

Session Description:

AFRODAD and partners seek to convene a session titled, “ **Breaking the Chains of Unsustainable Debt Burdens in Africa through Debt Architecture Reforms, Reparative Justice and Financing for Development Process** centers on the thematic issue of debt, emphasizing the urgent need for a global debt restructuring framework that would enable African nations to access affordable credit and secure debt relief, directly supporting the 11th Session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development’s (AFRSD) theme of driving sustainable solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. By calling for fair debt workout mechanisms, the event aims to ensure that countries in debt distress can focus on fulfilling their human rights obligations, promoting gender equality, and implementing climate actions. Additionally, the session explores how reparatory justice—addressing the historical injustices stemming from colonialism and exploitation—can be integrated into global financial reforms. This focus complements the AFRSD's emphasis on fostering greater equity and inclusivity in development processes.

By validating AFRODAD’s research on global financial architecture reform and highlighting Africa’s position on these critical issues, the session strengthens the regional call for structural reforms. By bringing together CSOs, government representatives, and stakeholders, the event enhances the collective push for a more just and supportive international financial system, directly contributing to the AFRSD's goal of empowering Africa to drive its development and secure a more sustainable future.

Organizers:

- **AFRODAD** (African Forum and Network on Debt and Development) – Lead organizer focused on advancing Africa’s debt and economic justice agenda.

Partners:

- Akina Mama wa Africa, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), Uganda Debt Network, Tax Justice Network and Africa Trust Africa .

Speakers:

- **Representatives from AFRODAD –**
 - i. Jason Braganza, Executive Director
 - ii. Dr. Yunggong Theophilus Jong, Policy and Advocacy Manager
 - iii. Catherine Mithia, Acting Policy and Advocacy Office, Sovereign Debt Management Portfolio
 - iv. Riska Koopman, Policy and Advocacy Officer, International Public and Private Finance

Panelists:

- **Government Representatives –**
 - i. Right Honorable Robinah Nabbanja-Prime Minister of Uganda
- **Civil Society experts-**
 - ii. Jane Nalunga-Executive Director, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
Faith Lumonya, Economic Justice and Climate Action – Lead, Akina Mama wa Afrika
Francis Kairu,

- **Global Financial Reform Advocates –**

- i. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist-United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- ii. Dr. Patrik Olomo, Head Economic Policy and Sustainable Development | Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission