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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2022, most countries relaxed Covid-19 restrictions, which enabled AFRODAD to hold both physical and online events, and staff to work from the office. The campaigns and Communication (CC) department which until 2021 mainly held a supportive role to the policy and programmes portfolios hosted the second edition of the **AFRODAD Media Conference (AFROMEDI II)** in March 2022 which attracted journalists of 23 nationalities in Africa and was held in 9 African countries in both physical and virtual formats. As an immediate outcome, the Media Debt Network Africa (MDNA) comprising of 81 journalists who focus on various aspects of development finance, and represent 35 countries, was launched.

The campaigns & communication department also continued to position AFRODAD as a key knowledge hub on African debt issues, and to strengthen the African voice on debt and development. Various assignments were competed such as dramatising the debt discourse, developing a debt toolkit, and podcasts, as well as managing the organisational website. More work included engagement on social media and with mainstream media, publicity and production of tools such as videos, animations, illustrations and other graphics to simplify and popularise the organisation’s policy work. Moreover, interpretation and translation continue being done on a regular basis to localise the message on debt.

Moreover, AFRODAD continued to implement activities under the following focus areas: (i). Sovereign Debt Management (SDM), (ii) Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM) and (iii) International Public and Private Finance (IPPF), and a new focus area legal advocacy and analysis for debt was introduced in the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. The SDM Portfolio commissioned six (6) studies some of which with a few being finalised to thereafter get validated, designed and published. The portfolio also successfully hosted a parliamentary training in Juba, South Sudan, in February 2022 and successfully held side sessions during the 2022 IMF/WB Spring Meetings in April.

AFRODAD was part of the technical team that crafted the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model law on Public Finance Management. Besides, it gave evidence to the United Kingdom House of Commons on Debt in Low - Income Countries (LICs). Finally, it successfully hosted the second edition of the African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD II) in August 2022 in Malawi.

The DRM portfolio remained dedicated to influence and campaign for fair and just tax systems, better natural resource governance and the curbing of illicit financial flows (IFFs) within the African continent. The portfolio completed research papers on IFFs and Social Protection, governance of mineral resources, and on transparency and accountability in the extractives sector. The department also represented AFRODAD during the 2022 Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI), Pan African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows (PAC), and the launch of phase II of the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC).

The International Public and Private Finance portfolio influenced and enhanced the capacities of governments, parliamentarians and civil society on the importance and implications of financing from emerging lenders and other instruments for financing development cooperation in Africa.

The portfolio commissioned and validated research papers and policy briefs aimed at influencing International Financial Institutions (IFIs), governments and policy makers to institute progressive and fiscally sustainable development interventions at regional and continental levels. Additionally, the portfolio also took part in webinars aimed at contributing to the reformation of the global financial architecture.

The Institutional Development and Sustainability Department (IDSM), continued to support staff with remote and flexible working. The Board meeting of September 2022 approved the registration of the Kenya office, and this will help with ensuring that the footprint across Africa is enhanced. Noteworthy is that plans are underway to increasingly having physical presence in more African countries.
INTRODUCTION

Strategic Focus Areas

In the new strategic plan 2021-2025, AFRODAD has four strategic focus areas under strategic Priority 1 - the sustainable sovereign debt management. They include sovereign debt management, domestic resource mobilisation, international public and private finance, and legal advocacy and analysis for debt. The Sovereign Debt Management (SDM) Portfolio aims at contributing to the development and implementation of sustainable debt policies and practices in Africa. The Domestic Resources Mobilisation (DRM) portfolio contributes to the development and implementation of transparent, accountable, and efficient mechanisms for mobilisation and use of domestic resources in Africa. The International Public and Private Finance (IPPF) portfolio contributes at influencing the quality, impact, and effectiveness of international public finance, in line with the agreed development cooperation effectiveness principles. The Legal Advocacy and Analysis of Debt, which was introduced in 2022 will from 2023, focus on undertaking legal analysis of laws, policies, contraction processes, with a view of strengthening advocacy for greater transparency, accountability, and governance on sovereign debt.

COVID-19 and Implementation

Most African countries relaxed COVID-19 regulations which enabled AFRODAD to hold a combination of physical and online events. The latter allowed staff from all three countries: Cameroon, Kenya, and Zimbabwe to continue working from the office and be more productive as there are minimal disruptions at the office in terms of internet connectivity and power outage especially in Harare where there is a solar backup in place though it needs to be upgraded as it usually does not last long in cases where there is load shading for an entire day or when it is cloudy.

In delivering the 2022 workplan, AFRODAD mapped out activities to be implemented nationally, regionally, and globally through different implementing partners. As a strategy, partnering governments and inter-governmental organisations through joint hosting of policy dialogues, advocacy campaigns, invitations to be panellists, has proved fruitful because it allowed AFRODAD to implement activities with like-minded partner organisations in host countries, who usually deal with stakeholders on a regular basis.
HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR 2022: PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

As a way of creating new knowledge and evidenced based research, AFRODAD has always engaged in research in the form of research papers, policy papers and policy briefs.

Publications

**Sovereign Debt Management Portfolio**
In 2022, the debt portfolio commissioned and published six (6) publications ranging from policy papers, briefs, news interviews, and podcasts. These research papers were both topic, country, and region specific.

