ACB publications, multi-media coverage and media coverage, March – August 2022

Programme 1: GM and Biosafety/ New technologies Programme 2: Seed laws and policies/ Farmer seed systems

Programme 3: FISP/ Other corporate

Programme 1: GM and biosafety and new technologies publications released, March – August 2022

Publication Title	Туре	Lang	Date publicatio n	Reposts/ reach	Mail list Genera I (G) Media (M)	Mail open	Mail click	FB/Twitter Reach (R) Share (S)	You Tube / IG TV
The battle over regulation of new breeding techniques in South Africa	Blog	Eng	25 July	https://www.gmwatch.org/en/106- news/latest-news/20078-the-battle-over- regulation-of-new-breeding-techniques-in- south-africa	4,352	1000	66	662 (FR), 548 (TI), 7 (RT) 28	
Field trials of GM Sugarcane and the offing are in the offing of South Africa	Alert	Eng	25 May		4629	878	46	785 (FR), 3 (FS). 43 (TI)	
La financiarisation du paludisme en afrique : le burkina faso, les capitaux voyous et les moustiques genetiquement modifies/issus du forçage genetique	Briefin g	FR	25 May	https://www.cadtm.org/La-financiarisation- du-paludisme-en-Afrique-le-Burkina-Faso https://www.pressegauche.org/_African- Centre-for-Biodiversity-ACB_	212	66	10	132 (TI), 4 (RT). 157 (FR), 1 (FS).	
The financialisation of malaria in Africa: Burkina Faso, rogue capital & GM /gene drive mosquitoes	Briefin g	Eng	28 April	Gene Convene The Insight GM Watch Biosafety Information Centre/ Third World Network Loquesomos	4444	1000	69	471 (FR), 9 (FS). 1156 (TI), 16 (RT)	14 view s
Pushing back BT Cowpea in Nigeria. Ejim Lovelyn's message for farmers and government authorities.	Video	Eng	25 Mar						14 view s
Pushing back BT Cowpea: Ghana's battle to retain indigenous centre-of-origin crop – part 2	Video	Eng	25 Mar						17 view s

Pushing back BT Cowpea. Ghana's battle to retain	Video	Eng	25 Mar					17
its indigenous centre-of-origin crop – part 1								view
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Bt Cowpea press conference: Some more	Video	Eng	9 March					15
highlights								view
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Independent scientists dispute the approval	Video	Eng	9 March					28
process for Bt Cowpea in Nigeria								view
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Push for Bt Cowpea in Nigeria: opening remarks	Video	Eng	8 March					41
by Sabrina Masinjila								view
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Coalition demands a ban of Bt Cowpea in Nigeria	Press	Eng	8 March	https://www.environewsnigeria.com/coalitio	3898	796	58	
and neighbouring West African countries	releas e			n-seeks-ban-on-genetically-modified-beans- in-nigeria-others/				
				gen.a cancer,				
				https://von.gov.ng/2022/03/08/coalition-				
				seeks-ban-on-genetically-modified-beans-in-				
				nigeria/				
				https://www.anaradah.anar/ana/anar/anar/anar/anar/anar/anar/				
				https://www.gmwatch.org/en/106-				
				news/latest-news/20003-coalition-demands-				
				ban-on-bt-cowpea-in-nigeria-and-neighbour- west-african-countries				
				https://youtu.be/UJNuqriwleM				

General media coverage of ACB work on GM and Biosafety and new technologies, March – August 2022

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24 Aug	GMO news related to Africa	GMO-Free Europe	GMO-Free Europe listed and linked the ACB as part of its African content page to guide viewers to follow the
			organisation's work when reading about updated GMO news related in Africa. GMO-Free Europe further mentions the
			ACB through linking its audience to sign up for the company's newsletter.
12 Aug	Biochemistry lecturer contributes to	University of	Following on from online meetings and with support from Professor Marion Mutugi, Kenya National Commission on
	African scientist's network event	KwaZulu-Natal.	Human Rights, the ACB hosted another meeting in May in Kenya, which led to the founding of the Network of African
		College of	Scientists for Biosafety, Biodiversity, and Health (NASBIOH) – Réseau des Scientifiques Africains pour la Sécurité
		Agriculture,	Biologique, la Biodiversité et la Santé (ReSABS) in French. Seipati Mokhosi, an Accelerated Academic Development
		Engineering and	Programme lecturer in the School of Life Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, who attended the event,
		Science (CAES)	was quoted in a university article, as saying: "One of the main issues related to the growing and emerging trends has
			been the use of genetic editing tools and techniques on the continent, and how responsive corporate science and
			scientists are to the current issues of Africa."

6 Aug	Update as GMO regulation consultations continue	https://aware- simcoe.ca/	The Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) mentions ACB's blog 'The battle over regulation of new breeding techniques in South Africa' (2022) when providing examples of the trend of governments allowing corporate companies to regulate New Plant Breeding Techniques.
		Canadian School of Natural Nutrition	
13 July	Critiques of Gates Foundation agricultural interventions in Africa	US Right to Know	This article references 9 of ACB's publications in arguing that a paradigm shift is needed away from the Gates funded industrial agricultural models and towards agroecological approaches. It uses ACB's publications as evidence to document the numerous problems with the Gates-led "green revolution" for Africa, and why agroecology is encouraged.
8 July	About 'Rogue Capital'	Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM)	The Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM) published a commentary by Jean Nanga on the notion of rogue capital based on ACB's publication 'The financialisation of malaria in Africa: Burkina Faso, rogue capital & GM /gene drive mosquitoes.' The commentary explores how capital is not only rogue, but structurally cynical and criminal.
9 June	430 civil society groups and indigenous peoples to the FAO Council: End of alliances with the pesticide industry	Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA)	ACB joins 430 civil society and indigenous peoples' groups from 69 countries in signing a petition against the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to cut ties with the pesticide industry. Ahead of the FAO Council's 170th session, which took place on June 13, Pesticide Action Network (PAN) sent a letter to Council members co-sponsored by ten other global networks and on behalf of 430 organisations. In a letter to the FAO, the network requested that the Council decide on their demand at the upcoming meeting.
25 May	Nouveaux OGM : ces décisions qui déplaisent à l'industrie// New GMOs: these decisions that displease the industry	Info GM	In South Africa, GMOs resulting from new genetic modification techniques come under GMO regulations and must therefore be subject to the same obligations as any other GMO. Industry has appealed this decision and warned that the policy will have harmful consequences on food safety. The article mentions the ACB together with CSO's who have submitted an appeal commission to rule on the industry's appeal, and are confident that if the commission's decision does not go along with the industry, the latter will go to the High Court.
28 Mar	Gates Against Beef: Food Crisis is The End Of Cows?	TKP	This article discussed the current food crisis affecting the world globally due to the Ukraine war and the sanctions against Russia, and how Africa and Europe will be affected. It further shares how Bill Gates has built a lobby to make synthetic meat palatable. ACB is mentioned in a comment a reader made opposing this news, who shares ACB's publication '23 years of failure, biodiversity loss and escalating hunger' (2020) and quotes ACB's ED Mariam Mayet in stressing the urgency to introduce alternative solutions that are not locked into industrial agriculture.
24 Mar	British-based Company Set to Release Billions of GM Mosquitoes in Two US States	The Exposé End Times Buzz	Following approval to release 750 million genetically modified mosquitoes in Florida during 2021/2022, Oxitec plans to release 2 billion of them in California and Florida Keys. In pointing out the threats and effects that Oxitec's plans will have on our ecosystem, this article references ACB's publications 'Oxitec's failed GM mosquito releases worldwide: Forewarnings for Africa and the Target Malaria project' (2019) which details the serious concerns raised by the release of GM mosquitoes in the world.

Online broadcasting coverage/webinars/ interviews of ACB's work on GM and Biosafety and new technologies, March – August 2022

Date	Title of Webinar/Interview	Hosts Name	Description
28 July	Reclaiming the resources for health.	Equinet Africa	ACB's Mariam Mayet presents on <i>Protecting food sovereignty and biodiversity for health and confronting gene technology</i> in Reclaiming the resources for Health conference hosted by Equinet Africa. The conference challenges the neoliberal mantra that there are no alternatives to policies that create social

			deficits and injustice, and sharing the ideas and creativity of our region. And, further shares and discuss
			experiences, evidence, analysis, successes and struggles from local to regional level and engagement
			globally to advance health and wellbeing in East and Southern Africa.
10	Interview with Mariam Mayet: Gene	Anastasia Nesbitt – Gene	This interview with Mariam Mayet was requested following the publication of The financialisation of
June	Drives	Drive Mosquito Team.	malaria in Africa: Burkina Faso, rogue capital & GM /gene drive mosquitoes .Mayet was interviewed as
		University of Vienna Student	part of the Gene Drive research project to explore ACB's experience and expertise in risk assessment for
		Research Team	gene drive technology, particularly its involvement with the CBD risk assessment process and the work
			highlighting the African context in debates about gene drive risks.

Webinars hosted by ACB on monitoring GM and biosafety, March – August 2022

Name	Туре	Lang	Date	Mail list General(G) Media (M)	Mail open	Mail click	Attendees	FB/Twitter Reach (R) Share (S)	You Tube/ IG TV
Network of Independent Scientist meeting	F2f meeting	Eng, FR	30 – 31 May				30		
African CSO push back against GMOS	F2f meeting	Eng, FR	25 - 27 May				32		
SA Agrichemicals	Hybrid meeting	ENG	6,7 April				28 (online) 24 (f2f)		93 views
International press conference: Pushing back Bt Cowpea in Africa	Press conference	Eng	7 Mar	3995	791	19	80		93 views

## International, regional and national meetings attended by ACB, on GM and biosafety, March – August 2022

Da	Host Name	Attended by	Description

Programme 2: Seed Sovereignty, publications released, March – August 2022

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	Tublic		public		Media (M)	Open	CHCK	and Share (S)	IG TV
Regulations of Plant Improvement Act and Plant	Submissio	ENG	30 Aug		. ,			350 (FR) 4	
Breeders' Rights Act, 2018	n							(FS), 128 (TI)	
-								3 (RT)	
Submission by the African Centre for	Submissio	ENG	26 Aug		The Department of				
Biodiversity to The Department of Agriculture,	n				Agriculture, Land				
Land Reform and Rural Development					Reform and Rural				
					Development				

In regard to published Regulations to Implement the Plant Improvement Act 2018, and the Plant								
Breeders' Rights Act, 2018  Sheria kandamizi ya mbegu Zanzibar tarajiwa.  Utafiti juu ya kuenea kwa makampuni na udhibiti wa mifumo ya mbegu ya Afrika.	Briefing paper	Swah ili	21 July	90 (Specialised eSwahili list)	5	2		
Zanzibar's draconian seed law in the offing. Case study of unabated corporate expansion and control of Africa's seed systems	Briefing paper	Eng	21 July	4 356	993	72	224 (FR), 2 (FS), 359 (TI), 11 (RT)	
La Via Campesina Southern and Eastern Africa (LVC SEAf) Regional Youth Training in Zimbabwe	Video	Eng	15 July				191 (FR)	12 views
25th Meeting, 49th Regular Session of Human Rights Council – Presentation of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Michael Fakhri on Seeds, right to life and farmers' rights	Summary of Report	Eng	18 Mar					
L'Union Africaine approuve des directives pour les semences et la biotechnologie sur le continent qui se revelent draconiennes, antidemocratiques et controlees par le secteur prive	Alert	FR	1 Mar	156	40	6		

