

What next?

Building an economic sovereignty struggle companion

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African Monetary Economic Sovereignty Initiative:

Understanding how capitalist money and finance reduce the room for self-determination in Africa and the Global South more broadly.

Finding ways of breaking out of these dependencies.

Sovereignty/Self-reliance/self-determination used loosely and interchangeably to denote to what extent governments/the people in the Global South can make political and economic choices based on their priorities.

Evolution of focus

2019: Tunis: Focus on Money and Finance

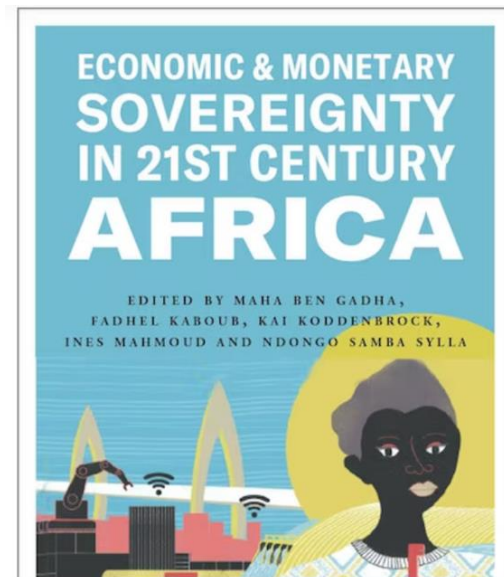
2022: Dakar: Delinking, socio-ecological transformation and reparations

2024: Addis Ababa: Leveraging Multipolarity

Publications

Tunis book (2022)

Dakar book (2025)



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Economic and Monetary Sovereignty in 21st Century Africa



Overview

Economic and Monetary Sovereignty in 21st Century Africa traces the recent history of African monetary and financial dependencies, looking at the ways African nations are resisting colonial legacies. Using a

Dakar Book

Ndongo Samba Sylla, Kai Koddenbrock (eds.)

**» The Case for Delinking and Global Reparations.
Alternative Perspectives on the Socio-Ecological Crisis«**

**With many authors from this room such as Ingrid Kvangraven, Peter Hudson,
Horman Chitonge, Howard Stein...**

What did we achieve?

Funded at first (Tunis) by the German Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation - affiliated to the German Left Party (now in demise), Politics of Money (German Research Foundation founded),

then (Dakar) by the RLS, IDEAs and Politics of Money

Now (Addis) by IDEAs and CoDA

We have tried foster a (loose?) community of radical and heterodox economist, political economist, social scientists, activists as well as policy makers and government officials

The character and value of these gatherings

Academically: Implicit spectrum of (Post-)Keynesian, MMT, to Marxist approaches.

Policy makers, diplomats, UN and AU officials with focus on governmental measures and multilateral treaties

Anti-imperialists, reformists, feminists with focus on rupture

Revolutionaries?



Strategy, tactics and division of labor in a pan-Africanist and internationalist alliance

Can and should we build more effectively, jointly, collectively and individually on these gatherings..

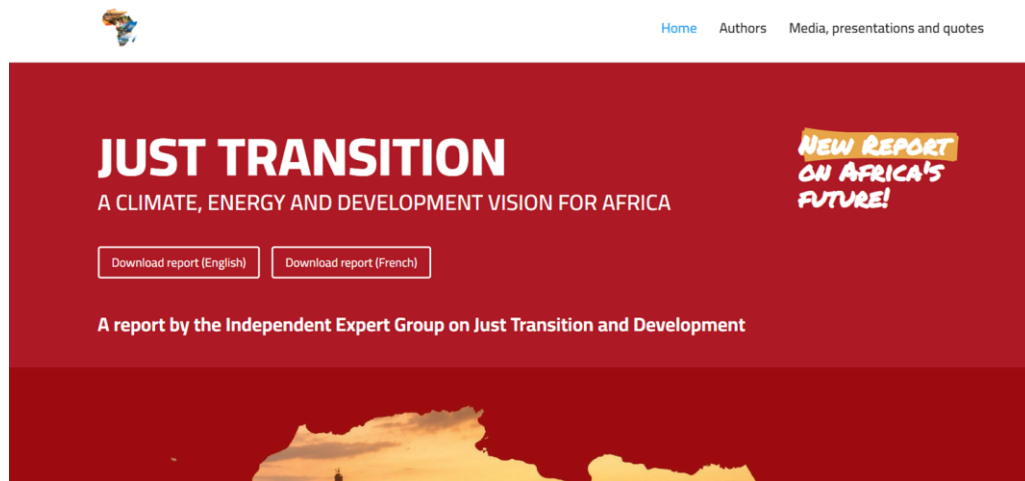
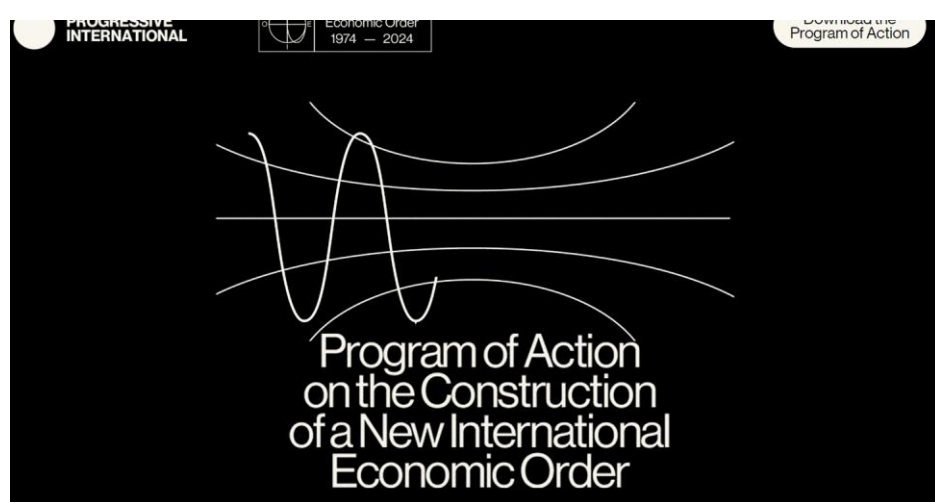
Getting to agency and expanding alliances, building an 'infrastructure' if we cannot build an internationalist movement

