleeding Campaign T-Shirts to Former President of South Africa, His Excellency Thabo Mbeki and Dr. Carlos Lopes

- Officially endorse the Stop the Bleeding Campaign Declaration and Call to Action. You can send your endorsements to isupport@stopthebleeding.org or by signing the endorsement form online or through local campaign organizers.

- **RAISE AWARENESS:**

We invite:

- Individuals and organizations to undertake awareness raising activities at local levels, nationally, across the continent and globally and to mobilize others to join the movement and support the stop the bleeding campaign.

7. Our Commitment

As civil society organisations we commit ourselves to developing a comprehensive agenda of further work, policy input, popular engagement and advocacy to deepen these demands and ensure their realisation at all levels including the continental, regional and national levels within Africa. We also commit to work at continental, regional and national levels to ensure linkages, synergies and coherence between responses to IFF and the strategic progressive policy initiatives that have the best potential to spur democratic developmental transformation in Africa.

For additional information, updates and resources for action please visit the campaign website: www.stopthebleedingafrica.org

ADDIS ABABA

Stop The Bleeding Launch in Addis Ababa



ARRÊTER
HEMORRAGIE
CAMPAIGNE POUR METTRE FIN
AUX FLUX FINANCIERS ILLICITES
VENANT D'AFRIQUE



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Large commercial corporations are by far the biggest culprits of illicit outflows, followed by organized crime...also corrupt practices in Africa are facilitating these outflows in addition to the related problem of weak governance capacity

Thabo Mbeki - Former president (South Africa) and Chair, High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa.

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ARUSHA

Stop The Bleeding Launch Arusha



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I am signing because I believe that with fair taxation of MNCs exploiting natural resources Africa can mobilize enough financial resources to fund various programmes to fight against poverty in education, health, roads, water and sanitation, etc

Jean Mbala Mbala - Yaoundé Cameroon.



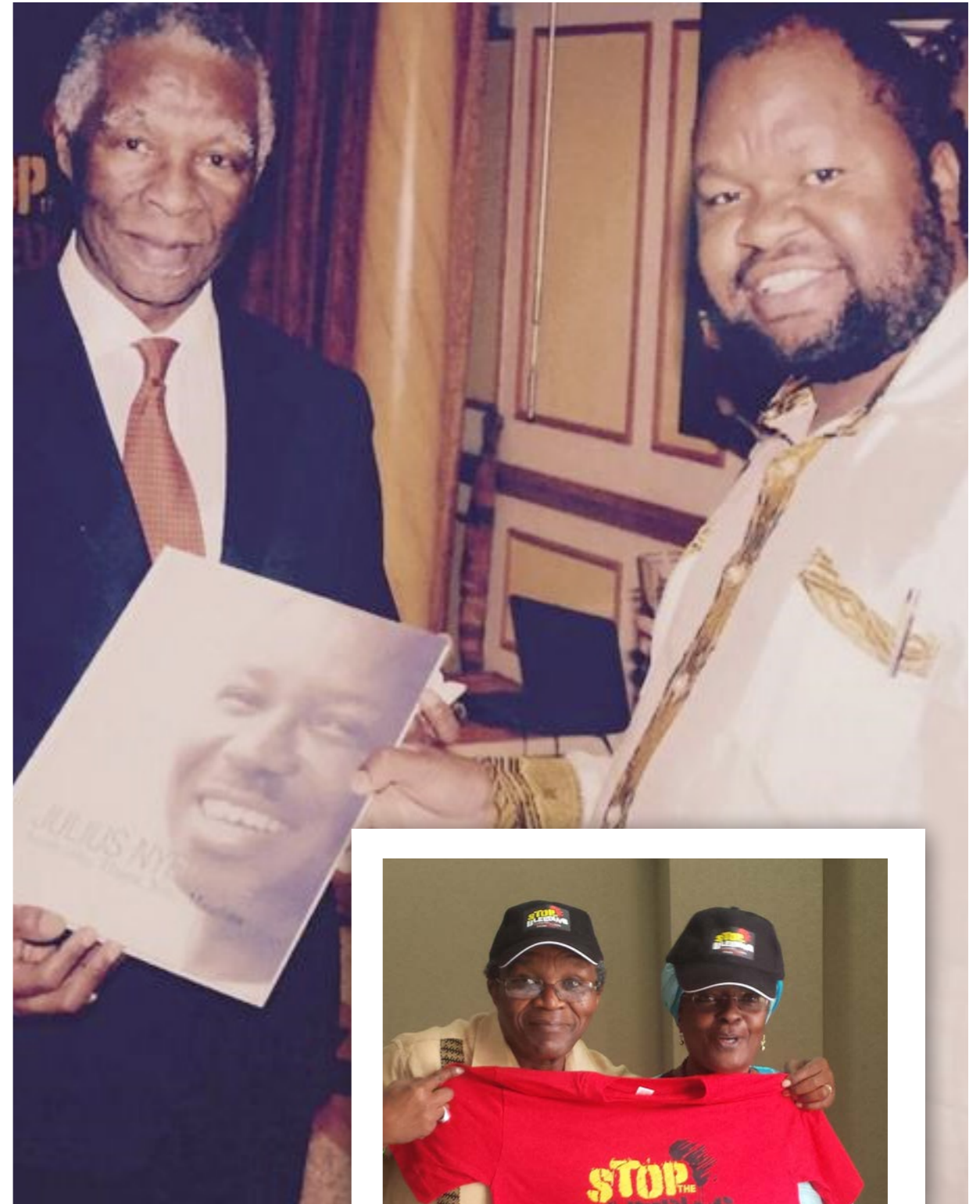
Nobel Laureate, Leymah Gbowee endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.



Internationally renowned singer and humanitarian Yvonne Chaka Chaka endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.



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TrustAfrica's board chair Ms Aicha Bah Diallo with fellow board member Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.



TrustAfrica Board members, Prof Tade Aina and Ms Janet Mawiyoo endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign



TrustAfrica Board member, Gerry Salole endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.



TrustAfrica Board member, Dr. Natalia Kanem endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.



Civil Society activists endorsing the Stop the Bleeding Campaign.

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BEST SONG
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Honoring organizations, activists, and creatives who make our world more transparent and hold our governments and corporations more accountable.

[Chant: The Kids]

Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!