**Domestic Resource Mobilisation Portfolio**
AFRODAD’s research work on domestic resource mobilisation in 2022 focused on natural resource governance and curbing illicit financial flows. Both these areas are critical components in generating domestic taxes in a sustainable way thus reducing the need for borrowing. The portfolio commissioned and published six (6) pieces of work in 2022.

**International Public Finance Portfolio**
The provision of public services has gradually been removed from government to private actors. The dominance of the neoliber advice to African governments has seen gradual de-investment in these sectors in favour for private instruments such as Public Private Partnership (PPPs). The IPPF portfolio has conducted different research pieces. In 2022, seventeen (17) pieces of research covering issues linked to privatisation, climate finance, covid-19 health spending, and infrastructure finance were commissioned, validated, finalised and published.

**AFRODAD’s Contribution to the Knowledge Body**
The work that AFRODAD has done has been referenced by stakeholders in governments, academia and civil society. In 2022, AFRODAD’s research was cited in a publication on Sovereign Debt in SADC 15 times across several chapters of a book titled, “COVID-19 and Sovereign Debt: The Case of SADC”, publication on Sovereign Debt in SADC co-edited by Prof Daniel Bradlow and Dr Magalie Masamba (who have done work for AFRODAD).


In these two papers AFRODAD is referenced and mentioned in the acknowledgment. AFRODAD has also been asked to be part of their peer reviewers. FES AU Office works on African continental integration, economic transformation, social development, peace and security and Africa-EU dialogue.
Events and Policy Engagements

**African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD II) 24-26 August 2022**

AFRODAD together with its partners hosted the second edition of the African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD II) in Malawi on 24-26 August 2022. National sessions were hosted in seven African countries (Cameroon, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe) and it was open to virtual participation. AfCoDD has become the only AFRODAD conference flagship event since inauguration in August 2021, especially because the organisation had never had such a conference in its 24 years up until 2021. which had as its outcome the Harare Declaration, which has been signed by over 60 African Organisations. AFCODD II (AfCoDD II - From Recovery to Reform: Sisi Ndio Tuko | Stop the Bleeding; AfCoDD II - The Political Economy of Climate Change, Energy Transition, and Debt in Africa’s Transformation; AfCoDD II - COVID-19 and Sovereign Debt: The Case of SADC; AfCoDD II - Governing Debt in Africa: Can an African Debt Observatory Help to Improve Debt Management Strategies). The messages for the in-Country sessions included the Russian/Ukraine war and its effects on economies and public debt management; the impact of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs); Covid-19 Factor on Public Debt Stock; Climate Change and its impact on Public Debt; the role of PPPs in Infrastructural Development and its implications on public debt and galvanising African voices towards COP 27.

**AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI), 21 - 23 March 2022**

The second annual AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI II), which was attended by a total of 125 journalists without counting virtual participation, took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 21- 23 March 2022 in a hybrid format. Physical country sessions were held in in 6 African countries (Angola, Cameroon, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Kenya). The aim was to build capacity of journalists on Debt and Development with integrated and practical sessions aimed at strengthening participating journalists’ reporting skills on debt and related issues. The event was broadcast live on Facebook (Video 1; Video 2; Video 3; Video 4; Video 5) and regular updates were shared on AFRODAD’s social media platforms.

**The Eastern and Southern Africa Debt Conference, June 2022**

The Eastern and Southern Africa Debt Conference was held in partnership with the Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), in Kenya under the theme, “Towards strengthening accountability and transparency around public debt management and the use of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) in Eastern and Southern Africa”. The two-day hybrid (virtual and physical sessions) conference took place in Nairobi, Kenya and brought together 43 participants, 25 (58%) of them were male whilst 18 (42%) of them were female from various public debt stakeholders. The discussions in the conference focused on how countries in the Eastern and the Southern Africa regions can strengthen accountability and transparency in public debt and in the use of the IMF Special SDRs. The principles of the borrowing charter and accountability mechanism were part of the deliberations at the regional debt conference, towards the Uptake of the Principles of African Borrowing Charter and Africa Accountability Mechanisms in East and Southern Africa.

**Debt and Development Academy (DADA) Convener’s Meeting, 28 - 29 November 2022, Athi River Kenya**

AFRODAD together with fellow civil society members held a Debt and Development Academy (DaDA) Convenors meeting from the 28th to 29th November 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya to co-design the DaDA. The event involved a brainstorming exercise among participants to ensure that DaDA will be relevant, effective and does not replicate already existing training and academies offered by AFRODAD’s Partners. The meeting involved presentations, group exercises and brainstorming sessions to reflect through existing content and possible modules that can be included in the DaDA training.
DaDA will be the upgraded version of the AFRODAD Summer School that was held yearly between 2015 and 2021. DaDA, like Summer School, will bring together civil society practitioners, legislators, government officials and academics for the purpose of training and capacity building on broader issues around debt and public finance management. This is expected to enhance policy dialogue and promote best practices around transparency and accountability in public debt and public finance management in African countries. The second DaDA Convenors meeting is expected in the first half of 2023, and the inaugural DaDA in the fourth quarter.

Engagements at the Alternative Mining Indaba

AFRODAD attended the 13th Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI) themed A Just energy transition for sustainable mining Communities in an era of the climate crisis, held from the 4th to the 11th of May 2022. The AMI offered a platform for bridging the accountability gap between rights holders and duty bearers, such as policymakers, government technocrats, national authorities, and mining companies, in order to address human rights violations by multinational corporations in the extractives sector. AFRODAD partnered up with Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA), the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), OXFAM and Financial transparency coalition.

