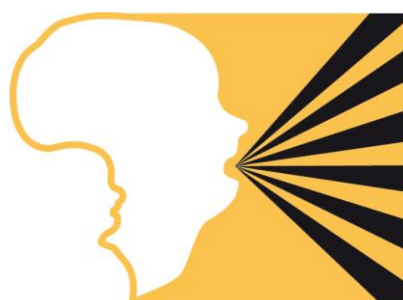


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Abbreviations

AM	African Monitor
ANC	African National Congress
AU	African Union
ARFSD	African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
CBO	Community-based organisations
CGE	Commission for Gender Equality
CSI	Corporate Social Investment
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DPME	Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
GBVF	Gender Based Violence and Femicide
HLPF	High-level political forum on sustainable development
HURISA	Human Rights Institute of South Africa
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MSP	Multi Stakeholder Partnerships
NDP	National Development Plan
NDSF	National Development Stakeholders Forum
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NPO	Non-Profit Organisation
SA	South Africa

SADC	South African Development Community
SAWG	South African CSO Working Group on SDGs (SAWG)
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
TAC	Treatment Action Campaign
UCT	University of Cape Town
UN	United Nations
US	United States
VNR	Voluntary National Review

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Introduction

2022 presented African Monitor (AM) with opportunities and challenges as we navigated through the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. This annual report serves as a platform to share our achievements, progress, and the impactful work we've undertaken with our funders and partners.

Adapting to Online Events

In response to the pandemic, AM embraced the benefits of online events. This shift allowed us to reach a wider audience, transcending geographical boundaries. By hosting events virtually, we ensured that more individuals could participate in crucial conversations from the comfort of their homes. Furthermore, this approach streamlined our operations by reducing travel expenses and time commitments. However, we did not completely forgo physical events. They remain an important part of our work, however the use of virtual events in combination with physical events gave African Monitor the opportunity to expand our audience.

Revival of the South African Working Group (SAWG)

We carried out the task of rebuilding the South Africa Working Group (SAWG) which was badly affected by Covid 19. We managed to organise meetings with several organisations that were no longer participating in the activities of the network. For some organisations, the contact persons have moved to other organisations and the new ones were not briefed about the SAWG; for others, there was a shortage of staff hence the limited participation in the SAWG.

We also worked with a movement-building expert to assist us in rebuilding the network and assist the SAWG with a new Roadmap for 2023-2025 as the other one expired in 2021.

The new Roadmap will focus on strengthening the SA CSO Working Group as an effective SDG platform in South Africa, fostering a dedicated constituency and building robust partnerships with other stakeholders, amongst other things. We would like to have participation from various provinces and various sectoral focuses working on sustainable development. The roadmap will also emphasise the 2024 VNR - through focused campaigns and media engagement targeting CSOs/ vulnerable citizen groups. Furthermore, the Roadmap will initiate the VRLs in South Africa.

Alignment with Our Vision

All programs and initiatives undertaken by African Monitor in 2022 remained steadfastly aligned with our overarching vision. We envision an African continent rapidly realizing its development potential, where every individual lives in dignity within a just society. This entails meeting basic needs, upholding human rights, and fostering good governance across the continent.

As we reflect on the year 2022, African Monitor remains committed to driving positive change across Africa. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have adapted and thrived, leveraging online platforms, and strengthening partnerships to advance our mission. Looking ahead, we are poised to continue our efforts towards realizing our vision for a prosperous and equitable Africa.

Thank you to our funders, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and collaboration.

[Summary of 2022 events/engagements hosted.](#)

Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSP)

As part of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), a regional conference on Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs) was convened on February 25th, 2022. This gathering provided a platform for stakeholders to discuss and collaborate on sustainable development initiatives across the region.

The diversity in attendance reflected a balanced representation, with 41% male and 53% female participants (34 participants (14 men, 18 women). The engagement and contributions of attendees enriched the discussions and outcomes of the conference.

Moving forward, efforts will be made to further enhance participation in future conferences, ensuring broader representation and maximizing the impact of collaborative efforts towards sustainable development in the region.

