



THE WEEKEND READER

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

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES REVEALS LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

The realization of sustainable development hinges on the effective and efficient utilization of public resources. To ensure this, legislation such as the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 20) Act, 2013, and the Public Finance Management Act [Chapter 22:19] have been enacted. These laws mandate the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to publish audit reports periodically. The Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No. 20) Act, 2013, provides the legal framework for the management of public resources, while the Public Finance Management Act [Chapter 22:19] outlines the procedures for financial management and accountability. These reports serve as a crucial evaluation tool for internal control mechanisms within the public sector, providing users with relevant and reliable information about a reporting entity's financial position and performance.

The OAG has just released the 2023 Report on Local Authorities which carries revelations on the continuing lack of compliance with significant accountability and transparency measures. To note, only **19/92** Local Authorities had updated financials as at December 2023.

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60% of AG's opinions were adverse, with only two (2) clean audit opinions

71.29% of the 533 audit findings in 2022 were unaddressed

Many Local Authorities are diverting devolution funds from intended use



Read our full analysis here: <https://zimcodd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ZIMCODD-OAG-Local-Authorities-Analysis.pdf>

Opportunities

1. We are hiring!!!

We are looking for Research Assistants to join our team who will conduct interviews with a range of study participants under the CATALYST Study. For more information on how to apply, kindly visit: <https://pangaeazw.org/jobs/research-assistant-x4/>.

2. #Vacancy Alert!!

Are you a recent graduate with a degree in Information Technology or Computer Science and are interested in joining our team as an ICT Graduate Trainee? Here's an opportunity for you! Kindly submit an application letter together with a detailed curriculum vitae to hr@fact.org.zw: no later than 21 July 2024. Please write –'ICT Graduate Trainee' on the subject of your email.

3. RAFYT Trust is looking for a Financial Intern. Real Agenda For Youth Transformation is offering internship opportunities to young leaders who are passionate to drive change.

Details: <https://x.com/rafytrust/status/1814204211946480119>

4. Opportunity Alert!!!

Transparency International is calling on interested candidates to submit entries for the integrity ambassadors' competition on innovative & inclusive social accountability initiatives in the education and healthcare sectors. More info <https://transparency.org/en/career-tender-opportunities>

5. AFRODAD is hiring: ERP & ICT Support Officer. Details: <https://afrodad.org/opportunities/vacancies?s=08>

6. The ACT Ubumbano Solidarity Hub is scheduled for 15-17 October 2024 in Johannesburg, and activists, community organisers, leaders of faith institutions and non-profit organisations are encouraged to apply.

Details: <https://www.actubumbano.org/registration-solidarity-hub-2024/>



Are you passionate about Social & Economic Justice?
Do you believe in the movement for equality?

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Become a registered member of ZIMCodd today:
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#Youth4Integrity pledge

Are you a member of the youth (18-35 years) with a passion for fighting social and economic injustice? Do you want to join the action for Integrity? Do You want to become an Integrity Icon? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, take the pledge today: <https://rb.gy/9ogzgx>

Watch Episode 4 of our #Youth4Integrity Podcast: https://youtu.be/LqiyXGftufg?si=PvqghnNppxgoOcE_

Quote of the week: Rohini Nilekani

“We cannot be mere consumers of good governance, we must be participants; we must be co-creators.”

Picture of the week: Participants at a Social Accountability Monitoring Capacity Building Workshop hosted by Youth Decide Zimbabwe, a #SIYA supported organization.