Stop the bleeding Consortium, Open ownership and Fight inequality Alliance hosted two side events. AFRODAD hosted a side session on the role of beneficial ownership in combating IFFs in Africa as part of efforts to contribute to promoting the need for adhering to the alignment of laws and commitments in ways that reduce IFFs in the RECs. The focus was to demonstrate how information on beneficial ownership could contribute to reducing IFF. The other side session was on revitalising the Africa Mining Vision in a context of multiple shocks.

One of the three research pieces completed in the first half of the year focused on highlighting issues of IFFs and Social Protection in Eastern and Southern Africa – emphasising a regional approach.

AFRODAD participation during annual Pan African conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax

The 10th Pan African Conference on IFFs and Tax was held from 28th and 29th September in Lusaka. AFRODAD held two sessions on debt, one on the AFRODAD debt toolkit and another in collaboration with CSO debt alliance on debt status of Zambia among other issues such as the IMF pull out. The AFRODAD side session on the AFRODAD public debt toolkit, led to its launch. This resource can be used by members of parliament, CSOs, and even citizens in demanding for accountability and responsible borrowing by governments in accordance with the Harare declaration and Africa borrowing charter. The session on Zambia’s debt was a discussion on the use of SDRs in Zambia, the implication of the IMF discussion on pulling out of Zambia as well as the Chinese debt implications. The sessions attracted CSOs, university students and professionals.

AFRODAD participation during the launch of AMDC phase II

AFRODAD was among other civil society organisations that attended the launch of phase II of the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC). The meeting was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from the 3-4 October. The objective of the AMDC, is to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision and its Action plan (being revised) to enable the minerals resource sector to play its role in the social and economic transformation, inclusive growth and sustainable development of African economies, in conjunction with Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the private sector, civil society organisations including women and youth organisations, collaborating institutions and other key stakeholders.

The discussions highlighted the need for African states to ratify the statute to operationalise AMDC to position Africa to benefit fully and maximally from its mineral wealth, and its role storing of geological data to coordinate information around mineral resources. AMV domestication and implementation was also discussed, and it was agreed that it’s still relevant though needs updating especially with the fast-paced changing context. AFRODAD remains committed to advocating for governments to domesticate the AMV principles as well as helping the AMDC secretariat with tracking and pushing for AMV implementation in Africa.
POLICY, ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH – ACHIEVEMENTS AND POLICY IMPACT

In 2022, AFRODAD’s Policy, Research and Advocacy team implemented its activities across the AFRODAD’s main thematic areas: Sustainable Debt management, Domestic Resource Mobilisation and International Public and Private Finance. Collectively, these three thematic areas have been the cornerstone of AFRODAD’s advocacy and policy influencing agenda at national, regional, continental, and global levels. The team commissioned and published over thirty (30) publications comprising of research papers, policy briefs, occasional papers, and blogs.

Sovereign Debt Management Portfolio

The public debt management portfolio made interventions at the global, regional and national levels, addressing the need for transparency and advocating in public debt management and for debt sustainability in Africa.

Key achievements and policy impact

African Conference on Debt and Development II

The second edition of AfCoDD brought together civil society organisations, people from academia, representatives of government agencies and multilateral bodies. The conference was physically attended by 172 participants in Malawi from 23 different countries, with 79 female participants (46%) and 93 (54%) males. The conference focused on three pillars: the political, research and ideation, and public mobilisation (#SisiNdioTuko). There was a strong re-commitment from participants to follow up on the demands of the Harare Declaration which calls for a reformed international financial architecture with Africa as “Rule Maker”, not just a “Rule Taker” in the global financial system. Also building on the acceptance of His Excellency, President Lazarus Chakwera to be an African regional champion for an African accountability mechanism for debt relief and economic recovery.

AFRODAD and its partner Malawi Economic Justice Network have been working with the government of Malawi to offer policy advice. Among AfCoDD II resolutions were policy options that were suggested for addressing Malawi’s economic challenges. These policy options were presented to the Malawi Honourable Minister of Finance, Sosten Alfred Gwengwe on 19 September 2022 in a Memo. Suggested policy options include the Malawian government requesting the IMF to apply pressure on the TDB and AfriExim to rescind their request to be considered “preferred creditors” as this is disruptive in the prevailing climate, applying the common framework and preparing for sovereign default.

Following the keynote address by Professor Ronald Mangani at AfCoDD 11 AFRODAD produced a podcast entitled “Dismantling the Global Debt Architecture, snippets of which were shared using AFRODAD’s twitter handle. The full podcast can also be found on AFRODAD’s website. Professor Mangani brought forward key highlights related to the conference theme and raised critical recommendations he felt African governments desperately needs to unshackle the dependence syndrome of borrowing. Professor Ronald Mangani called for a complete dismantling of the current global debt architecture that has not only left many countries in debt crises but also in dire perpetual economic instabilities.