[Verse 1: Livesoul]

Take a look at Africa and tell me what you see
Broken homes, empty schools, the depth of poverty
They are taking all the gold
They are taking all the diamonds
With no development or benefit to Africans
Greedy, corporations!
Corrupt, politicians!
Conniving against the progress of the continent
The consequences of ignorance is conflict
Africa, they taking it apart for its resources
The politics of economics, where is the profit?
Follow the money it will show you where the source is
Financial secrecy in underground economies
What's independence when we are leaving like we are colonies?
Africa is rich, but Africans are poor
My people pray for peace, but all they get is war
It's time to raise our fist, and demand more
From the system together or we all fall
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Mother Africa is dying from this looting
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Mother Africa is dying from this looting

CAMPAIGN SONG

Song: Stop the Bleeding

Feat. Artists: Livesoul, Synik, Pauline Gundidza & The Kids (Cheu, Tafi & Mollyn)

Credits

Writers: Livesoul, Synik, Pauline Gundidza & Briggs Bomba

Music producer: Cutty Beats (for Legendary Africa)

Creative Director: Briggs Bomba

Executive Producer: TrustAfrica

[CHORUS: Pauline, Synik, Livesoul, Cutty Beats & The Kids]

Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Our people have suffered enough, we say
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Our people have suffered enough, we say
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Our people have suffered enough, we say
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Our people have suffered enough, we say
Stop the bleeding!
Our people have suffered enough, we say

[Verse 2: Synik]

They have got diamonds under the soles of their feet
But nothing in their stomachs, so they are broken and weak
MNCs extracting all the gold they can reach
Leaving waste while they send the profits over the seas
CEOs toasting with the shareholders they meet
While the local population ain't affording to eat
Our poverty is propping up the global elite
They paint my continent as the home of war and disease
Can I challenge you to imagine a reality that's different?
Where Africa's resources will benefit her children

We wouldn't have to risk our lives on rickety boats
And be treated like animals when we get to the coast
Aid will never work, it's a fraction of the siphoning
We support the world, but the continent is suffering
We don't need donated clothes, we need the bleeding to stop
Because Africa is rich
But her people are not
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
It's creating and sustaining my people's poverty
Stop the bleeding!
Stop the bleeding!
Generating conflict through inequality

[CHORUS: Pauline, Synik, Livesoul, Cutty Beats & The Kids]

[Verse 3: Pauline]

So they say, Africa is for Africans
So they say, its African century
They say, Africa is rising now
But still, we are sinking in poverty
Africa is wealthy, but Africans are hungry
Somebody is cheating, the continent is bleeding
For everyone there is plenty
But our pockets are empty
Somebody is cheating, the continent is bleeding

[CHORUS plus ADLIBS: Pauline, Synik, Livesoul, Cutty Beats & The Kids]

It's not fair
It's not fair
Taking our share
Won't you stop it?
For the children
For the mothers,
For the workers
For the fathers,
Please!
Won't you stop it?
Won't you stop it?
We've had enough!

END.

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I am signing because I care about Africa. I am an African and therefore I think it's every African's duty to participate in a corruption-free Africa. The youth do not want to inherit a corrupt society

Donals Lobelo - Johannesburg, South Africa

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Southern Africa Regional Launch in Bulawayo



I am signing because... I am taking an African history and culture class and was notified that this campaign going on. The campaign really interested me and I really want to help and get involved to make a change

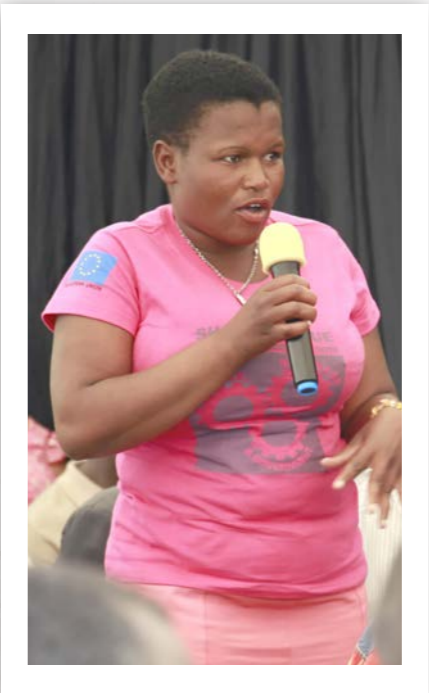
Kasandra Zavala - Chicago, USA





I m signing because this is a very important issue, which impact on the lives of my current generation and that of my children.Resources that should benefit my continent,are not hence we remain poor and underdeveloped as Africa.

Gladys Mandara - Harare, Zimbabwe

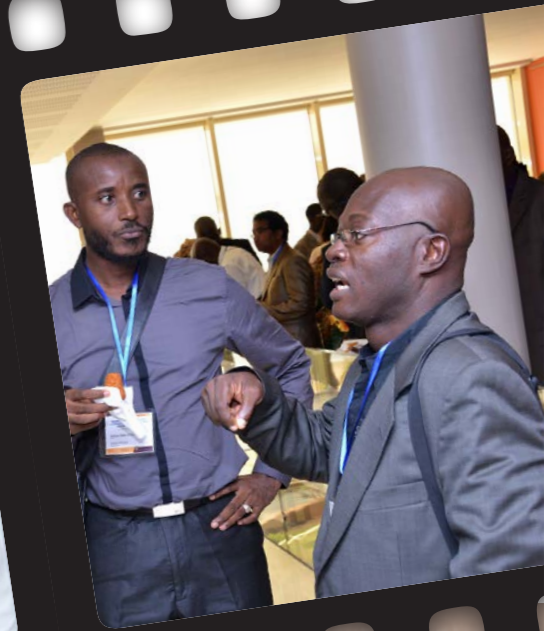


I m signing because ai believe that Africa's resources must benefits Africa and revenues must fund development in local communities.

Tumai Murombo - Johannesburg, South Africa

SENEGAL

West/Francophone Africa Regional Launch



Africa's retention of the capital that is generated on the continent and should legitimately be retained in Africa must be an important part of the resources to finance the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Thabo Mbeki - Former president (South Africa) and Chair, High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa



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I m signing because...I want to see Africa benefiting from its resources and developing its people.

