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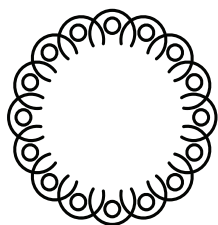
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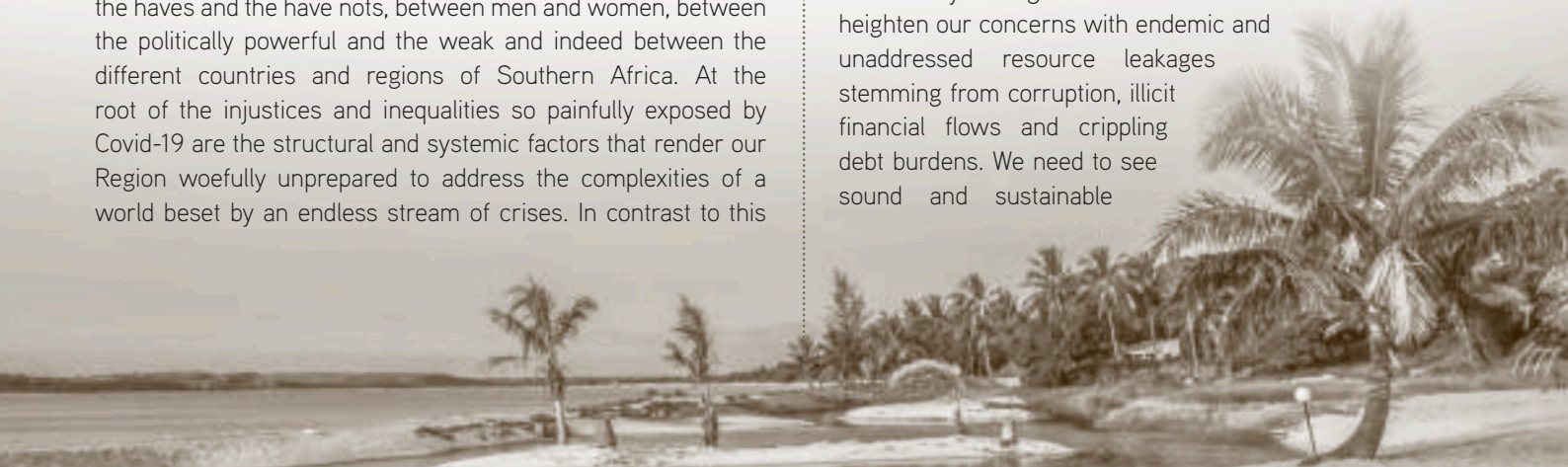
Comrades, sisters and brothers. Citizens and friends of the Southern African Region. We gather in this time of profound hardship and unmet needs following the unprecedented

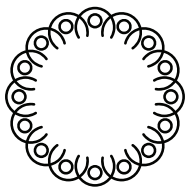
Global Covid-19 crisis. This global crisis has spared no region including ours. Over the past few months, we have witnessed the wholesale reversal of years of developmental progress. We have also seen the deepening of inequalities especially between the haves and the have nots, between men and women, between the politically powerful and the weak and indeed between the different countries and regions of Southern Africa. At the root of the injustices and inequalities so painfully exposed by Covid-19 are the structural and systemic factors that render our Region woefully unprepared to address the complexities of a world beset by an endless stream of crises. In contrast to this

emerging reality, the people of the Region still envision a future in which citizens living in just and equitable societies can collectively pursue democratic efforts to ensure dignity, peace and prosperity for all.

The Region's poor and vulnerable particularly women and youth are struggling to cope. Overwhelmed public health systems and weak social protection mechanisms result in the shifting of public responsibilities to already overstretched families and communities. Yet we know and understand that the plundering of the Region's capacity to respond to major crises is a result of deliberate policy and political choices. Years of austerity measures, privatisation of public services, structural adjustment measures and the mass transfer of public funds into private hands have weakened the public sector, undermined democratic order and opened the door for vested interests to plunder the Region's resources. The Covid crisis as does other underlying crisis including high maternal mortality rates, lack of access to water, housing, energy and other basic amenities for large swathes of the Region's people is a wake-up call for the Region to change course towards justice and equality.

