Public Debt Symposium

*Draft Programme*

Friday, 30th August 2019, Venue: Taj Pamodzi, Lusaka

Moderator: Ballard Zulu

08:00 – 08:30 hrs

**Arrival and Registration**

08:30 – 09:00 hrs

**Opening Session**

Welcome remarks – Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) Centre Coordinator

Opening remarks – African Forum on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)

Keynote Address: Ministry of Finance

09:00 – 09:45 hrs

**Session 1: Presentation on a regional perspective on drivers of public debt and potential solutions**

Presenter: Dr. Crispin Mphuka (10 mins)

Moderator: Policy Monitoring and Research Centre (PMRC)

Discussants: Ministry of Finance, Africa Development Bank, Southern African Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (SAIPAR), World Bank, (5 mins each)

Plenary (15 mins)

09:45 – 10:45 hrs

**Session 2: Zambia and the Africa Debt Barometer**

Presenter: African Forum on Debt and Development (AFRODAD) (15 mins)

Moderator: Action Aid

Discussants: Ministry of Finance, Chair of Parliamentary Committee on Economic Affairs, Professor Oliver Saasa, Jesuits Centre for Theological Reflection (5 mins each)

Plenary (25 mins)

10:45 – 11:00 hrs

**Health break**

11:00 – 11:45 hrs

**Session 3: Stakeholder voices on the implications of Zambia’s debt**

Presenter: Consumer Unity and Trust Society (15 mins)

Moderator: Civil Society for Poverty Reduction

Discussants Zambia Congress of Trade Unions, Zambia Association of Manufacturers, Private Sector Development Alliance (PSDA), Precise Research Solutions (5 mins each)

Plenary (15 mins)

11:45 – 13:00 hrs

**Session 4: Practical solutions to help address Zambia’s debt position**

Presenter: Zambia Institute for Policy analysis and Research (ZIPAR) (15 mins)

Moderator: Oxfam

Discussants: Tim Jones (Jubilee Debt Campaign), Felix Nkulukusa, AFRODAD, Trevor Hambayi (5 mins each)

Plenary (25 mins)

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 – 14:30

**Closing Session**

Communique

Closing Remarks