Nozipho Simelane - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Executive Director of IRPAD, Dr. Mamadou Goita presenting during the Francophone Africa Regional Launch



I feel it's my responsibility as a citizen to voice about things that matter. My future is in my hands. Corruption can't go unnoticed.

babalwa Ntsepo - *Randfontein, South Africa*

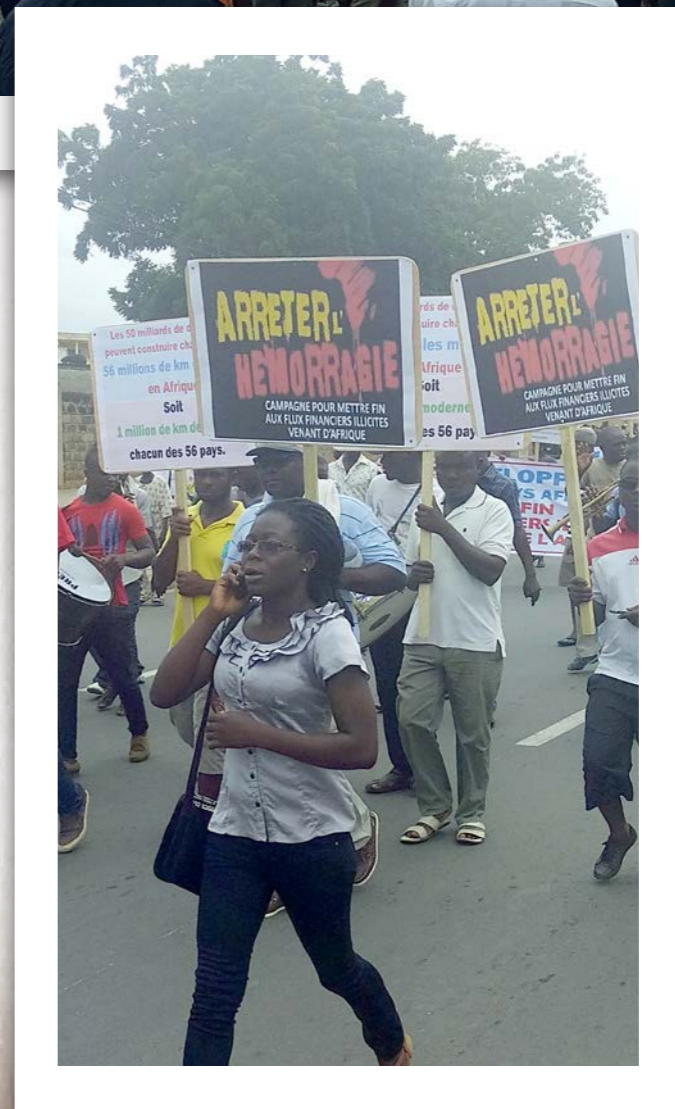
NATIONAL LAUNCHES

Campaign launch in Togo, Zambia and Nigeria



I'm signing because my community is affected by illicit financial flows by illegal miners and foreign hunters that bribe to get hunting licences destroying the very nature that should be bringing tourists into the country

Samukeliso Khumalo - Bulawayo Zimbabwe



IFFs are a theft of resources from some of the world's poorest societies. They are a human rights violation and a crime.

Robert Collins - Birmingham AL, USA



I believe stopping illicit financial flows is something we needed to have done long time ago, and its about time we take stance protect what we have. This will be the begging of Africa taking it's place in the global space, making it possible to be economically free and the development of it's people.

Moeketsi Komane - Botshabela, South Africa

ZAMBIA



NIGERIA



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I want to end poverty, hunger, deprivation and all other socio-economic ills caused by legacy of colonialism. I want to see Africa total liberation in my life time. Economic liberation is a core to the liberation and independence of the Africa child from generation to generation. Let the wealth of Africa remain in Africa for Africans. I stand by my leader Thabo Mbeki.

Lindikhaya Bravis Maqhasha - Cape Town, South Africa

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I am signing because... I am so ashamed of our British politicians who shamefully claim to be working for British people but who really are just working for themselves and big big business. They don't care a jot about starving people or people who suffer or people who are blown up by bombs we make. And now to hear they have stood in the way of a global fair tax?

Louise Lee - UK

USA

Stop The Bleeding Solidarity in USA



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It is a contradiction to support increased development assistance yet turn a blind eye to actions by multinationals and others that undermine the tax base of a developing country

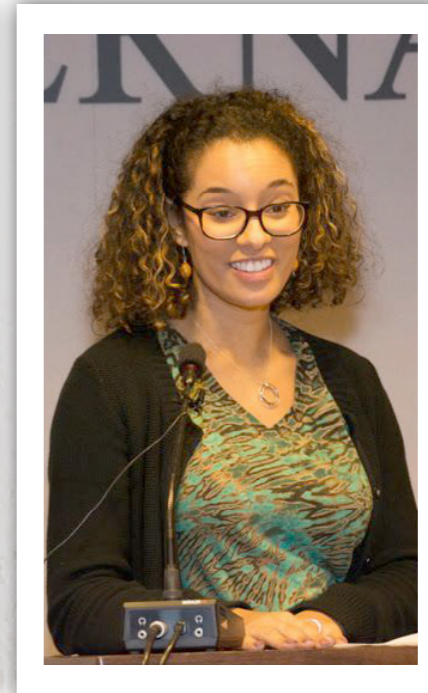
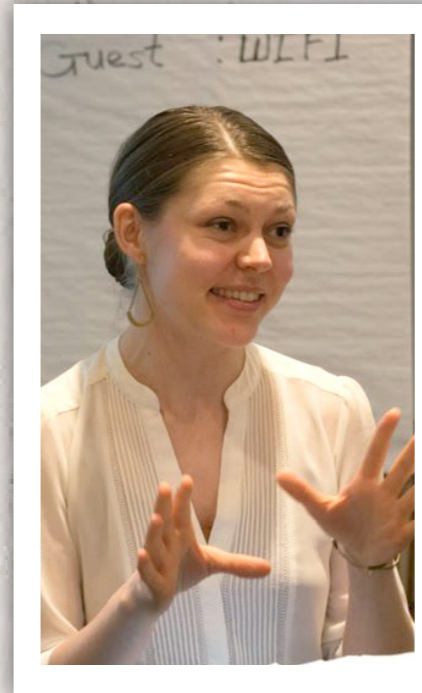
Trevor Manuel - Former South Africa's Finance Minister



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multilateral companies should not be able to navigate complex tax laws to pay as little as possible while the small market trader on the street must pay whatever is dictated to them by the government, no matter how much of a financial strain it puts on their family and business. We cannot have different rules for different people, depending on how much power and money you have.

Laura Kerr - London, UK



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...I feel pained to see our resources being exploited and yet very little if not nothing remains in the country for the benefit of the citizens.

Richard Banda - Solwezi, Zambia

BRUSSELS

iPhilanthropy Exhibition



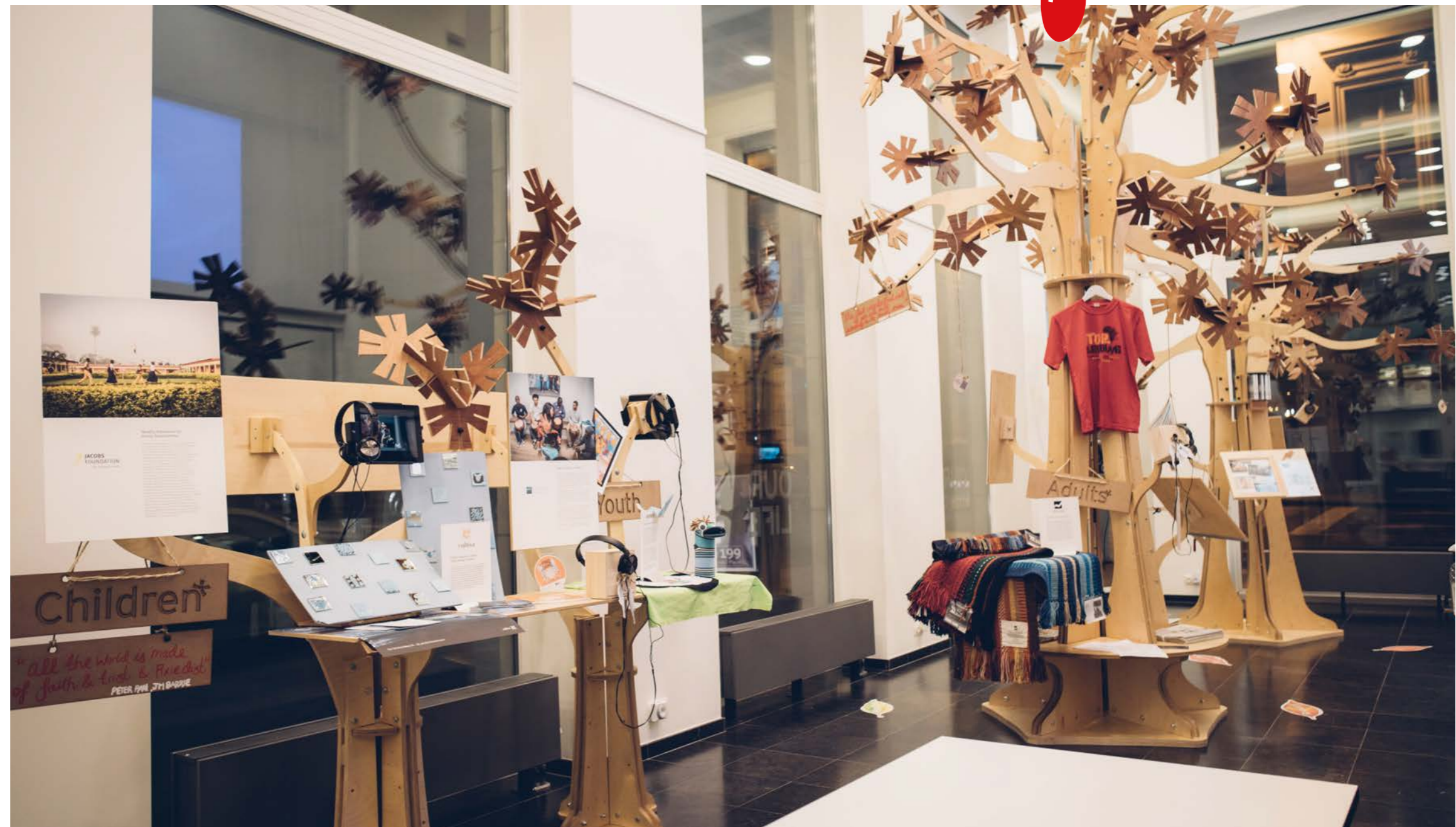
Luara Alex Margarita fle Wendy James

iPhilanthropy – Europe's multimedia exhibition on global philanthropy opens in Brussels

9 November 2015 – Brussels

The European Foundation Centre hosted "iPhilanthropy", a multimedia exhibition located at Philanthropy House in Brussels. Philanthropy House has created a window into the world of philanthropy; the exhibition tells the story of philanthropy and its impact on our life course and throughout time.

As part of the exhibition visitors were able to sign the petition Stop the Bleeding and listen to the song created to promote it. Stop the Bleeding is a campaign run by African civil society organisations and supported by Trust Africa which is working to end illicit financial flows from the continent. Currently an estimated \$50 billion leaves the continent each year through the illicit activities of multinational companies and rich individuals. The initiative is rooted in African experiences, driven by African agency and reinforced by global Africa solidarity linkages. It seeks to mobilise ordinary people and key constituencies such as students and youth, trade unions and grassroots social movements to be a key part of the voices for change.



ENDORSEMENTS

iBelieve - IFF DECLARATION

I believe in a democratic, prosperous and equitable Africa whose wealth benefits its people and I support the Stop the Bleeding Campaign to end illicit financial flows from Africa and the continent's exploitation and impoverishment through unjust economic relations.