Division of labor: Movements, policy, academy - collaborate with a view to joint strategy and different tactics with a joint aim

What is the aim?

Rupture? Revolution? Reform?

Different actors and audiences



Next step: Building an economic sovereignty struggle companion

Annual Values ⓘ

2023



Event Assessments ⓘ

August 2024

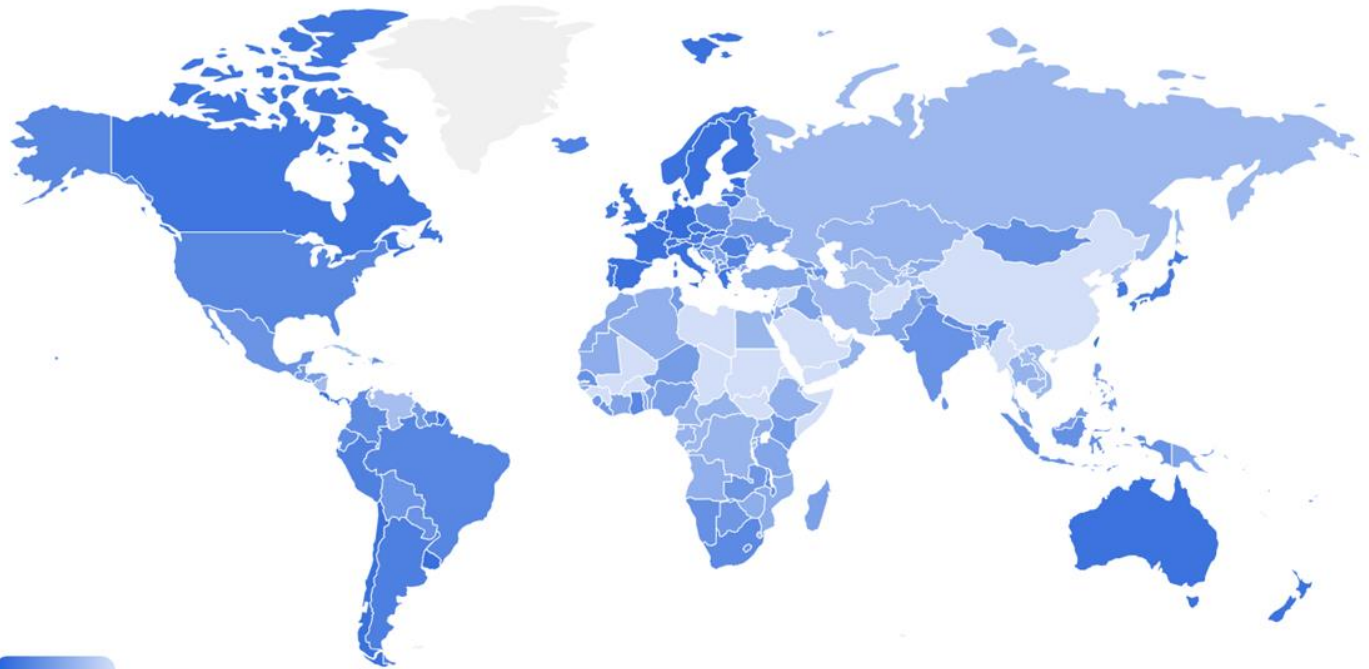


▼ Representation

▼ Rights

▼ Rule of Law

▼ Participation



But one which powers progressive struggles in the AMES spirit

Assumption: In the face of the climate crisis and ongoing structures of imperialism,
relative delinking,
domestic resource mobilization and
building regional complementarities
and **international alliances** are key.

What are the successful contemporary and historical examples that show us how this was done?

Create a website on successful delinking strategies

Potential countries

Case study research pairs:

1. an academic and
2. an activist/policy maker

2 Workshops one in 2025, one in 2026

Vietnam	Brazil
Indonesia	Argentina
China	South Africa
India	Ghana
South Korea	Senegal
Russia	Algeria
Saudi Arabia	Tunisia
Palestine	Tansania
Bolivia	Ethiopia
Ecuador	Burkina Faso
Cuba	Haiti
Mexico	Jamaica

3 Dimensions of the country cases

1. The political-economic idea
2. The process of struggling for it successfully: Movements, Parties, Governments, International Organizations? How did they face of the structures of imperialism and domestic ruling classes?
3. What it brought to the people: Who benefitted how

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Successful examples?

Sovereigntist/Self-sufficiency/relative delinking successes:

Cuban health system

Chinese financial sector insulation

Haiti under Aristide

Burkinabe agricultural policy under Sankara

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Conclusion

This is not the revolution but may focus on political and intellectual work and allow us to build stronger ties and links by actively building this together

Want to participate, comment, critique?