South African CSOs Working Group on SDGs (SAWG- SDGs)

In May 2022, African Monitor spearheaded two pivotal workshops with the South African Working Group (SAWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), each focusing on distinct yet interconnected objectives. The first workshop took place on 3rd May 2022 via Zoom, facilitated by African Monitor. The virtual event brought together CSOs from



all over the country. During this meeting, those in attendance discussed the revival of the South African Working group and came up with a strategy to have regular meetings to intensify the work on SDGs and hold the South African Government Accountable). The primary objective of this workshop was to discuss the revival of the working group and strategize on key action points to reinvigorate its activities. Participants deliberated on the importance of regular meetings and outlined strategies to intensify efforts in holding the government accountable for SDG implementation.

Additionally, the workshop aimed to initiate consultations with working group networks and explore avenues to engage provincial partners effectively. Discussions also centred on leveraging the 2016 roadmap to strengthen the working group and align its objectives with current priorities.

The second workshop was convened on the 5th of May 2022 African Monitor convened a second workshop with SAWG The focus remained on revitalizing the working group, fostering regular meetings, and reenergizing efforts towards government accountability.

Learning & Dialogue Sessions

Learning and Dialogue Session 1: July 20th, 2022

A significant milestone was achieved on July 20th, 2022, with the successful execution of the inaugural Learning and Dialogue session between the South African Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provincial coordinators of the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE). This session was conducted as part of the CGE Provincial Managers Learning Hub initiative.

Key discussions during this session revolved around the challenges of slow SDG implementation and strategies to enhance collaboration among stakeholders to hold the government accountable. The exchange of insights and experiences laid a solid foundation for future cooperation and collective action towards SDG attainment.

Learning and Dialogue Sessions: October 2022

Building upon the success of the initial session, African Monitor geared up for a series of thematic Learning and Dialogue sessions as part of the Open SDGs Symposium. These sessions began in October 2022 and served as pre-events leading up to the Symposium, which took place in 2023.

The sessions provided a platform for development actors, policymakers and citizens to engage in meaningful discourse on various SDG-related topics. By fostering dialogue and knowledge exchange, we aim to catalyse collaborative efforts and accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs.

Community Engagements on the Social Compact (Provincial)

In his State of the Nation Address (SONA) in February 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa pointed out that "If there is one thing, we all agree on, it is that the present situation – of deep poverty, unemployment and inequality – is unacceptable and unsustainable".

Therefore, government, business, labour, and communities must come together to build consensus based on a shared understanding of current challenges and a recognition of the

need to address the challenges of unemployment, poverty, and inequality. Accordingly, the government and the President committed to finalising a comprehensive social compact to grow our economy, create jobs and combat hunger in 100 days.

The President added that given the complexity of the issues, and so that we don't set ourselves up for failure, genuine consensus must be achieved among all social partners." "As the name implies, a new consensus can only be successfully implemented if there is full agreement on a common objective, the plan to achieve it, and a commitment by all partners to the plan's implementation" the President concluded.

The clarion call for a new social compact was prompted again by the need for interventions to reduce poverty, build sustainable livelihoods and promote a multi-stakeholder approach to ending extreme poverty in South Africa. Significantly to note is that the Covid-19 pandemic and the July 2021 social unrest, in a way, could have implicitly created the conditions for the clarion call to rethink the notion of a sustainable new social compact for South Africa.

In response to the social unrest, African Monitor, in collaboration with faith groups, youth



organizations, and women's groups, conducted community hearings in three provinces: From September to October of 2022, in collaboration with the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), we went to various communities in three provinces namely Gauteng, the Northern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal to hold consultations regarding the proposed new social compact. The research has been conducted by AM Public Policy

Associate Dr Janet Munakamwe of the University of the Witwatersrand and the Former Commissioner of the Commission for Gender Equality Ms Fundi Nzimande.

The community hearings were instrumental in fostering dialogue, understanding local dynamics, and identifying solutions to address underlying issues contributing to social unrest.

By actively engaging faith groups, youth, and women organizations, the process ensured diverse perspectives were heard and incorporated into future interventions.

To complement the community hearings, African Monitor organized online consultations with young people during Youth Month and conducted another session during Women's month in August. These virtual engagements aimed to amplify the voices of marginalized groups, provide opportunities for participation, and gather insights on their unique challenges and priorities.