Sign the Declaration

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Briggs Bomba on ending illicit flows out of Africa
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDHc3gftNo>
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It's estimated that 50 to 60 billion dollars are lost annually in illicit fund flows from Africa to the global north. BBC Africa's Bola Mosuro met with activist Briggs Bomba and spoke with him about the new pan-African campaign to raise awareness about the issue - and the campaign's rallying call, she began by asking why write a song with the title stop the bleeding. - Obang Metho

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IFF Grants in FY 2013

Grantee and Location	Purpose	Grant Amount in US\$
TWN- Africa/ Third World Network - Africa <i>Ghana</i>	Strengthening African perspectives, voices and engagement around the issue of illicit financial flows	120 000
AFRODAD/ African Forum and Network on Debt and Development <i>Zimbabwe</i>	Strengthening Informed and Concerted Advocacy Against Illicit Flows from Zimbabwe	133 783
SARDC/Southern African Research & Documentation Centre <i>Zimbabwe</i>	Illicit Flows Observatory for Africa	81 000
Influence Africa/Alliance Influence Africa NPC <i>South Africa</i>	Combating Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa	99 970
AM/African Monitor Trust <i>South Africa</i>	Enhancing understanding, and engagement on Illicit Financial Flows among Civil Society, Policy makers and citizens in South Africa	104 560
TJN-A/Tax Justice Network-Africa <i>Kenya</i>	Curtailling Transfer Mispricing: Opportunities and Challenges for Africa	70 011
PALU/Pan African Lawyers Union <i>Tanzania</i>	Directory of Laws Governing Illicit Financial Flows in Africa, and the assessment of Gaps and Best Practices	120 040
IRPAD/Institute for Research and the Promotion of Alternatives in Development <i>Mali</i>	West African CSOs fighting against financial illicit flows in mining sector	101 180
ISODEC/Integrated Social Development Centre <i>Ghana</i>	Tackling Illicit Financial Outflows from Ghana	35 200
IREDD/ Institute for Research and Democratic Development <i>Liberia</i>	Closing the Gap on Illicit Financial Flows in Liberia	72 255
Total Ford Funds Re-granted		937 999

IFF Grants in FY 2014

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Southern Africa Research and Documentation Center (SARDC) <i>Zimbabwe</i>	Development of Illicit Flows Observatory for Africa (Phase 2)	80 000
Tax Justice Network Africa <i>Kenya</i>	Pan African CSOs & MPs Mobilization to Curb Illicit Financial Flows from Africa	85 000
Center for Democracy and Development (CDD) <i>Nigeria</i>	Research, dialogue, national compacts and IFF advocacy	85 000
ZIMCODD/Zimbabwe Environmental Lawyers Association <i>Zimbabwe</i>	Training Communities and Local Authorities for Effective Engagement with Mining Companies to maximize community benefits and minimize Illicit Financial Flows.	100 000
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) <i>Togo</i>	Deepening the popularization and achieving effective implementation of the AU-ECA report on Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) in Africa.	53 620
Center for Applied Social Enterprise <i>South Africa</i>	National Governance Compacts Initiative	46 700
SARCHI / UKZN <i>South Africa</i>	IFF Post-Doctoral Fellowships for Refining Methodology on Tracking IFFs	115 000
SAT-Southern Africa Trust <i>South Africa</i>	Phase II Intersections between Resources Governance, IFF and Philanthropy	50 000
The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) <i>Ghana</i>	Philanthropy in Africa – People, Policy and Practice (Crosscutting)	50 000
Total Ford Funds Re-granted		665 320

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1	Curtailling Transfer Mispricing: Opportunities and Challenges for Africa.	28 – 29 November, 2013	Nairobi, Kenya	<p>(i) Organized in partnership by Tax Justice Network-Africa, the goal of this policy roundtable was to increase the understanding on challenges and opportunities for African countries to tackle illicit financial flows by curtailling transfer mispricing. The specific objectives of the meeting included:</p> <p>(ii) To provide and enhance evidence on the legal weaknesses in transfer pricing policies, legislation and practice;</p> <p>To influence national and international policies, practices and structures relating to transfer pricing;</p> <p>(iii) To enhance stakeholder understanding of existing and alternative policy proposals and recommendations aimed at tackling transfer pricing challenges in Africa;</p> <p>(iv) To engage with like-minded stakeholders to build synergy and greater support through creating partnership and networking to tackle Illicit financial flows.</p> <p>The convening drew participants from 10 different countries and developed specific policy recommendations on curtailling transfer pricing including the need to develop an African approach to the issue of transfer mispricing; the imperative to review provisions of Double Taxation Agreements and any tax incentives granted by African countries; developing a uniform and consistent regional approach to prevent tax avoidance; the need to develop and strengthen legislative frameworks and judicial systems; adopting country by country reporting globally; and the need to build the capacity of stakeholders in order to equip them with the necessary knowledge and expertise to handle transfer-pricing issues.</p>
2	Forum on Illicit Financial Flows in Africa	9-10 December 2013	Dakar, Senegal	<p>Organized in partnership with OSIWA and Global Financial Integrity this multi-stakeholder forum on illicit financial outflows in West Africa, brought together a diverse set of players including regional bodies, government representatives, anti-corruption agencies, International Financial Institutions, civil society organizations, activists, media, and the private sector. The meeting was also attended by the Senegalese Minister of Economy and Finance, Hon. M. Amadou Ba.</p> <p>The Forum focused on information sharing and centered on identifying practical steps to move forward on a regional platform to curb illicit Financial Flows from Africa. The specific objectives of the forum were:</p> <p>(i) To raise awareness about IFF in Africa, particularly in West Africa;</p> <p>(ii) Disseminate key findings from the recent GFI/AfDB report,</p> <p>(iii) Assess the viability and modalities of a regional platform for information exchange and advocacy on IFF.</p> <p>An important outcome of the convening were the practical recommendations which we adopted/ integrated to inform and strengthen TrustAfrica's and our partners' future work on IFFs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research (Carry out sectoral studies by sector (extractive industries, agriculture, financial systems, and tax/fiscal regimes) and do country studies. Information Exchange- Creating a clearing house for research, data, best practices on IFF and disseminate. Movement Building & Advocacy- Building awareness, building capacity, creating public discourse. Working Mechanisms & New Approaches- need for new coordination mechanisms for government actors at the national level and creating linkages between CSOs and national/ regional institutions