As the Summit's theme invokes, we want a people's centred post Covid recovery plan. We want to see the same willingness deployed by our Leaders to institute emergency measures, deployed to address the root and structural causes of growing poverty and inequality in the Region. Our concerns with the reality of Regional economies shrinking and thereby limiting the resources available to tackle the crisis heighten our concerns with endemic and unaddressed resource leakages stemming from corruption, illicit financial flows and crippling debt burdens. We need to see sound and sustainable





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debt management as our governments increase borrowing to address Covid-19 impacts. In this time of crisis, we need to see the suspension of odious debt conditionalities imposed on our governments and a moratorium on debt repayments to pave way for robust responses to this crisis.

The urgency of the situation is coming in stark relief as the Region approaches the peak of the lean season in which more citizens will face heightened food insecurity at the mercy of both climate and Covid induced disruptions to food supplies. Cross boarder Traders have gone for months without stable incomes. Artisanal miners, smallholder farmers, vendors and informal traders face severe loss of incomes as producer prices stagnate and markets shrink. Most children of the region having spent months out of school daily remind us of the realities of information asymmetries and the growing digital divides whose long-term impact will be an even more unequal society.

The economic devastation and in some instances the unravelling of fundamental freedoms and democratic process dashes young people's confidence in the possibility of a secure future in the Region. It is time to allow the voices and agency of the Region's young people to inform the way forward. It is time for an unprecedented resource transfer to secure the future for young people including through universal basic income grants and accessible health and education.

There are many instances of the disruptive impacts on Covid 19. However, what is unmistakeable is the fact that women and young girls are disproportionately impacted. It is women who shoulder the burden. It is mostly women and young girls who daily of mitigate the impacts and care for the affected in an unremunerated, unprotected and vastly under-supported care economy. As public services shrink and get retracted in service of austerity measures and

As SAPSN we salute the achievement of 40 years of regional cooperation amongst the peoples' and countries of Southern Africa. SADC was created to further the socio-economic, political and security cooperation among its member states

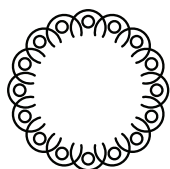
and to foster regional integration in order to achieve peace and security, economic growth, to alleviate poverty and to enhance the standard and quality of life of the people of Southern Africa. This vision of regional cooperation and integration remains central to the realisation of our hope for a coordinated regional response and collective actions to mitigate the widespread impacts of the Covid crisis.

The escalating toll of the Covid-19 crisis on the livelihoods, well-being and developmental prospects of the Region's people warrants a robust and unprecedented regional response. However, the prevailing reality is that of under-resourced, uncoordinated and increasingly inward-looking responses by individual national states. This goes against the spirit and ethos of SADC's foundational principles. As we meet both as concerned citizens of the Region and as representatives of a diverse range of social movements our tasks are to provide the feedback from the ground, critical analysis and viable alternatives for a comprehensive and effective response to COVID-19. For SAPSN this Summit is a significant opportunity to provide a people-centred perspective to help the Region to rethink and remould our public health systems, to redefine our socio-economic systems, to further democratise our political governance architecture, and above all to ensure the enjoyment of all human rights by all the people of the Region.

**Long live the people's struggle for
peaceful, just and prosperous
Southern Africa,**

Amandhla!





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EVENTS

Opening Assembly

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Summit Solidarity Assembly will give an opportunity for the SAPSN leadership, national and thematic focal points to give feedback and solidarity messages relevant to the Summit theme and the continued growth of the Region's social movements and progressive groups. As a celebration of the unshaken solidarity and unity of the Region's movements the Solidarity Assembly will also provide opportunities for national and thematic groups to reflect their unique selling points and available opportunities for mutual solidarity. Sounds of the South will perform during the session as a prelude to their online concert on Day 2.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Key objectives of the Opening Assembly includes:

- To strengthen awareness and understanding of the various social movements and progressive groups in the SAPSN network,
- To give feedback and updates on national and consultative processes undertaken in the run up to the elections
- To create a shared context analysis and understanding of key priority issues affecting the people of the Region
- To celebrate and acknowledge important achievements of SAPSN and member movements since the last Summit