Furthermore, the team has initiated key informant interviews to gather additional insights and perspectives from stakeholders at various levels. These interviews supplement the community hearings and online consultations, enriching the understanding of underlying issues and informing the development of targeted interventions.

As pointed out by one key informant in the Northern Cape Consultative Dialogue:

"It is becoming increasingly clear that South Africa is in urgent need of revisiting and redefining its social contract. With the rise in unemployment, poverty, substance abuse, GBV, and constant service delivery protests, it is safe to conclude that the collective vision we held for a free, democratic South Africa has not materialised. Especially those at the bottom of the food chain. Thus, we welcome the call by the president to preside over these dialogues and properly consult all sectors and sections of our country".

As the statement above shows, it is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore the rising inequality, poverty, unemployment and ecological annihilation. If not well managed, these social challenges have the potential to threaten political stability. While many condemned the July 2021 social unrest, it is, however, critical that the government urgently address the underlying causalities before it is too late. To be precise, the social unrest somehow manifested the power from below and the need for candid dialogue and cooperative relations among various social partners.

Through these comprehensive consultation processes, African Monitor remains committed to amplifying community voices, fostering inclusivity, and driving positive change in the wake of social unrest.

Presentation of Findings of the New Social Compact at the National NGO Consultative Conference

Given the multifaceted crises facing society, exacerbated inequality, food insecurity, lack of cohesion, and increased violence over the past two years, African Monitor joined other CSOs led by Kagiso Trust to host a National Civil Society Consultative Conference urgently. The initial goal was to influence the Presidential Social Sector Summit held on August 4-5, 2022, under the theme **"Fostering Social Cohesion to Enable Socio-Economic Participation in Communities."** However, the Summit lacked sufficient consultation, resulting in outcomes that fell short of potential achievements.

We needed the South African NGO sector to engage in self-reflection and revitalization to contribute to the country's development. This process aims for NGOs and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to renew the dream of a prosperous and just South Africa. The conference aimed to build common ground and coordinated action, emphasizing the necessity of civil society's active and independent self-agency in policymaking.

African Monitor participated in a small working group that evolved into a larger Steering Committee representing a broad spectrum of NGOs, social movements, and CBOs. The Steering Committee noted the need to align with other civil society processes, such as:

- Defend Our Democracy Campaign
- Social Justice Sector Assembly
- Anti-Corruption Campaigns

Key questions for the conference included:

- How should the NGO sector organize to amplify its voice and impact in addressing South Africa's challenges?
- How can NGOs strategically reposition and partner to maximize resources and social impact in aiding responsive, inclusive, effective, and accountable governance?
- How can we build coordination and collaboration among NPOs to share ideas, mentor, and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve?

The conference, **themed "Civil Society Unmuted: Building Common Ground for an Agenda for Social Change,"** was held from November 8-11, 2022, at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng Province. It gathered over 170 in-person representatives from all 9 provinces and various sectors, and more than 200 online participants.

The opportunity to present findings from the consultations on the new social compact was a highlight. Our findings corroborated with a similar study by Kagiso Trust, revealing that nearly 30 years into South Africa's democracy, the nation is in crisis. The hopeful promise of democracy from 1994 feels distant amid high trauma levels from the COVID-19 pandemic, July 2021 looting and violence, collapsing state institutions, and widespread service delivery failures.

South Africa, with the highest inequality levels globally, is stuck in a poverty trap. Issues such as gender-based violence, high crime and unemployment, corruption, and a poorly performing economy are escalating. Conference delegates emphasized the deepening trust deficit between people and the state, with unaccountable leadership and persistent violence against women and children.

Key issues identified included:

- Local service delivery
- Local democratic governance and systems
- Societal breakdown
- Gender, patriarchy, femicide, and GBV
- Exclusion of young people
- Trauma and violence
- Socio-economic crisis (unemployment, etc.)

Moving forward, African Monitor and Kagiso Trust agreed to:

- Coordinate civil society input and address the electoral law amendment bill to enhance accountability.
- Monitor amendments to the NPO Act and General Laws Amendments to protect civil society's enabling environment.
- Engage the government on measures to end corruption and promote accountability.
- Campaign for the reconfiguration and fundamental redrafting of NEDLAC legislation with civil society consultation.
- Build civil society's capacity to mobilize from the ground up and reimagine a new social contract.