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3	Mending the Leakages: Africa's Battle against Illicit Financial Flows: Consultative Roundtable	25 – 26 March 2014	Abuja, Nigeria	<p>Organized in partnership with CDD the convening drew CSO participants from several African countries and also representation from UNDP. The overall goal was to expand and deepen knowledge on illicit financial flows and their role in inhibiting Africa's growth. The specific objectives of the dialogue included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Creating a platform for deepening debate on the subject of illicit flows (ii) Exposing the practice/problem to a wider advocacy and research community (iii) Ensuring that the problem of illicit Financial Flows is part of the post-2015 Development Framework (iv) Exploring opportunities for the building of a concerted advocacy movement across the sub-region for accountable economic governance (v) Build momentum for effective and informed actions to stem the tide of illicit financial flows from the continent. <p>Key themes explored encompassed: Structural Causes; State Capacities; Tax Regimes; Trade Mispricing; Africa Mining Vision; Open Data Systems; Strengthening Africa's Responses to Financial Transparency; and exploring Methodology Issues in Tracking Illicit Financial Flows.</p> <p>Important outcomes of the convening include improved collaboration among African institutions working on IFFs and deepened knowledge on some of the technical aspects of illicit outflows from Africa.</p>
4	The National Forum on Illicit Financial Flows in Ghana	24 – 26 June 2014	Accra, Ghana	<p>Organized by ISODEC with funding from TrustAfrica, the goal of the forum was to bring together relevant stakeholders to deliberate on illicit financial outflows from Ghana, their drivers (with a specific focus on trade mispricing) and their effects on Ghana and other developing countries. Participants came from key institutions that have a role to play in stemming illicit financial outflows from Ghana including: Ministry of Finance, Ghana Revenue Authority, Minerals Commission, Petroleum Commission, Bank of Ghana (Central Bank), Ghana Customs Excise and Preventive Service, Ghana Investment Promotion Council, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana Bar Association, Association of Ghana Industries, Financial Intelligence Centre, etc. Key issues explored include the political economy of taxation and IFFs, transfer pricing, trade mispricing, and also the need to enhance coordination among state institutions to curtail IFFs.</p>
5	Building a People's Movement to Curb Illicit Financial Flows in Southern Africa (A Convening on IFFs and Development in Southern Africa at the 2014 SADC People's Summit)	15 – 16 August, 2014	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	<p>Organized in partnership with ZIMCODD, this convening brought activists from several Southern African countries including Zambia, South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, etc. The overall goal was to expand and popularize people's understanding of illicit financial flows as part of a broad strategy to build a movement to curb illicit financial flows from the sub-region. The specific objectives of the convening included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Deepening discussion and knowledge on the subject of illicit financial flows in Southern Africa. (ii) Forging regional solidarity links among the advocacy community in Southern Africa. (iii) Pre-launching a popular global campaign to mobilize one million voices to curb illicit financial flows from Africa. (iv) Ensuring that the problem of illicit financial flows receives due attention in key sub-regional and continental "post MDGs" development strategies, specifically SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) and the African Union's Agenda 2063. <p>An important outcome of this intervention was the success in raising the profile of illicit financial flows as a key development change and issue for concern for the thousands of activists who participated in the summit. IFFs were specifically mentioned in the summit declaration and communique which was forwarded to the Heads of State. Post the people's summit, a number of groups kept IFF on the agenda and are keen to be part of a broad campaign.</p>

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6	Southern Africa Convening on Resource Justice (Philanthropy, Tax and Illicit Financial Flows)	23 October, 2014	Joburg, South Africa	<p>Organized as a collaboration with Southern Africa Trust, the goal of this convening was to deepen the discourse on African philanthropy and resource justice, with the following specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Exploring the intersections between African philanthropy and illicit financial flows; (ii) Critically analyse the nexus between the extractive industries and tax justice; and (iii) Interrogating natural resource governance priority issues for African philanthropy. <p>Prof. Said Adejumo served as the convening chair bringing his experience as part of the technical team of experts of the AU/UNECA High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows and his present role as the Director for UNECAS Sub-Regional Office for Southern Africa. The following three framing research papers were developed by leading experts and received critical feedback from participants ahead of finalization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philanthropy and illicit financial flows: options for African philanthropy to support better economic governance and reduce illicit funding flows (Prof Sarah Bracking) - Philanthropy & Resource Governance: linking business practice with giving practice in the resource extractive industries (Dr Shauna Mottiar) - Philanthropy and tax justice (by Ms. Khadija Sharife) <p>With the final research papers now out, a key outcome of the convening is in terms of the significant contribution of new resources to the knowledge base on the nexus between philanthropy, resource justice, illicit financial flows, and tax justice.</p>
7	Pan African CSOs Conference on Tax, DRM and Illicit Financial Flows	3 – 4 November 2014	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	<p>Hosted by Tax Justice Network-Africa (TJN-A) and AFRODAD, this convening was organized under the theme "Financing Africa's Structural Transformation: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows and Mobilising domestic resources." The event brought together a cross section of civil society organizations, academics, researchers, policy makers and media.</p> <p>Specific objectives included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To understand the impact of the current international and national tax systems on Africa's development and transformation agenda. (ii) To understand existing and emerging international tax reform proposals and implications for Africa. (iii) To discuss Africa's involvement and role in shaping/influencing the international tax system for the benefit of Africa. (iv) Explore new and better ways of using Africa's vast extractive resources to underpin the continent's development. (v) To brainstorm and recommend policy proposals to deal with current and future transfer pricing challenges. <p>The themes explored covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current proposals on changing International Tax rules (BEPS, AIE, BO, CBCR) • International Treaties and Base Erosion (DTAs, BITS, Trade Agreements) • Regional co-operation and Tax Competition issues (Tax Incentives) • Taxation of Extractives and Industrial Transformation in Africa • Taxation and Financing of Africa's Development Agenda (post-2015) <p>An important part outcome of the meeting was the co-strategizing and fleshing out of key priorities over the next two years especially for affiliate members of TJN-A spanning 15 countries across the continent. The conference also combined with a TJN-A generally assembly.</p>
8	Policy Workshop on Financial Flows & Africa's Development Transformation	10 – 12 November, 2014	Accra, Ghana	<p>Hosted by TJN-A, this workshop critically looked at the present conceptualization of and responses to illicit financial flows with a view to interrogate some of the missing elements from a develop point of view and introduce new issues that need to be integrated and taken forward in a more comprehensive and improved response. The meeting particularly sought to anchor analysis and responses in African specificities. Some of the themes explored include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The State and Accumulation in Africa: The Politics of Resource Outflows (ii) The State & Foreign Capital in the Construction of the African Political Economy (iii) Africa's Resource Generation & Outflows: Historical Trends & Shifts (iv) International Financial Architecture & Dynamics of Africa's Outflows (v) Financialisation & IFF in Africa (vi) Taxation, Fiscal Issues & IFF in Africa <p>Beyond the theoretical, the meeting also explored the question of IFF Strategic Sites and Processes and discussed several initiatives underway including the AU High Level Panel initiative. The meeting was fortunate to receive an advance (embargoed) limited presentation (through a UNECA representative) of the then yet to be released Report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa.</p> <p>An important aspect of the meeting was the direct interface with the Regions Refocus 2015 initiative which is directly plugging into the preparatory processes for the Third Conference on Financing for Development and the Post-2015 Summit scheduled to Addis in June 2015.</p>