DAY
1

TUESDAY

18 August
0900–1130

PANELISTS

Janet Zhou
Secretary General, SAPSN

Sofonea Shale
*Chairperson SAPSN, Regional
Coordinating Committee*

Sounds of the South
(Cultural interventions)

**National and Thematic Focal
Points**



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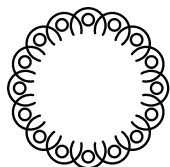
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'Confronting the threat to public spaces for Youth Voices Amidst Covid19 in the SADC'

EVENT DESCRIPTION

With the onset of Covid-19 in the SADC region, youth voices have been silenced further when defending their political & social and economic rights. The youth have been severely affected by high unemployment, poverty and poor social service provision. Due to the emerging undemocratic tendencies in the SADC block, young people are afraid to express their discontent with SADC governments. This has however, not deterred youth activists from confronting this threat on the public space with youths in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe taking action on different issues affecting them in recent months.

With the Youth constituting the majority of the affected population affected by these assaults on the public space in the SADC region, this side event will highlight the spirited fight of the SADC youth in confronting the emerging threat on the civic space for young people to defend democracy and their political, social and economic rights amidst Covid19.

It will use experiences of 3 youth activists from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to justify the call for a regional Covid19 response which seeks to protect and preserve the civic space for youth engagement.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Legislation of Affirmative Action on Youth Participation in decision making at all levels of SADC;
- A Review of the SADC performance in the preservation and protection of people's rights and freedoms amidst Covid19
- A Post-Covid19 Recovery Framework which respects the rights-based approach to Development
- An end to unlawful detentions, torture and assault on youth activists in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe



DAY
1

TUESDAY

18 August
1100-1230

PANELISTS

Namuwela Mulumbi
Zambia - Community Activist

Charles Kajoloweka
Malawi - Youth Activist

Bhekumusa Moyo
Zimbabwe - Development Worker



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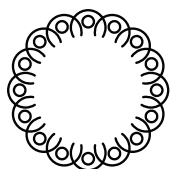


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The Implications of the Privatisation of Health Services in Southern Africa: Cases of Lesotho and Zimbabwe

EVENT DESCRIPTION

AFRODAD developed a policy papers that recognise the dynamics at play within the discourse of PPPs and privatisation in the Southern Africa region. The paper established that the private sector provides more than 22 % of the services in health which makes health services unaffordable to the citizens of the region, the majority of whom are poor. Another notable finding is that privatisation fuels inequality in access to and provision of health services as the private sector usually crowds out expertise from the public sector leaving public education and health institutions less equipped and inefficient. Also notable is the fact that there is very poor regulation and monitoring of the private sector across the region. In essence there are limited mechanisms to ensure the quality of healthcare provided by the private sector. The paper also highlighted the minimal participation and programming by CSO's on the privatisation discourse as a cause for concern as the privatisation space is only occupied by government and private actors who then shape the nature of privatisation in the respective countries without a third party to provide objective critique of developments in the field.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need for civil society and parliaments to emphasize the need for effective public finance oversight. Strengthening public finance management, ensuring its transparency and reporting will create a culture of responsible public private loan contraction and in the process assist countries to withstand future shocks that have implications on state coffers. The Webinar aims to create awareness on the nexus between private sector engagement in public health provision and the implications of the pandemic whilst also proposing alternative financing options and how best governments deal with the economic challenges induced by the Covid-19 pandemic.