The Eastern and Southern Africa Conference

The discussion during the Eastern and Southern African Conference focused on how countries in the Eastern and the Southern Africa region can strengthen accountability and transparency on their public debt and in the use of the IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs). Through the deliberations it is expected that the more accountable and transparent countries are in relation to public debt management and use of the IMF SDRs, the more they will place Africa on the path of economic, political, and social self-determination. The conference participants contributed to an outcome statement giving a call to action to different stakeholders. The outcome statement has been disseminated to CSO partners for signing and adoption. On the side lines of the conference a Podcasts on "The debt Question in Eastern and Southern Africa: Accountability and transparency on public debt management and the use of SDRs in the region was produced which increased awareness on the need to demand accountability in the regions. The podcast was published on our AFRODAD website, YouTube and on Anchor FM. Various social media platforms were used to promote the podcast namely; Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram. AFRODAD also produced eight videos during the Eastern and Southern African Conference documenting feedback from participants on the conference.
Invitation to give evidence to the United Kingdom House of Commons on Debt in Low Income Countries

The UK House of Commons International Development Committee invited the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development to be a witness on its inquiry on debt relief in low-income countries. On the 14th of June 2022, AFRODAD's Executive Director, together with Mae Buenaventura from the Asian People's Movement on Debt and Development and Paul Steele from the Institute for Environment and Development gave evidence to the United Kingdom House of Commons on Debt in Low Income Countries. AFRODAD discussed the current rise in debt levels in African countries due to the covid 19 pandemic and the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. He also talked about the issue of social amenities such as healthcare that have been affected in most African countries because of servicing debt.

AFRODAD Contributed to the Drafting of the SADC Model Law on PFM
AFRODAD was part of the technical working group that helped in crafting the SADC Model Law on PFM. AFRODAD's Executive Director was quoted on the side lines of a draft review of SADC Model Law on PFM, saying, “the Model Law on PFM is a significant step towards achieving economic justice because it seeks to strengthen the role of parliament, which is the space where citizens are represented through their elected MPs and also that the law would offer an opportunity for policy harmonisation and consistency with the African Mining Vision and the African Mineral Governance Framework.” AFRODAD delivered Solidarity Statement on the 12th of July, 2022 at the 51st Plenary Assembly of the SADC PF (Parliamentary Forum) and welcomes the adoption of the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management.

Coordinating African CSOs in Global Advocacy
AFRODAD participated in 4 sessions at the IMF/WB Spring Meetings in April 2022, and supported or co-sponsored a further 2 with our global partners i.e., APMDD, Latindadd, Eurodad, and Jubilee USA. The AFRODAD Session kicked off the 2022 CSPF and had panellists from the IMF, African Union, African Academia, and African CSOs. The key message from the session was that more was needed from the IMF to support African countries of these multiple crises. A message that has been followed through in the Ministers of Finance Meeting of May 2022 in Dakar (see 1 above). AFRODAD also participated in a High-level segment ‘Shoring Up Debt Sustainability’ much of which was informed by the national level analysis and engagement AFRODAD had conducted prior to the IMF/WB Spring Meetings. Underlying the importance of national level work in informing global advocacy and amplifying voices of citizens. In addition, AFRODAD also participated in a session that critically looked at National and Global Debt Mechanisms towards Long Term Sustainability in a Post COVID-19 Recovery.

The 2022 IMF/WB Spring Meetings were a success for AFRODAD, and its national partners given the number of sessions we collectively were involved in. To further highlight African position on SDR issues, AFRODAD made a guest appearance on Bretton Woods Observer to give opinion on the “New IMF Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) – how to make it work for the Global South”. AFRODAD was also guest at IMF Podcast AFRODAD’s Executive Director speaks on Africa’s Debt. These activities are critical in spotlighting African countries in the agenda of global and regional organisations such as IMF, World Bank and United Nations, ECOSOC and AU. AFRODAD will continue to monitor the evolution of SDR discussions and their impact while also advocating for more transparent, accountable and inclusive use of SDR resource in Africa.

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Parliamentary Engagement in South Sudan

AFRODAD in collaboration with Center for Budget Policy and Accountability (CBPA) and Ecoppeace Initiative for Development (ECOID) conducted a parliamentary training on Strengthening Parliamentary oversight in Public Debt Management in the Covid-19 context in Juba, South Sudan from 22-24th February 2022. The training was attended by members of parliament from Budget Committee and African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC) Members, Faith based Organization leaders, CSOs (Civil Society Organization) representatives and media.

After the three-day training, participants (MPs) agreed to work on the formulation of budget policy in South Sudan. In the closing remarks, the chairperson of the Economic and Finance Committee Hon. Chamcoth Pijok of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (TNLA) assured the public that South Sudan parliament will work for the interest of its people.

Debt Transparency in Zimbabwe

The Zimbabwean government was allocated USD 961 million in SDRs, and the Zimbabwean Ministry of Finance and Economic Development issued a statement without consulting the Parliament as per statutory requirement. In March 2022, in a capacity building workshop organised by Silveira House (Jesuits) in partnership with Parliament of Zimbabwe to discuss use of SDR (USD 961 million) received by the Government of Zimbabwe, a technical committee comprising ZIMCODD, Parliament Budget Office, Ministry of Finance, AFRODAD and Silvera House was set up to spearhead an SDR Monitoring Framework. The monitoring efforts resulted in Zimbabwean Parliament requesting for a Ministerial Statement on SDRs which was issued in June 2022 by the Zimbabwean Minister of Finance SDR utilisation as part of 2021 Public Debt Bulletin (page 14).