The New Social Compact Validation meeting

On 21 December 2022, we organised the validation of the New Social Compact report through a workshop that took place at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. The report validation workshop had the following objectives:

- To honour the research participants who took time out of their programmes to provide data for this project.
- To validate the report if it covered the issues that the participants raised in the focus group interviews.
- To give a final opportunity for citizens to make submissions and additional inputs if any were missing on the draft report.

Dr Janet Munakamwe of the WITS University assisted by Ms Fundisile Nzimande presented the findings from the three provinces and participants commented on the findings. They all agreed that the findings represented the reality of what is happening in our communities. Pastor Lebogang from Kimberley who joined via Zoom id that the report truly represents our concerns and issues.

Many of the inputs were more emphasis on the issues that had already been raised by

communities in the various consultation meetings of FDGs. It was agreed that this report should be a bit different from others; let's not only criticize but let's bring realistic proposals, solutions and policy suggestions. Participants were divided into four groups to work on the recommendations. Participants reiterated what issues they would like the report to emphasize including the following:

- The issue of the injustice of stateless children must be addressed.
- Urgent action is required on the documentation of South Africans. (it is estimated that more than 10 million South Africans are undocumented by Home Affairs)
- It was suggested that the CSOs report on the New Social Compact should be less criticism rather with more solutions including solutions around climate change.
- The report should show clearly how load shedding is badly affecting the economy; factories and companies have closed and are continuing to close as a result of the power breakout; effect the sick who rely on certain machinery that they use to support life at home and as a result people are dying; disabled students whose education is impacted when they cannot use the lift to go to class; disabled people who cannot use lifts to access buildings for different needs; public cannot finish their business with various public service institutions because of a sudden loss of electricity; warning systems for load-shedding.
- All communities consulted mentioned the issue of no schools for disabled children in many areas where they live in (working-class communities) across the three provinces
- It was highlighted that even if we are a mineral-rich country, we fail to generate relevant skills for that and to benefit enough and increase value exponentially to boost our economy.
- Youth unemployment is at its highest and it has been increasing over the years and is currently at 64.4%; participants in all provinces said that the country is facing a ticking time bomb unless youth unemployment was prioritised. "This cannot be accepted and taken as business as usual," said Tebogo Maleke representing the Youth from Soweto.
- Patriarchy produces toxicity in society, GBV, fear and lack of freedom for women, girls and children.
- It was also suggested that the report should recommend to the government to not make R350 grant permanent but rather help create jobs. This dependency syndrome

is dangerous for the future of the nation.

Mr Joseph Eliabson Maniragena on behalf of AM expressed his appreciation to all participants who took part in this project and to the research team. He reflected on the fact that the African Monitor Report on the Social Compact reflected what was happening on the ground. He indicated that the report would go to the policymakers, parliamentarians, and spaces such as NEDLAC so that they can process and hopefully use its recommendations in the final draft of the Social Compact and related policies and measures. Joseph emphasized AM's appreciation of the role played by the various communities: Katlehong, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Kempton Park, Lakeview, Soweto, Joburg Inner City, Vaal, Kimberley and Northern Cape, Sol Plaatjie University, Youth Roundtable participants, Women and Gender Activists Roundtable, Umlazi, KwaMashu, Ntuzuma, Inanda, Clermont, Durban Inner city, Chatsworth and Merebank.

As a way forward participants at the validation workshop recommended the following:

- We must package this report for the next SONA, for SOPAs and SOCAs.
- We must lobby the Executives at the National, Provincial and Local levels.
- We must explore how this report can be tabled at the NEDLAC processes.
- The AM Citizen's Report must influence the new social compact even if we experience changes at political levels.
- All participants agreed that this report should not be another consultation that ends with consultation; they hope that policymakers and decision-makers will do something about it. "The issues are now known, people have been consulted for so long- let's have solutions; it is time to do something", said Sarah Tobhi Motha who is a traditional leader and Ambassador of the Global Ecovillage Network Africa.