DAY
2

WEDNESDAY

19 August
0900–1100

PANELISTS

Mr Lehlohonolo Chefa
*Executive Director – Policy Analysis
and Research Institute of Lesotho
(PARIL)*

Mr Walter Chikanya
*Programs Director – Zimbabwe
Community Health Research
Intervention – Behaviour Change
(ZICHIRE-BC)*

Moderator

Adrian Chikowore



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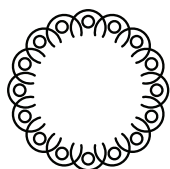
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Political economy analysis of Southern African governments Covid-19 response and its implications on youth civic participation and engagement

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020 and, subsequently, a pandemic on 11 March 2020. In Southern Africa, governments used declaration of state of emergency or declaration of state of disaster as the domestic legal instrument to impose the lockdowns. These legal and administrative measures have had significant impact on youth civic engagement and participation across the SADC. The virtual Thematic Assembly on Youth Development is designed to: Provide a platform for dialogue and engagement for youths to discuss the status quo in their countries, Develop SADC Regional Youth Position Paper and Petition on the right to youth civic engagement and participation, Develop a clear road map for engagement on the position paper and Enhance youth movements solidarity and share best practices for expanding the civic space through movement building and creative activism.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need for YCSOs from SADC to identify broad based creative activism measures to increase youth civic participation and engagement within the region. Moreso, in the context of COVID-19 activities under the youth thematic assembly seek to provide a platform for YCSOs from across the region to redefine youth civic participation, engagement and develop regional solidarity and cooperation in demanding spaces for youth civic participation and engagement at SADC level.



DAY
2

WEDNESDAY

19 August

0900-1200

PANELISTS

YCSOs from SADC region

*(Angola, Botswana, Malawi,
Mozambique, Madagascar,
Botswana, Eswatini, Democratic
Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe,
Zambia, South Africa)*

Twitter Chat

1430-1530

1600-1700



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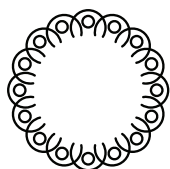
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Women & Public Resources Management: Lessons and Experiences Sharing

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD) will facilitate Women and Youth Participation at Annual Southern African Development Community (SADC) People's Summit as part of the Citizen-Driven Public Resource Management for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods project it is implementing with IM Swedish. Participation at the summit will enhance the capacities of rural women, youth smallholder farmers and youth informal traders and duty bearers to influence policy at local, national and regional levels. The summit will target females from 18 years upwards, with a deliberate inclusion of the youth (18-35 years). Participants will be drawn from Gokwe South, Binga, Matopo, Goromonzi and Chipinge. ZIMCODD will co-host the side event with Women and Land called "Women & Public Resources Management: Lessons and Experiences Sharing".

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The facilitation of women and youth participation at the Summit employs a human right based approach to development in which it empowers citizens both as individuals and organized groups to act as change agency and confront injustices that further marginalises them from having access to land and contribute to the productive sectors of the economy since they constitute the majority of players in the informal sector. ZIMCODD and partners will therefore empower rights holders to act as change agency, mobilise women clubs, community structures, CSOs, networks and coalitions to collectively protect and claim their rights and realize societal change. As active agency of change, the individual and organized groups will engage duty bearers based on research and evidence generate to influence policy, legal and institutional reforms and ensuring that they are implemented in letter and spirit.



DAY
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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1000-1300

PANELISTS

Fadzai Traquino
WILSA

Norman Munikwa
Women and Land

Eve Nyemba
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Fasciliator

Nyaradzo Mutohori
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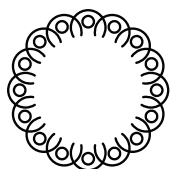
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Mozambique's COVID State of Emergency: Militarization, Repression, Livelihoods, Human Rights and Corruption

EVENT DESCRIPTION

After the declaration of State of Emergency in Mozambique, a coalition of from civil society published a position paper advocating with concrete proposals for a State of Emergency with social, environmental, economic and gender justice. The conflict and armed violence since 2017 in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique, represents a strong threat to peace & stability in the country & region. The Mozambican State has deployed a military strategy to fight the so-called insurgents, aiming to protect the multimillion gas industry in the area, involving private mercenaries, big security & arms companies. Which are the proposals from CSOs in this moment of crisis, and what are they aiming to safeguard? What are the implications of the militaristic approach to the situation in Cabo Delgado and State repression more broadly? Which interests are at stake? What actors are involved? How can CSOs use the current moment to radicalize demands & reflect on the structural issues behind the different crises affecting the country and the world? And what can we say in regards to the first 4 months of the State of Emergency in Mozambique? This webinar aims to create dialogue space between diverse sectors of Mozambique's CSOs, bringing voices from specialists, affected people & activists to reflect on the current crisis and the answers we might have for it.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

With the political will and efforts between the different social actors, crises such as the one we are experiencing today may offer an opportunity to expand the redistributive function of the State by expanding access to basic social services, expanding the social protection system and reorienting production processes.