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9	African CSOs Convening on the Africa Mining Vision	19 – 20 November, 2014	Lusaka, Zambia	<p>Hosted by Third World Network- Africa in their capacity as the secretariat of the pan-African network- African Initiative on Mining, Environment and Society (AIMES), this convening brought together 60 CSO activists and trade unionists working on a range of African development issues which have a bearing on the agenda of the Africa Mining Vision such as illicit financial flows and other fiscal issues, human rights and environmental impacts, mineral sector governance, international trade, investment and finance issues. The conference was organized ahead of the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Mineral Resources which took place 22 - 26 November 2014 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. TrustAfrica contributed to support the illicit outflows thematic track with additional funding coming from OSIWA, OSISA, and Oxfam International.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the convening were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Evaluate the progress in the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) and; (ii) Discuss ways of strengthening networking among pan-African networks and organisations towards improving collective activism and advocacy for the realisation of the AMV as part of an African agenda for structural transformation with equity. <p>An important outcome of this process was the strengthening of the alliances of African with diverse thematic focus and social bases towards a common advocacy purpose for moving the AMV from official aspirations to effective policies for change.</p>
10	IFF Research Methodology Workshop	25 – 26 November 2014	Nairobi, Kenya	<p>We convened a Research Methodology Workshop bringing together research fellows from the 12 African countries (Senegal, Nigeria, Cameroon, Liberia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, DRC, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Lesotho and Uganda) who are recipients of awards from our small research grants initiative. The initiative seeks to address critical knowledge gaps on IFFs out of Africa, which hamper effective policy and advocacy responses.</p> <p>The main goal of the workshop was to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of the researchers that we are working with and the feedback received in this regard was very positive. Specific objectives for this convening included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To build capacity of participants on illicit financial flows research methods and design. (ii) Establish common understanding of the purpose, scope of work and modalities of implementation of the IFF Research Fellowship grants. (iii) To review individual proposals and provide inputs to develop final research proposals and timeframes. (iv) Enhance the appreciation of the nexus between the political economy of neo-liberal capitalism and illicit financial flows in Africa. (v) To strengthen connections between academic researchers and advocacy organizations working to curb illicit financial flows. <p>As part of this process we also organized a networking session between researchers and civil society leaders and also some members of parliament who were already in town as part of an initiative we are supporting to constitute an African Parliamentarian Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax. In total 9 members of parliament from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Uganda, and Tanzania participated in our event.</p>
11	Working Group on Finance and Development Strategy Convening	15 May 2015	Nairobi, Kenya	<p>We co-organized this convening with our partners - Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and Third World Network Africa (TWNA) - a Strategy Convening in Nairobi, Kenya, of Networks and Organisations participating in the Interim Working Group (IWG) on Finance and Africa's Transformation that emerged from our IFF work. The three-fold objectives of the convening were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First, to develop the IWG as a joint mechanism for synergizing on-going aspects of Finance-related work of participating organisations to enhance their effectiveness and influence on economic and policy trends in or affecting Africa; ▪ Secondly, to initiate an agenda for systematic collaborative work towards developing a comprehensive unifying framework for understanding and intervening in the systemic issues of Finance and Africa's Development; and, ▪ Thirdly, to operationalize joint coordination of key campaigns to enhance input, capacity, participation and leadership of African interests, perspectives and agency at the international, continental, regional as well as national levels. <p>Participating organizations included FEMNET, AFRODAD, Action Aid International, and Global Alliance for Tax Justice.</p>

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12	Africa IFF CSOs Convening and Campaign Launch	24-25 July 2015	Nairobi, Kenya	<p>We hosted a two day program that brought together the main civil society organizations and partners working on IFFs from across the continent with the following specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen the appreciation of the specificities of finance and development in Africa and the challenge of illicit financial flows as regards the agenda for inclusive economic transformation. ▪ Critically appraise the findings and recommendations of the <i>Report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa for a strengthened Africa</i> response. ▪ Facilitate strategic consultation among key African CSOs and partners to strengthen independent and collaborative efforts to curb illicit financial flows at national, sub-regional, continental and global levels. ▪ Officially adopt an Africa IFF Campaign Declaration and Call to Action <p>The convening concluded with a public launch of the Stop the Bleeding campaign at Uhuru Park and a public procession by hundreds of activists through the streets of Nairobi. The program included a press conference addressed by the TrustAfrica ED, which had great media coverage including local and international electronic and print press. The campaign also had great presence on social media platforms with the official campaign twitter hashtag #stopthebleeding rising to be the second most trending topic on twitter in Kenya. We also released a hip-hop song titled "stop the bleeding" to mark the launch of the campaign.</p>
13	African Grantmakers Network (now APN) assembly	1-3 July 2015	Arusha, Tanzania	<p>TrustAfrica in collaboration with Southern Africa Trust, jointly organized a session on Illicit Financial Flows at the AGN. The session served as a platform to discuss key issues around IFFs advocacy and also officially launch three knowledge products jointly commissioned by the two institutions. We also used the opportunity of the AGN to get endorsements for the campaign from eminent persons including Lehmah Gbowee and Yvonne Chaka Chaka.</p>
14	IFF Event @ the 3rd Finance for Development Conference	15 July 2015	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	<p>We took the IFF Campaign roll out to Addis Ababa during the 3rd International Conference on Finance for Development (FFD3) where we collaborated with UNECA, AU, TJNA, and TWNA and organized a high profile event that was addressed by former South African president Thabo Mbeki, the Chair of the AU High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa. Prominent speakers included the UNECA Executive Secretary, Carlos Lopez, AU Commission Deputy Chairperson, the Finance Minister from Zambia, the African Development Bank Chief Economist and others. Participants – starting with president Mbeki signed a campaign register at the meeting and we also launched an online platform to collect a target one million signatures.</p>
15	IFF Research Methodology Workshop	3-4 August 2015	Harare, Zimbabwe	<p>TrustAfrica in partnership with Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) hosted the IFFs in Southern Africa Research Methodology and Project Inception workshop. The workshop took place under the auspices of the <i>"Assessing the extent and impact of illicit financial flows in key economic sectors in Southern Africa"</i> project. The project seeks to address the problem of substantial knowledge gaps on illicit financial flows in Southern Africa particularly in terms of the lack of in-depth sectoral research, data and analysis on the patterns, dynamics, actors, channels, magnitude, and development impacts of illicit financial flows in the sub-region. TrustAfrica and OSISA issued a Call for Proposals inviting individuals and consortiums to undertake in-depth studies focusing on the following key sectors: 1) Agriculture 2) Mining, and 3) Wildlife and Tourism. The purpose of that workshop was for selected researchers to present their draft research proposals and receive critical feedback from peers and technical resource persons as well as other invited participants working on the subject of illicit financial flows.</p>
16	Francophone IFF Convening & Campaign Launch	7-8 October, 2015	Dakar, Senegal	<p>TrustAfrica in collaboration with IRPAD and FEMNET organized the Francophone Africa IFF CSOs Convening and Campaign Launch in Dakar, Senegal as a part of the campaign roll out actions targeting the different regional and language economic communities across the continent. The aim of the convening was to create a participative space to allow for strategic consultation and discussions among key African CSOs and partners around deepening the conceptual and contextual appreciation of IFFs in Africa, reflecting on the HLP report and its potential to serve as a basis for developing a coherent continental advocacy architecture and a shared campaign platform to end illicit financial flows from Africa. Participants were drawn from cross-sectoral/cross- thematic backgrounds including advocacy organizations and networks, progressive research institutions, the labour movement and gender activists. Outcomes from the convening include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creation of the IFF Reporters Network ▪ Creation of IFF Researchers Network ▪ Electronic forum for Francophone speaker
17	SADC Stop the Bleeding Campaign Launch	24-25 September, 2015	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	<p>In collaboration with ZELA, AFRODAD, TJN-A, ZIMCODD, we organized the Southern African Stop the Bleeding Campaign launch which was a roll out of the Campaign at sub regional levels. The campaign launch was held during the Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI) in Bulawayo. Various groups including Trade Union, Civil Society, Youth, Women representatives came in support of the campaign endorsing the IFF declaration and giving solidarity speeches.</p>