VNR 2024 Workshop

In collaboration with the Department of Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation (DPME), African Monitor organized a multi-stakeholder workshop focusing on the content and process of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) for 2023/24 on 24 May 2022. This virtual workshop aimed

to engage diverse stakeholders in shaping the VNR process and ensuring broad participation in the reporting exercise.

Objective: To discuss the content and process of the VNR for 2023/24 and facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement.

Next Steps: Building on the success of the initial workshop, African Monitor intends to organize additional workshops for CSOs to ensure their full involvement in the VNR exercise. These workshops will provide CSOs with the necessary tools, information, and resources to actively contribute to the VNR process and enhance their engagement with government stakeholders.

The youth workshop on Voluntary National Review (VNR)

African Monitor, in collaboration with Youth Advocates Ghana and the secretariat of the Africa Youth SDGs Summit, organised a three-day training workshop. This workshop aimed to empower young people from seven African Countries to engage in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) processes within their respective countries.

Workshop Details:

Date: February 28th - March 2nd, 2022

Location: Kigali, Rwanda (on the sideline of the 8th Session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development)

Organizers: African Monitor, Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG), Secretariat of the Africa Youth SDGs Summit

Participants: 14 young people representing seven African countries

The objectives of the workshop included the following:

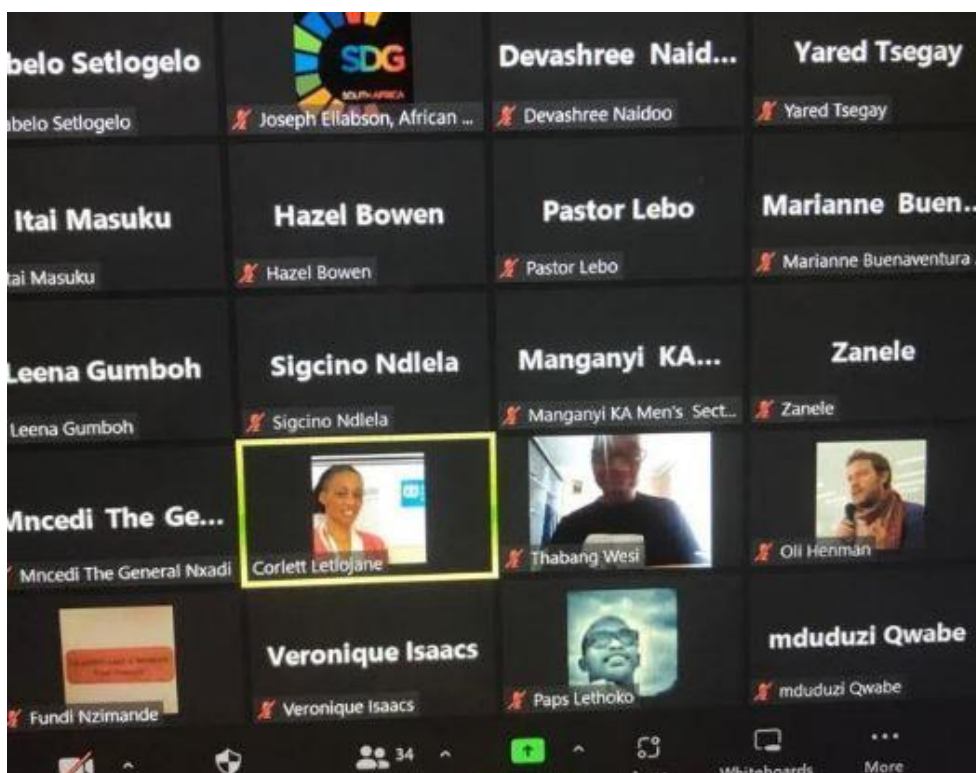
- Enhancing participants' understanding of VNR processes and their significance in tracking progress towards the SDGs.
- Equipping young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to actively participate in VNR activities within their own countries.
- Fostering networking and collaboration among youth advocates across Africa.

During the three-day workshop, participants engaged in interactive sessions, discussions, and practical exercises focused on various aspects of VNR processes. Topics covered included the importance of VNRs, key components of the review process, strategies for effective youth engagement, and best practices for advocacy and lobbying.

Furthermore, participants had the opportunity to share experiences from their respective countries, exchange ideas, and identify common challenges and opportunities in advancing youth participation in VNR processes.