Considering that measures enacted will affect different social groups in disproportionate ways & may have particularly negative and marked impacts on the population that already lives in precariousness, poverty and/or vulnerability (women, girls, children, prisoners, the elderly, people with disabilities, informal workers) we developed proposals for government consideration. Full demands in this link: <https://aliancac19.wordpress.com/>

DAY
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WEDNESDAY

19 August
10h00–12h30

PANELISTS

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ADECRU

REFORMAR

AJOCME

UPC Cabo Delgado

OTM

Fórum Mulher

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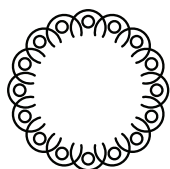
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Covid-19: Public Debt and Economic Rescue Packages: Implications and Responses for SADC

EVENT DESCRIPTION

AFRODAD developed a policy papers that recognise the dynamics at play within the AFRODAD produced a paper that revealed numerous debt sustainability challenges emanating from COVID-19 pandemic. While SADC member countries have put in place various stimulus packages to respond to the pandemic, this will exacerbate the already precarious debt situation in the region. As such, there is need for an amicable debt restructuring programme to avoid or mitigate the social costs associated with servicing debt under difficult macroeconomic conditions. There is need for civil society and parliaments to emphasize the need for effective public debt management. Strengthening debt management transparent and reporting will create a culture of responsible borrowing and in the process assist countries to withstand future shocks that have implications on debt sustainability. The Webinar aims to create awareness on the debt implications of the pandemic, highlight the alternative financing options and how best governments deal with the economic challenges induced by the Covid-19 pandemic.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need for an amicable debt restructuring programme to avoid or mitigate the social costs associated with servicing debt under difficult macroeconomic conditions. Going forward, there is need for civil society and parliaments to emphasise the need for effective public debt management. Strengthening debt management transparent and reporting will create a culture of responsible borrowing and in the process assist countries to withstand future shocks that have implications on debt sustainability".



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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1100–1300

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DAY 2

WEDNESDAY

19 August
1100–1240

PANELISTS

Muketoi Wamunyima

*Country Coordinator of PELUM
Zambia with experience in Policy
Analysis and budget tracking.*

Lydia Chibambo

Climate Change advocate and an energy and WASH specialist.

Nalucha Nganga Ziba

*Executive Director Action Aid
Zambia.*

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*Programmes Coordinator Economic
policy analyst and management.*

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Today's global food system is unsustainable and fails to enable healthy food choices for the global population. Soils are highly degraded and the means of food production is unsustainable. Food producers do not have adequate land or are pushed to unfertile land in the name of development, i.e. land grabs are rampant. Mineral exploitation is high with no or little consideration for displaced families. Rights of food producers (mainly grassroots populations) are infringed. More than 820 million people have insufficient food & many more consume low-quality diets that cause micronutrient deficiencies contributing to a substantial rise in the incidence of diet-related obesity and non-communicable diseases, particularly among urban poor consumers. This calls for a multi stakeholder effort to curb the prevailing injustices & erosion of the rights of the food producers especially the women and youth. This platform seeks to discuss some of the issues as they relate to food sovereignty, climate justice & cooperate interest in the agriculture sector i.e. the seed and food sector. Also to be discussed are WASH related issues and health as they relate to the pandemic; how the marginalised citizens/residents of the SADC region & Zambia in particular are coping and seeking answers from their duty bearers.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need to promote economic empowerment for community members so they can cope with the adverse impacts of COVID 19 through respect of farmer's rights and curb the inequalities created by the multinational cooperates that have inserted pressure on Governments resulting in policy and legislative changes in SADC region. There is need to strengthen more of public participation in policy and legislative process and for duty bearers to create a culture of accountability and uphold sovereignty of citizens.



