



THE WEEKEND READER

"Your Weekly Read on Debt, Development & Socio-Economic Justice"

ZIMCODD CONVENES TWO PANELS AT THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE (IACC)

ZIMCODD successfully convened two panels at the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) which has just concluded in Vilnius, Lithuania. The IACC is the world's largest independent global convening forum in the fight against corruption, this year bringing together over 1,500 delegates from across the world. The 2024 segment of this critical platform was guided by the key principles of anti-corruption, democracy and freedom. We take pride in our participation and representation of the African pro-poor voice as the continent tends to be left out on such key podiums.

The inaugural IACC was held in 1983, bringing together policymakers, business leaders, civil society organisations and journalists from over 140 countries to highlight the global impact of corruption and methodologies of fighting it. Granted, the conversations have shifted decades on, especially acknowledging the complexities of corruption in a digital age. As such, there is need for the push-back to be equally innovative. Furthermore, the years of deliberation have yielded solutions on paper and commitments which have not been fulfilled, necessitating the remarks by the IACC chair, *"We concluded the 2022 IACC by calling on world leaders to translate promises to fight corruption into concrete actions – because our shared future depends on it. The 2024 conference in Lithuania will be a crucial moment for policymakers, civil society and the private sector to take stock of their efforts and define new strategies to tackle emerging global threats and challenges."*

We convened two sessions titled: Whose Interests do we serve? Foreign Agent Laws & their Impact on Anti-Corruption Efforts, and Convergence for Debt Transparency: Debt and Kleptocracy Nexus and the Mitigating Role of CSOs's.



Session 1



Session 2

Session 1: Whose Interests do we serve? Foreign Agent Laws & their Impact on Anti-Corruption Efforts

Foreign Agents (FA) laws are proliferating across the globe, including in the European Union (EU). The session explored their impact on civil society and the fight against corruption, bringing global, regional and national perspectives together. The panel focused on successful strategies and lessons learned in pushing back and identifying solutions to reconcile transparency and its potential abuse against civil society. ZIMCODD was represented by our Executive Director, Janet Zhou.

Session 2: Convergence for Debt Transparency: Debt and Kleptocracy Nexus and the Mitigating Role of CSO's.

The session framed solutions to confront the crisis of kleptocracy debt. Kleptocracy is defined as a state in which corrupt politicians enrich themselves secretly outside the rule of law, through kickbacks, bribes, and special favors from lobbyists and corporations, or they simply direct state funds to themselves and their associates. The session scoped feasible mechanisms to curb problems emerging from strong correlations of sovereign debt and kleptocracy in a polarized global community. ZIMCODD was represented in this panel session by the Head of Programmes, John P. Maketo.

Opportunities

Look for this section every Friday as we share various opportunities in the development sector, from jobs, internships, consultancies and funding.

- Apply now for the inaugural Human Rights Defenders Summer School 2024 hosted by the PUG Research at the University of the Western Cape: <https://pugresearch.org.za/call-for-applications-inaugural-summer-school-2024/>
- Pangaea Zimbabwe is looking for a Program Officer responsible for working with health service providers, community stakeholders, and key partners involved in Key Populations and AGYW programming: <https://pangaeazw.org/jobs/program-officer-xi/>
- Community Prevention Facilitator - Program Implementation: <https://shorturl.at/GZxI8>
- UNESCO is hiring a Programs Assistant: <https://careers.unesco.org/job/Harare-Project-Assistant-Safeguarding-Intangible-Cultural-Heritage-in-basic-education/797533202/>
- Fathers Against Abuse is hiring: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/kEEutQzWRHEAANyH/?mibextid=WC7FNE>
- USAID Countering Transnational Corruption Grand Challenge for Development (CTC Grand Challenge) is pleased to announce the Safeguarding Carbon Markets Challenge (SCM Challenge). The Challenge seeks innovative concepts that counter corruption and enhance transparency and accountability in carbon markets to preserve the benefits of critical climate finance: <https://www.challenge.gov/?challenge=safeguarding-carbon-markets>



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Quote of the week: Participant at the Climate Justice Fair

“Who should Fund climate action? Should developing countries such as Zimbabwe draw from limited resources when their fossil fuel use is less significant than the developed countries’ (historically & current?)”

Picture of the week



Mary Nyadome, a member of Goromonzi ZIMCODD Women Empowerment Hub, exhibits her produce at the Climate Justice Fair.