The fourth edition of the public finance management legislation policy brief series under the Strengthening Transparency and Accountability (STAP) project completed (under design). The policy brief was built on earlier work that identified gaps in the legislation and focus on factors that are militating against compliance and implementation of reforms in public finance management in Zimbabwe. The 2022 PFM Policy brief focuses on assessing the extent to which PFM reforms carried out since 2018 have been effective in improving fiscal space, effective allocation of public resources and efficient delivery of public services, identify major challenges to PFM compliance by the executive, and suggest and proffer recommendations on improving PFM in Zimbabwe. AFRODAD and ZIMCODD have been advocating for alignment of PFM legislation to the 2013 Constitution and in 2021 we registered a success as the Public Finance Management Bill 2021 was gazetted in March 2021.

Domestic Resource Mobilisation Portfolio

The DRM portfolio continued to be committed towards influencing, and advocating for fair and just tax systems, improved mineral resources governance and the stemming of illicit financial flows (IFFs) from the African continent.

Key achievements and policy impact

Engagement during the African Union Summit January 2022 and Ministers of Finance Meeting in May 2022

During the AU Summit of February 2022, AFRODAD and members of the Stop The Bleeding Campaign hosted a session in the margins of the Summit aimed at Influencing the African Union to unwaveringly demand the global financial architectural reforms that substantially ameliorate the socio-economic injustices against the Global South.

From this meeting, was a message that included seeking additional resources from the G7 on rechannelling SDRs, and calling for the establishment of a UN Tax Convention.

During the Ministers of Finance Meeting hosted by the UNECA held in June 2022 in Dakar, Senegal; the Ministers of Finance Meeting Report called for the IMF to consider issuing additional special drawing rights to support the development efforts of African countries[1] to the impacts of Covid-9 and the Ukraine-Russia war. The Report also called for the United Nations to begin negotiations under its auspices on an international convention on tax matters.[2] Both of these asks had featured in the CSO messages to the AU Summit held in January 2022 which AFRODAD made input to.
Key achievements and policy impact

Engagement with the UN ECOSOC and with the G20
AFRODAD provided inputs from an African perspective towards a global CSO position paper that fed into the UN Financing for Development ECOSOC process. [https://csoforffd.org/2022/02/22/inputs-to-2022-ffd-forum/](https://csoforffd.org/2022/02/22/inputs-to-2022-ffd-forum/).

In the margins of the G20 Ministers of Finance Meeting, AFRODAD was part of the panel discussion that looked into debt transparency and its role in supporting effective debt contraction, management, utilization, and servicing. This session emphasized AFRODAD’s ‘Harare Declaration’ and its ‘African Borrowing Charter’. Both of which are instrumental in supporting enhanced transparency, accountability, and governance (TAG) in debt and development finance issues. The session is here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=0eOB50WVHY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=0eOB50WVHY) (3:10:26 to 4:26:33). AFRODAD also earlier in 2022 issued a joint statement to G20 outlining the principles for fair channelling of SDRs to Developing countries.

Advocacy against Public Private Partnership (PPPs)
History RePPPeated: How PPPs are Failing – Vol 2 Update Discussions – Following the successful launch of the 1st Volume at the Global Infrastructure Forum in Indonesia, AFRODAD is part of the development of the 2nd Volume of highlighting how ill-conceived PPPs are a debt risk to African countries.

AU-EU Summit CSO Communique Declaration
AFRODAD Contributed to the assessment of the AU-EU Summit CSO Communique Declaration. The blog highlighted weaknesses on debt resolution, covid-19 financing and the challenges of the TRIPS intellectual property waiver.

Engagement with AU-EU Summit March 2022
As part of tracking the decisions from the AU Summit and the EU commitments through the Investment Gateway Package, AFRODAD hosted a podcast with its partners from Christian Aid and SEATINI (Uganda) to discuss the AU-EU Summit and its implications for the Africa post Covid-19. AFRODAD and its Global partners also issued a series of statements on the AU-EU Summit questioning if it was truly built on the premise of equal partnership.

International Public Finance Portfolio
The International Public Finance portfolio remains committed to influencing and enhancing the capacities of governments, parliamentarians and civil society on the importance and implications of financing from emerging lenders, instruments for financing development cooperation Africa. The portfolio hosted a series of webinars to validate papers and policy briefs aimed at influencing International Financial Institutions (IFIs), governments and policy makers to institute progressive and fiscally sustainable development interventions at regional and continental levels. The webinars also aimed to contribute to the solutions of triple crisis being faced by development counties. The papers that were reviewed and validated include the Analysis of Development Finance Landscape in Africa, Development Effectiveness of Covid-19 Recovery interventions in Africa, Political Economy of Fossil Fuel Financing and Debt in Africa and Debt Implications on Trade Finance in Africa Paper. Through these webinars, AFRODAD got additional input from various key stakeholders within the CSO fraternity.
In line with the mandate of the campaigns & communication department to position AFRODAD as a key knowledge hub on African debt issues and to strengthen the African voice on debt and development, the Communication and Campaigns department continues to inform, build capacity and mobilise towards the new debt movement.

Summary of Achievements

• Collaborated with the policy team in developing campaign messages for the ‘Global week to Fight Inequality’
• Ran a campaign during the International Women’s Day/week, ‘Linking debt
• Published 2 episodes of the AFRODAD’s Podcast Season 1. Episode 1: “SUM-it” Reflections on the AU-Summit and the EU-AU Summit: CSOs Perspective. Episode 2: Up-close and personal with the New ED: Jason Braganza.
• EU-AU Summit Webinar on Civil Society Perspectives and Priorities core organised by Open Society foundations.
• Communications Support for the MP (Member of Parliament) training in South Sudan/ Juba.
• Improved Social media performance across all our networks.
• Successfully hosted AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI) in Kenya from 21-23 March 2022 with 125 journalists representing 24 nationalities across 6 African countries (Angola, Cameroon, Kenya, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe). AFROMEDI resulted in the launch of the Media Debt Network (M-DNA): A platform created to bring together journalists who focus on reporting on development finance issues from across the continent. Currently the platform has 81 journalists.
• Dramatised debt and elections in Kenya.
• Finalisation of Voices of the Indebted from Cameroon and Mozambique.
• Conceptualisation of the Africa Debt Watch publication.
• AFRODAD got wide media coverage in the news
• AFRODAD Articles in the News, on the Website and AFRODAD’s YouTube

Website Management

AFRODAD’s website which was relaunched in 2021 was updated regularly with activities for the year. The management of the website includes uploading publications, statements, latest news, ongoing campaigns, and other updates. Traffic to the website for the period under review showed some improvement compared to the earlier period. The largest audience to our website is from people aged between 18-34 years, with ages between 25-34 making up 33.5% of the total audience. The top country by number of users are Zimbabwe, Kenya, and United States respectively.

Social Media Engagement

Social media serves as a valuable digital tool we use to reach and engage the public and wider stakeholders. Drawing reference to our annual social media analytics, AFRODAD registered an increase in traffic to its social media pages in 2022 especially on Twitter and Facebook. Regarding followers, there has been a significant increase in followers throughout the year. The grid below gives the descriptive performance summary of the organisation’s social media platforms, up to November 2022.
## Social Media performance Analytics (Statistical Comparison & Summary)

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As AFRODAD continues to implement its new and ongoing strategic plan over the next couple of years, it is expected that the social media performance and presence (especially on new platforms such as Instagram and Tiktok) will continue their upward trajectory, supported by active content generation from the policy, advocacy, and research team.

Podcasts
AFRODAD published the following podcasts:

- **Episode 1**: Up-close and personal with Jason Braganza, AFRODAD’s Executive Director, discussing his plans and ambitions for AFODAD and the continent at large, 4 February 2022.
- **Episode 2**: “SUM-it” Reflections on the AU-Summit and the EU-AU Summit: CSOs Perspective, 8 March 2022.
- Episode 3 was entitled, “AFRODAD Media Training 2022 – Key Take-aways from Africa’s Investigative Journalists”, 11 May 2022.
- Episode 6: Dismantling the Debt Architecture, 10 November 2022

Debt Toolkit
A debt toolkit, which is a resource guide for understanding public debt, its relevance, consequences and management, applicable frameworks and capacity strengthening tools, was completed, validated and launched. Next steps include adding a gender perspective throughout the document, copy editing, translating it to French and Portuguese and simplifying it in various illustration formats. It will then be published on the website, promoted and shared with partners to also benefit from it including hosting events to discuss and highlight its relevance to various advocacy efforts at national, continental and global levels.
Communication Support for the Eastern and Southern Africa Debt Conference

Prior to the conference titled “towards strengthening accountability and transparency around public debt management and the use of IMF Special Drawing Rights in Eastern and Southern Africa,” the communications department developed publicity materials for the same. During the conference key messages were shared on social media platforms and feedback videos were captured featuring: Dr. Theophilus Yungong- AFRODAD on understanding Africa’s debt crisis; Edna Kanguya- SADC PF on Domestic resource mobilisation, policy and legislation to address Africa’s debt crisis; Peninah Mbabazi- SEATINI on Developing local solutions to Africa’s debt crisis; Mukasiri Sibanda, STBC (Stop the Bleeding Consortium) on Illicit Financial Flows depriving Africa from growth and development; Christine Byiringiro- SEATINI on Building partnerships to advocate for better debt management in Africa; Dr. Khanyisile Litchfield- Tshabalala- Chair, Africa Parliamentary Network on IFFs and Taxation on Transparency and political accountability in Africa; Leonard Wanyama- East African Tax and Governance Network on Recovery beyond Covid 19: Think and Prepare for the next emergency and finally Africa Rule Maker not Rule Taker. The department also ensured presence on social media platforms to share key messages that were discussed during the conference.

Communication work during the African Conference on Debt and Development II

The Communications department developed a communications & campaigns strategy, which was tailored to ensure seamless flow of information before, during, and after the conference which served to informing our target audience of the ongoing event, re-directing the online audience to either Facebook, YouTube, or Zoom to join the live streaming ; share important takeaways from all the sessions and to host a concurrent twibbon campaign that sought to encourage the active engagement of the participants throughout the conference.

Panelists at the Eastern and Southern Africa Debt Conference

- AFCODDI Main Session ,24-26 August, Lilongwe Malawi
- AFCODD II Video Catalog
- AFCODD II Cameroon Session
- AFCODD 11- Tanzania Country Session
- AFCODD11 Zimbabwe National Session, video 1, video 2, video 3
- AfCoDD II – Nigeria Country Session
- AfCoDD II – Uganda Country Session
- AFCODD II Zambia Country Session
- AFCODD II Mozambique National Session, Video 1, Video 2
Prior to hosting the 2nd African Conference on Debt & Development (AfCoDD II), the Communications & Campaigns team developed creative banners. The banners were divided into 3 main categories:

- Generic awareness through banners, posters.
- Speaker profiles and bio banners AfCoDD II - Opening Session; AfCoDD II - Speaker Profile 1; AfCoDD II - Speaker Profile 2, and
- Comprehensive session-based informative banners AfCoDD II - Session Brief 1; AfCoDD II - Session Brief 2;

The banners were used to enhance conference visibility. Additionally, they served as a mobilisation tool by acting as an invitation to the virtual participants, as well as the general public, to be part of the conference. Further, the banners provided detailed information (partners supporting the intervention, session themes, panellists, dates, and time) about the conference and its proceedings.