CSOs Capacity Building Workshop on SDGs and the National Voluntary Review (VNR)

African Monitor, in partnership with the South African Working Group (SAWG), organized a virtual capacity-building workshop for civil society organizations (CSOs) on May 24, 2022. Held via Zoom, the workshop aimed to strengthen civil society participation in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process, providing a platform for sharing experiences, addressing challenges, and initiating preparations for the upcoming National Voluntary Review in 2022.



Objectives: Assess critical areas identified in the 2019 South African Voluntary National Review and identify gaps limiting inclusive CSO participation.

Understand VNR processes, government plans, and updated methodologies.

Initiate planning processes for CSO participation in the 2023 National Voluntary Review.

Discuss mechanisms for open consultation and civil society participation in drafting the VNR report.

The key questions addressed during this workshop was:

What lessons did we learn from the 2019 VNR?

What are the challenges and opportunities for inclusive CSO engagement in the VNR process?

Summary of 2022 events/engagements attended

Africa Youth SDGs Summit, 9-11th of March 2022

Ethiopia hosted the 4th African Youth Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit from



March 9th to 11th, 2022, at the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa. The theme of the summit, "Youth Resilience in the COVID-19 Era: Pathways to Accelerate Actions towards Achieving the SDGs," aimed to address the challenges posed by the pandemic and

explore strategies for advancing the SDGs agenda.

Joseph Eliabson Maniragena's Involvement: Joseph, the senior programmes coordinator at African Monitor (AM), representing the organisation, actively participated in several sessions during the summit:

Panel Discussion on Youth-led Advocacy: On March 9th, 2022, Joseph served as a panellist in a hybrid discussion organized by the UNICEF Regional Offices for Eastern and Southern Africa. The session focused on introducing youth-led advocacy and the UNICEF Youth Advocacy Guide, providing support to young advocates in creating positive change. Other distinguished panellists included representatives from UNICEF offices and youth advocates from Uganda and Malawi. Moderation of Session on Education Post-COVID-19: On March 11th, 2022, Joseph moderated a session titled "Africa's 21st Century School: Closing Gaps in Education Post-COVID-19." The discussion aimed to address the challenges and opportunities in education following the pandemic. Panellists included prominent figures in education advocacy and development from various African countries.

Recognition of African Monitor: African Monitor received formal recognition for its technical support to the African Youth SDGs Summit initiative since its inception in 2017. During the closing ceremony, AM was honoured with an "Outstanding Youth Development Partner Award," highlighting its significant contributions to youth empowerment and sustainable development across the continent.



Joseph's active participation in the 4th African Youth SDGs Summit, along with the recognition bestowed upon African Monitor, underscores the organization's commitment to youth engagement and sustainable development in Africa. Such initiatives serve as catalysts for driving positive change and accelerating progress towards achieving the SDGs.

High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2022

African Monitor (AM) participated in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2022. The HLPF took place on Tuesday, July 5th under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Event Details:

Date: July 5th - July 15th, 2022

Venue: Under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Ministerial Segment: Wednesday, July 13th - Friday, July 15th, 2022

Theme: The theme for HLPF 2022 was "Building Back Better from the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) while Advancing the Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." This theme underscored the importance of global efforts to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic while advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

African Monitor's Involvement: The African Monitor actively participated in HLPF 2022, contributing insights, experiences, and perspectives on sustainable development challenges and opportunities in Africa. Through its participation, AM aimed to advocate for policies and initiatives that promote inclusive and equitable development, particularly in the context of post-pandemic recovery.

United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)

AM was also invited to contribute to the workshop exploring sustainable development challenges and opportunities in Africa. The workshop took place in Dakar, Senegal, from 14 - 16 November 2022, and was co-hosted by the United Nations, the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The discussions and outcome of this meeting served as inputs to the 2023 United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) which will also inform the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit). AM was represented by Mr Joseph Eliabson Maniragana, the Senior Programmes Coordinator.

Overall achievements

Despite facing numerous challenges, African Monitor (AM) is proud of the programs developed and the successes achieved in 2022. The year presented significant obstacles, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine, and multiple climate crises. These

challenges have exacerbated vulnerabilities worldwide, pushing millions into poverty and disrupting trade and food supplies.