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18	AC Continental Citizens Conference	21-23 January 2016	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	TrustAfrica was part of the 6th Citizens' Continental Conference that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the margins of the January 2016 African Union (AU) Summit. The summit sought to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Engage in critical reflection on the current challenges, gaps and opportunities in addressing Human Rights in Africa with the aim to provide clear, concise and co-ordinated recommendations from civil society b) Reinstantiate co-ordination and joint advocacy of civil society c) Enhance the networking of civil society by ensuring the inclusion of new organisations with more seasoned organisations working on the key policy areas. <p>We participated in a plenary session which sought to get a resolution /action plan on the implementation of the Thabo Mbeki report on IFF. The deliberation were captured in a communique that was passed to the Head of States.</p>



I'm signing because: as a person with a disability I have perennially encountered barriers that hinder me from accessing my basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and full and effective participation in society like other people. Whilst the government on the other hand says that it has no resources whereas the country continues to bleed from the illicit financial flows. I can never enjoy the right that I have no access to, whether its education, shelter, nutritious food and many other will continue to be a pie in the sky for me if the bleeding is not stopped...

Nqobani Dube - Bulawayo Zimbabwe

Research List

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	Name Of Research Fellow	Research Title	Country Focus
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2	Abdoulaye Ndaw <i>ndawlaye@gmail.com</i>	The Judiciary and Financial Legislation's Effectiveness and Coherence in Fighting Against Illicit Financial Flows in the ECOWAS community : the Case of Senegal	Senegal
3	Abegaz Yimer <i>Gebreyimer@yahoo.com</i>	The Legal Framework of Financial Regulation in Ethiopia: Identifying the Legal Lacuna that Aggravates Illicit Financial out Flows	Ethiopia
4	Farai Maguwu <i>fmaguwu@gmail.com</i>	Investigating Illicit Financial Flows in Zimbabwe's Lithium Mining Sector: Local enterprises participation in extractive industry value chains, beneficiation and IFFs	Zimbabwe
5	Jose Bazanzi <i>josebazanzi@yahoo.fr</i>	Mines, Illicit Financial Flows and Regional Integration in Central Africa: the Case of Democratic Republic of Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo
6	Liezemarie Johannes <i>liezemarie@gmail.com</i>	Practical Challenges In Fighting Illicit Financial Flows	South Africa
7	Christian Chileshe and Henry Chata <i>Cchileshe.3c@gmail.com</i>	Thin Capitalization and Illicit Financial Flows from Africa – A Case of Zambia's Mining Sector	Zambia
8	Ayodele Bonnie Oluwemi and Oluwaseun Bamidele <i>ayodelebonnie@yahoo.com</i>	Africa's Development Hemorrhage and the Shadow of Illicit flows in Resource Rich Country: Interrogating the Nigerian oil Sector Corridor	Nigeria
9	Emanuel S. Massawe <i>sifoy2k@yahoo.com</i>	Assessing the Effectiveness of the Financial Regulatory Environment of Tanzania on Illicit Financial Flows	Tanzania
10	Alfred K Tarway-Twalla <i>aktwalla@msn.com</i>	Proactive Procurement and Monitoring and Evaluation: Principal Mechanisms for Addressing IFFs in Liberia's Extractive and Renewable Industries	Liberia
11	Limakatso Lehobo <i>lmlehobo@gmail.com</i>	Institutional Capacity and Illicit Financial Flows in Lesotho	Lesotho
12	Jackline Asimwe <i>jackiesmw@yahoo.com</i>	Illicit Financial Flows from Africa: A Critical Analysis of the Financial Regulatory Framework in Uganda	Uganda

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From Nairobi to Senegal and from Algiers to Cape Town, I have seen poverty in all shades and colours. Tax dodging, illicit financial flows perpetrated by wealthy individuals and multinational corporations is robbing Africa of the maximum resources that could otherwise build infrastructure and services needed to lift people out of poverty. African Governments need help to build their capacity in plugging loopholes in their tax laws and bring to book erring offenders. The bleeding must stop and I will campaign against IFF and other ills that underdevelop Mother Africa.

Kayode Egbeleye - Birmingham United Kingdom

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I'm signing because illicit capital flight is the number one challenge for development. This campaign will bring out solutions developed by African countries themselves. This is the way forward for real change

Sigrid Klæboe Jacobsen - Oslo, Norway





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