**Social Media Engagement during AfCoDD II**

Twitter was the most active digital platform used during the three-day AfCoDD II conference from August 26th - August 28th. It was used to mobilise participants for the conference, inform people of upcoming events, remind them of the sessions and direct viewership to Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. It was also used to share key takeaways as the panel discussions were taking place. In a bid to increase awareness and social media engagement, the AFRODAD Communications and Campaigns team coordinated three hashtags, i.e #AfricaRuleMaker, #SisiNdioTuko and #AFCoDDII. These hashtags became popular shortly after the event began and helped new audiences get a grasp of proceedings, and the key issues discussed in every session. Snapshots of Twitter Highlights during AfCoDD II: Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF_SADC); AfCoDD II - #AfricaRuleMaker; AfCoDD II - Conversation on SDRs; AfCoDD II - Viva Africa the Rule Maker and not the Rule taker. Snapshots of Twitter Trends during AfCoDD II: AfCoDD II - Trend 1; AfCoDD II - Trend 2.

**Campaigns and Outreach**

**Dramatisation of Debt and Elections**

Usikule kesho yako (don’t eat your tomorrow or don’t compromise your future), also posted here with trailer 1 and trailer 2, was the most viewed in 2022, with 73,950 views and received 145 comments, with people appreciating simplified and relatable content, fun but very educational especially on the linkage between debt, election and their daily struggle such as rising cost of living, scarce public services. Most of them asked for more of similar content.

Informing and campaigning using edutainment has proven to be a powerful way to democratise the debt discourse. It helps with reaching out to youth thus ensuring they are informed and mobilised to contribute to the debt movement. Localising the debt discourse through working with national partners increases message delivery and ownership.

**Global Week to Fight Inequality**

The department collaborated with the policy team in developing campaign messages for the ‘Global week to Fight Inequality’, Social media Hashtags used included #TaxTheRich #FightInequality #Davos. Platforms used include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
Capacity Building

Second Edition of the AFRODAD Media Initiative

AFRODAD and partners hosted (both physically and virtually) the second edition of the AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI II) which brought together 125 journalists, and was hosted in 6 African countries (Angola, Cameroon, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya). The aim was to build capacity of journalists on Debt and Development with integrated and practical sessions aiming at strengthening participating journalists’ reporting skills on debt and related issues. The event was broadcast live on Facebook and regular updates were shared on our social media. Some journalists who attended AFROMEDI have been write articles and covering stories on debt. On the third day of the training, a platform created to bring together journalists who focus on reporting on development finance issues from across Africa, the Media Debt Network Africa (MDNA) was launched. It currently comprises of 81 journalists from 35 countries.

Launch of the Media Debt Network Africa during the second edition of the AFRODAD Media Initiative

AFROMEDI II videos

Videos that were captured during AFROMEDI II were released during the second quarter. In total 9 videos were produced: Opening Remarks by Jason Braganza, AFRODAD’s ED; Public Debt Dynamics in Africa by Enock Twinoburyo, PhD; Public Debt Linkage (2) by Felister Gitonga, OXFAM, Using illustration and cartoons to aid dissemination, Ivan Senyonjo; AFROMEDI II Highlights; The role of African media to position Africa as rule maker, not rule taker by Maya Hayakawa; Understanding Investigative Journalism by Sandrine Sawadogo; Interview with Mr. Braganza about AFROMEDI II. One of the immediate outcomes the AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI) was Launch of the Media Debt Network Africa (MDNA) which is a network which brings together journalists from more than 25 African countries who focus on socio-economic issues including public debt. They recently initiated a publication that they have named “Africa Debt Watch” and it will be officially launched in 2023.
INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Finance and Administration

The Finance & Administration department continues to provide financial and logistical support to programmes portfolios, communications department, and office of the executive director.

Key Achievements & Details of implementation

Audit 2022
New auditors PKF Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe) were authorised by the board meeting of December 2021. They conducted four audits in 2022. All the audits were unqualified, meaning there were no major reportable issues.

Automation
The automation process that will see AFRODAD transition to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) kick started in 2022 and it set to be completed by end of 2024. The organisation also continues to invest in virtual operations in line with the dispersion model was engaged.

Dispersion Model
The board meeting of 2022 approved the registration of the Kenya office, and this will help to ensure the footprint across Africa is enhanced. Progress had been made on the registration of the Kenyan office. After the successful registration of the East African hub in Kenya, the process to register the Central African hub in Cameroon will begin.