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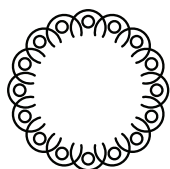
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EVENTS

Disability in times of Covid-19, Towards a socially economic just SADC.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Covid-19 has change the way people behave and interact with each other. It has also increased the vulnerability of People With Disabilities [PWDs] more than other members of society. Restrictions have been placed on economic activity and PWDs have been severely affected by the restrictions. For most states in SADC reduced economic activity has hit social protection programs hard as countries battle with very limited fiscal space. Social distancing and lack of access to information remain a challenge for PWDs.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There's need to craft targeted policies to shield PWDs from the effects of Covid-19 due to their increased vulnerability. Priority must be given to strengthening social protection programs and availing clear and correct information to PWDs in accessible formats.



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WEDNESDAY
19 August
1130-1330

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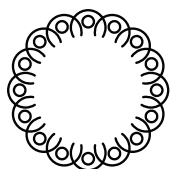
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Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Livelihood for an Inclusive Healthy and Sustainable Food System in Africa.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

On behalf of IPCSAN-EAWANET collaboration, EAWANET presents a paper to the **ONLINE CONFERENCE SERIES: PART 2 OF 3 Understanding Inclusive, Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems for Policy and Practice in Myanmar** (Friday, 3 July 2020) organised by International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)

This paper aimed to present pertinent issues for discussion as the virtual event continued the conversation responding to this changing world and the new normal, albeit in the context of COVID-19 experiences while taking advantage of the interactive platform for different practitioners to deliberate on opportunities and innovations capable of fuelling transformation and economic revival. The Paper also concluded that Implementing agricultural policies, strengthening institutions, and effective-efficient governance contribute to progressive growth and development; and challenges different development players/actors irrespective of geographical locations to embrace different replicable and scale-able best practices encountered before and during COVID-19 crisis and altogether harmonised with lessons learnt (before and during the COVID-19 crisis) for better disaster preparedness during the COVID-19 Crisis and post Crisis era.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need for an amicable debt restructuring programme to avoid/ mitigate social costs associated with servicing debt under difficult macroeconomic conditions. Civil society & parliaments have to emphasise the need for effective public debt management as this will create a culture of responsible borrowing; in the process assisting countries to withstand future shocks that have implications on debt sustainability". It is critical that we understand and address the underlying vulnerability issues pertaining the different target beneficiaries in order to establish the vulnerability levels of individuals under the different labels i.e. Elderly, Children, Women, Orphans, People With Disability, Youth, People Living With HIV/AIDS etc.



DAY
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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1100-1200

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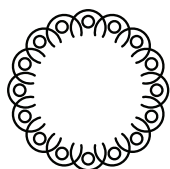
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Domestic resources mobilisation in the Covid-19 era: Tax challenges, implications and reform in SADC.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

It is irrefutable that governments rely on tax to generate revenues to finance development. Tax revenues are the most reliable and sustainable ways to finance development. However, African governments are grappling with a plethora of challenges to mobilise domestic revenues through taxation. Failure to effectively address tax challenges has consequently resulted in countries desperately falling back on loans leading to debt distress. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected African economies and has exposed government's revenue mobilisation problems and lack of prudent debt management. Given that countries are losing a lot of tax revenues, there is need to reform tax laws and build strong institutions. Against this backdrop, AFRODAD will host a side session and have discussions on current tax challenges, how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected domestic resources mobilisations and how countries should reform their tax laws to improve domestic resources mobilisation.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is need for governments to address tax challenges that they are currently confronted with so as to improve the quality and quantity of domestic resources mobilised. DRM can be improved through curbing IFFs, strengthening and widening tax bases, strengthening revenue collection agencies, reforming tax laws, reviewing of mining agreements and scrapping tax exemptions and holidays. Improvements in revenue collections has the potential to increase budget funding (fiscal stability)



DAY
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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1400–1530

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Mukasiri Sibanda
*Independent Researcher and
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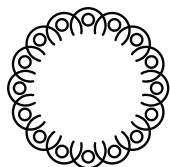
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EVENTS

Towards a UN Binding Treaty on TNCs & Human Rights

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The UN Binding Treaty, currently under negotiation at the UN, could be an important tool to hold big business accountable for their human rights violations and environment degradation. The demand for such treaty is particularly crucial in the context of a post-COVID strategy, as a mechanism to help regulate corporate power and stop impunity. During the current pandemic, we have seen how corporations are using the crisis as a means from which to profit and further exploit workers, women and nature. It is therefore necessary to continue to demand for a strong and effective UN Binding Treaty and to stress the importance of a need for such a treaty in a changing global environment.