Recognition at the Africa Youth SDGs Summit: AM received formal recognition at the Africa Youth SDGs Summit held in Ethiopia from March 9th to 11th, 2022. We were honoured for the technical support provided to this intercontinental initiative since its inception in 2017. During the closing ceremony, AM was awarded the Outstanding Youth Development Partner Award, underscoring our commitment to youth empowerment and sustainable development.

Overall challenges

Continued Pursuit of Our Vision: Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic and other global crises, AM remains steadfast in pursuing our vision for Africa. We envision an African continent rapidly achieving its development potential, where people live in dignity, human rights are upheld, and good governance is entrenched. Our commitment to this vision drives us to overcome obstacles and strive for positive change.

Activities at the continental level is still reduced because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this we are still working towards our VISION which is an African continent rapidly achieving its development potential, whose people live in dignity, in a just society where basic needs are met, human rights are upheld, and good governance is entrenched.

Lessons Learnt

The year 2022 reinforced important lessons for AM. Communication and problem-solving skills are paramount in running successful events, whether in-person or online. While we have always recognized the importance of these skills, this year highlighted their critical role in navigating challenges and fostering collaboration.

Furthermore, we observed that offering an online option for events often attracts more attendees and speakers with subject expertise. This insight emphasizes the importance of leveraging digital platforms to maximize participation and knowledge exchange.

Financial Report

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note(s)	2022 R	2021 R
Revenue	6	2,578,569	1,743,502
Project expenses	7	(1,247,103)	(1,650,237)
Gross surplus		1,331,466	93,265
Other income	8	102	275,186
Operating expenses		(200,946)	(347,329)
Operating surplus	9	1,130,622	21,122
Investment revenue		14,818	9,794
Finance costs		-	(11)
Surplus for the year		1,145,440	30,905
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,145,440	30,905

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Note(s)	2022 R	2021 R
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	11,329	30,800
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,303,577	73,694
Total Assets		1,314,906	104,494
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Trust capital	4	100	100
Accumulated surplus		1,216,528	71,088
		1,216,628	71,188
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	98,278	33,306
Total Equity and Liabilities		1,314,906	104,494

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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT

	Note(s)	2022 R	2021 R
REVENUE			
World Fair Trade Organization		-	22,500
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit		1,459,569	1,181,002
Consultancy KB Media		-	140,000
SouthSouthNorth Projects (Africa)		119,000	-
ABSA Bank		1,000,000	400,000
	6	2,578,569	1,743,502
DIRECT COSTS			
Project expenses		(1,247,103)	(1,650,237)
Gross surplus		1,331,466	93,265
OTHER INCOME			
Other income		-	275,186
Profit and loss on exchange differences		102	-
		102	275,186
Expenses (Refer to page 20)		(200,946)	(347,329)
Operating surplus	9	1,130,622	21,122
Investment income		14,818	9,794
Finance costs		-	(11)
		14,818	9,783
Surplus for the year		1,145,440	30,905

Conclusion

African Monitor extends heartfelt gratitude to the following donors and development partners for their invaluable support throughout 2022:

ABSA Bank, South Africa

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Your generous contributions and unwavering commitment have played a pivotal role in advancing our mission and driving positive change across Africa. Your support has enabled us to implement impactful programs, engage stakeholders, and empower communities towards sustainable development.

Special thanks are extended to ABSA Bank, South Africa, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) for their continued partnership and dedication to our shared goals. Your collaboration has been instrumental in strengthening our efforts and amplifying our impact on the ground.

We would like to thank the following partners for helping us implement our 2022 projects:

The National Planning Commission (NPC)

The Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation (DPME)

The Commission of Gender Equality (CGE)

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The SDG Hub at the University of Pretoria

The Mining Institute at the University of Witwatersrand (Wits)

Global Compact South Africa

Action For SDGs

Youth Advocates in Ghana (YAG)

CIVICUS

World Benchmarking Alliance

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our staff for their outstanding work in 2022.

We look forward to continuing our fruitful partnership and achieving greater milestones together in the years to come. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to African Monitor's vision of a prosperous and equitable Africa.