CONCLUSION

Main successes Include:

1. AFRODAD successfully held a parliamentary training in South Sudan.
2. The organisation was selected to do Side events during the IMF/WB Spring Meetings,
3. AFRODAD was part of the technical team crafting the SADC Model law on PFM.
4. AFRODAD gave evidence in the United Kingdom House of Commons on the level of indebtedness of low-income countries,
5. The organisation joined the globe in celebrating and popularising the Fight against Inequality and the International Women’s Day campaigns with a linkage to Debt Sustainability,
6. The organisation hosted the second edition of AFRODAD Media Initiative (AFROMEDI II) in 6 African countries and the launch of the Media Debt Network Africa (MDNA),
7. AFRODAD successfully hosted the biggest flagship event of AFRODAD, AfCoDD second edition which continued to advocate for Africa as a rule maker and not a rule taker.
8. Hosting of The Debt and Development Academy Convener’s Meeting.
9. AFRODAD’s influencing sphere has also increase as it is now a member of Civil Society Policy Forum, African Regional Summit, and SADC Policy Forum.
10. Partnerships and synergies with like-minded institutions continued to help AFRODAD have good stakeholder reach during its events.

The successes mentioned and many more to come will drive AFRODAD to continue doing advocacy and provide technical assistance on debt and development issues in Africa.
ANNEXURES

Annex 1: List of Publications commissioned in 2022

2. Annual Debt Management Report for Zimbabwe 2022
3. Debt and SDRs heat map
4. Sub – regional debt profiles updates – North Africa Regional Debt Profile, East Africa Regional Debt Profile, Southern Africa Regional Debt Profile
5. Regional policy briefs on tracking parliamentary involvement, approvals and rejections of loans in selected ECOWAS, EAC and SADC member countries from 2018 – 2022- awaiting validation.
7. Research Paper on linkages between Illicit financial flows and social protection
8. Research paper on Resource Backed Loans and Collateralisation of minerals
10. State of mineral resources governance in SADC
11. Research on Domestication of the Africa Mining Vision in West Africa (French)
12. Briefing paper on Debt implications on trade finance in Africa
13. Research paper on Political Economy of fossil fuel finance and debt in Africa
14. Briefing paper on Development Finance Landscape in Africa
16. Debt Implications on Trade Finance in Africa Paper (2nd Draft Revision)
17. Analysis of Political Economy of Fossil Fuel Financing and Debt in Africa
18. The Role of the New Development Bank Africa Regional Centre in Facilitating BRICS Finance in Africa
19. Analysis of Development Finance Landscape in Africa
20. PPP-Financed Energy Infrastructure Projects in Central Africa: The Case of Kribi Power Station in Cameroon
21. Climate Finance Power mapping briefing paper
22. Risks and Benefits of Public-Private Partnership Financed Energy Infrastructure Project in Ghana’s Sankofa Gas
23. The role and Impact of PPPs in Financing Energy Infrastructure: The Case of Kipeto Wind Power Project
24. Risks and Opportunities of PPPs Financed Energy Projects: Case of Kariba South Extension Project
25. The Impact of the Privatisation of Health in the Covid-19 responses of Lesotho and Zimbabwe
29. Rapport-de-Synthese-La-mesure-dans-laquelle-les-Pays-de-la-CEDEAO-ont-Integr-Integre-la-Vision-Miniere-Africaine.pdf (afrodad.org)
30. 2021-Regional-Aid-Profile-Southern-Africa.pdf (afrodad.org)
31. AFRODAD-CHINESE-INVESTMENT_PAPER.pdf
32. AU-EU Summit Blog
Annex 2: Summary of Events

1. AFRODAD Media Training (AFROMEDI II), 21-23 March 2022.
5. World Bank Country Director (Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe) meeting on the operating environment of Civil Society Organisations in Zimbabwe in light of the Private Voluntary Organisations (PVO) Bill, 11 March 2022.
11. 2022 Alternative Mining Indaba.
12. AFRODAD and Partners IMF/World Bank Group 2022 Spring Meetings CSP held a side event 05 April 2022 focusing on Rethinking Accountability and Global reforms: Options for Use of SDRs for Post-COVID-19 Recovery. Also took part on in the event on Shoring up Debt Sustainability on 06 April 2022 and on 14 April 2022 AFRODAD was also part of the discussion on National and Global Debt Mechanisms, towards long-term sustainability in post COVID-19 recovery.
14. Breakfast Meeting with Zimbabwe MPs, 04 May 2022, Harare.
15. Zimbabwe Partners Meeting, 05 May 2022, Harare.
16. Matabeleland South, Bulawayo and Midlands Provincial Debt Conferences, 01 June 2022.
17. Masvingo Provincial Debt Conference, 14 June 2022, Masvingo.
21. Development Assistance Committee (DAC) consultation on Private Sector Instruments (PSI) with the civil society organisations community - 7 April 2022.
22. Addressing Official Development Assistance (ODA) diversion in times of global health emergencies and of geopolitical crises – a renewed call to go beyond 0.7%, 27 April 2022 –
23. CSO Aid Observatori on the Rehabilitation of the Kariba Dam Wall _19 May 2022, Cresta Oasis Harare
27. Multi-stakeholders meeting of African Civil Society Leaders 12-14 May 2022 Arusha Tanzania
28. Alternative Mining Indaba hosted by ZELA on 5th September 2022.
29. Attended a tax policy validation meeting in Kenya for Institute of Public Finance on 26th July 2022
30. Attended the OKOA UCHUMI strategic review meeting from 30th –31st August.
32. Break out session on Resource backed loans and collateralization during AfCoDD II
33. AfCoDD II presentation on Lesotho Highlands Water Project II The Role of the BRICS Bank (New Development Bank) in Facilitating Infrastructure Financing in Africa Webinar.
34. History RePPPeated: How PPPs are failing-Volume 2 project exchange.
35. 4th SADC Youth Forum