The Southern Africa Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power proposes to host a webinar discussion on the UN Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, with a particular focus on the importance of such a treaty for the African continent and its relevance to ongoing struggles in the region

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The webinar will aim to cover the following issues:

- An overview of the UN Binding Treaty Process
- Main demands from social movements and civil society for the treaty process
- Current context in the region and how it intersects with the treaty process
- How does this process link with existing struggles on the ground?
- How do we strengthen involvement and mobilization – from African governments and African movements and civil society?
- What are the challenges facing the 6th Session in Geneva?



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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1600–1700

PANELISTS

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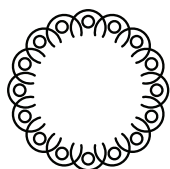
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EVENTS

A Gender Justice: An Imperative for SADC COVID19 Recovery Plan

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Rozaria Memorial Trust in partnership with ZIMCODD and with financial support from IM Swedish Development Partner, working collaboratively with other partners including the Regional Advisory & Advocacy Group on Child Marriage, GenderLinks and Roots Africa is hosting a webinar on Gender Justice.

COVID19 in Southern Africa is rapidly affecting younger adult populations and is more feminine as women are Frontline health care workers; caring for the sick in home self-isolation while ensuring hygiene around the house. The responsibility to provide clean water in the home falls on the women as well. The lock down measures limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the coronavirus has huge implications for women and young people relying on regional markets for livelihoods especially through informal cross border trade which is now disrupted. Schools have closed indefinitely leaving learners at home posing a high risk and negative social impact on girls with more cases of teenage pregnancy, child marriage and general abuse of girls.

The SADC response has not been strong on gender justice and women's rights focus, except a passing reference to gender based violence. Yet SADC member States have committed to range of treaties and policies for ensuring women's rights and reducing gender inequalities.

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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1400–1600

PANELISTS

Dr. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda

RMT Chief Executive & African Union Goodwill Ambassador.

Resource persons from SADC

An inter-generational panel of resource persons from SADC region will lead content for the interactive session.

Opening remarks by:

Janet Zhou
ZIMCODD/SAPSN

Dalisto Kabalasa
IM Swedish Development Partner

Nokutenda Magama
Regional Young Women's Network



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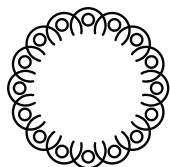


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POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The event seeks to make the following key policy recommendations:

- Strengthen the community networks of social and gender justice advocates within the SADC to contribute to the national and regional COVID19 policy frameworks.
- Advocate for inclusion of gender justice and women's rights in the current COVID19 response and recovery plans
- Policy recommendations on issues related to prevention and support for survivors of sexual and gender based violence, especially girls and young women impacted by child marriage.
- Generate and advocate for policy recommendations related to women's economic opportunities in context of lockdown and limited freedom of movement within countries and the SADC region.
- Advocate for appropriate resource allocation, appropriate institutional capacities and accountability for the SADC COVID Recovery Plans

Cultural Night

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Soundz of the South (SoS) is an anarchist collective working to build an international working-class counter-culture that is anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist, anti-racist, and anti-sexist through hip-hop music.

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WEDNESDAY

19 August
1730–1930

PANELISTS

Soundz of the South



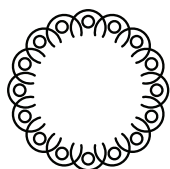
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EVENTS

SAPSN Youth Public Speaking Gala

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The 2020 SADC Virtual Speech and Public Speaking Championship will consist of a Preliminary and Championship Round.

1. During the Preliminary round an Open Call will be issued for young people under the age of 25 to submit short 2-3-minute videos on the Theme. These videos will be pre-assessed according to a set criterion before being posted on social media platforms for the public to vote, comment and join ensuing conversations. A Panel of adjudicators comprised of eminent persons from the Region who all share a commitment to youth participation will thereafter select the 16 best entries from the Preliminary round using set criteria and results from public voting.

2. 16 entries selected from the Preliminary round will thereafter participate in a Championship Round to be live streamed on various social media platforms on the 19th of August. This Championship Round will be carried out according to the Oxford style of debate permissive of fruit bearing exploration of complex issues. Thus, three elimination rounds will precede a final round with two finalists where the winner will be chosen. In all the rounds, Adjudicators' votes will carry a 40% weightage and while audience votes will account for 60%.

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WEDNESDAY

19 August

0900–1100

PANELISTS

48 SADC Youth

Participants from 16 SADC countries



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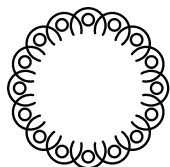
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EVENTS

Uniting against xenophobia

EVENT DESCRIPTION

South Africa has experienced over the past few years violent attacks directed on the lives and properties of non South Africans. These sad episodes have resulted in the loss of lives, injuries and property. The planned march on the 29th of August 2020 "to claim South Africa" poses a great danger and incitement of violent attacks targeted at foreign nationals living in South Africa. Experiences from such processes have resulted in xenophobic attacks. The event brings together CSOs in the region, international relations department and various other stakeholders.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The event should come up with a common response strategy/mechanisms for the civil society, solidarity partners, governments in finding lasting solutions to deal with the scourge of xenophobia.

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WEDNESDAY

19 August

1300–1430

PANELISTS

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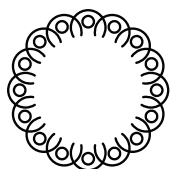
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Zimbabwe Social Forum Consultative Meeting

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Zimbabwe Social Forum Consultative process will bring together past and current leaders of various social movements to commence preparations for the Zimbabwe Social Forum annual event. The Consultation will therefore comprise a three-tier process focusing on foundational issues; vision and future prospects as well as regional solidarities. Consultation on principles and foundational issues will be led by past leadership of the Zim Social Forum and will focus on the foregrounding issues; history of the Zimbabwe Social Forum, values; ideology and continuities. The consultation on vision and future prospects will be led emerging leadership of key movements within the socio-economic justice orbit including Vendors; Residents Association; Smallholder Farmers; Crossborder Traders; Students and Youth with a view to build upon the foundational consensus towards a programme of action. The third part of the consultation will seek to connect ongoing local struggles for social and economic justice to key regional and international processes.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Key objectives of the Consultative meeting are:

- To build consensus and shared understanding of the prevailing social and economic justice issues in Zimbabwe
- Entrench a shared understanding of the roots, ideology, principles and history of the Zimbabwe Social Forum
- Align ongoing advocacy actions of various social movements and progressive groups towards commonly held aims and objectives.
- Contribute specific position on the Zimbabwe social and economic justice situation for inclusion in the Summit Declaration.

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WEDNESDAY

19 August
0900-1130

PANELISTS

Moderator

Janet Zhou

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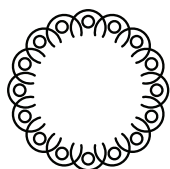
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EVENTS

Closing Assembly

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Closing Assembly will provide an opportunity to build consensus around a Summit Declaration and Programme of Action building on feedback and inputs from Summit and pre-Summit Consultative processes. In this regard national focal points, experts and representatives from various thematic groups will be given opportunities to elaborate key positions for the Assembly's consideration, critical engagement and adoption.

POLICY DEMANDS AND CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Key objectives of the Closing Assembly are:
- To build consensus and shared understanding on the prevailing situation in the region
- To identify areas and opportunities for shared advocacy combining the efforts of social movements, NGOs, Labour and Ecumenical organisations
- To consider options for joint resource mobilisation, knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening for the Region's civil society.

**DAY
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THURSDAY

18 August

0900–1130

PANELISTS

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Sofonea Shale

*Chairperson SAPSN, Regional
Coordinating Committee*

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