General media coverage of ACB work on Seed Sovereignty, March – August 2022

Date	Article Title	Publication	Description
		Name	
23	How governments across Africa defend	National	ACB's ED Mariam Mayet features in Down to Earth's three-part series, "The battle for seeds in Africa," which
May	troubling seeds regulations	Cyber	investigates how the surge to harmonise seed laws serves corporate interests while criminalising farmer managed
		Security	seed systems, with African CSOs strongly opposing the commercialisation of local seed and entrenchment of the
		The	corporate capture of our food systems.
		Diplomatic	
		World	
		JARA News	
		Media	
		Down to	
		Earth, India	
	No to UPOV in Indonesia – Support for Farmers'	Both Ends	ACB endorsed the call to the Indonesian government and the EU Commission to stop Indonesia's ratification of the
22	Rights and Biodiversity		International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).
April	Call to sign open letters to the EU Commission		
	and the Government of Indonesia		
28	Seeds: central to people's food systems, cultures	United	In his presentation at the 49th Regular Session, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Michael Fakhri explains
Mar	and human rights	Nations	the current reality of farmer seed systems and the commodity seed system. He warns the UN Human Rights

		Human Rights (OHCHR)	Council (UNHRC) to be vigilant of agrichemical giants putting pressure of the continent to implement seed laws based on the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) as a means to control and privatise seed, negate farmers' seed systems and farmers rights – at the cost of destroying communities, livelihoods and biodiversity. This article uses a photograph provided by ACB from the dialogue on farmer managed seed systems and agroecology, held in Acornhoek, Limpopo on 20-22 January 2020, in providing a summary of Michael Fakhri presentation.
28 Mar	Community seed banks key for protection of traditional varieties	IPP Media Atlanta Business	This article discusses Tanzania's approach to transform its agriculture sector through establishing community seed banks as an alternative way that allows smallholder farmers to access seeds to grow crops. This approach emerged as a need to support farmers who are not allowed to buy and exchange seeds on the commercial market. The article mentions ACB's publication 'Changing Seed and Plant Variety Laws - Tanzania (2019), when emphasising that farmers have a right to save seeds, and how current PVP policies are increasingly restricting access to seeds with the intention of leaving the seed market to industry.
8	Genetically Modified Beans Is an Attack on	The New	This article is based on the press conference Health of Mother Earth foundation (HOMEf) and the ACB held
Mar	Nigerian Food Culture — Experts	Diplomat	together in opposing the release of Bt Cowpea in Nigeria and West African countries.

Online broadcasting coverage/webinars/meetings/ interviews of ACB works on Seed Sovereignty, March – August 2022

Date	Title	Host Name	Description
9 June	Le cadre législatif des semences de la CEDEAO et les implications pour le système semencier paysan et les semences paysannes.  The ECOWAS seed legislative framework and the implications for the farmers' seed system.	ASSETOU	ACB's ED Mariam Mayet was invited to present in this webinar where she spoke about the ACB's ECOWAS harmonised seed regulations - a critical overview (2019).
4 Mar	Interview: Towards Food Sovereignty and Agroecology in South Africa: Strengthening farmer seed and food systems and agricultural biodiversity'	Grounded media	Grounded Media approached ACB's Mariam Mayet for an interview about the organisation's work under the UNDP/GEF/Small Grants Programme, Operational Phase 6 project — which featured in a documentary about the beneficiaries of the grants programme. This grant was used to support ACB's work on seed sovereignty. It assisted the ACB to address key environmental problems of the narrowing of seed availability and agricultural biodiversity, and the ecological damage caused by government and private sector orientation focusing exclusively on agricultural modernisation in the form of delivery and adoption of Green Revolution technologies. Through UNDP/GEF/Small Grants Programme ACB achieved building civil society and farmer capacity to engage with policy, and to develop and deepen relationships with farmers, CSOs, governments and donors to develop and implement policy solutions that protect, support and strengthen FMSS and agro-ecology.

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International, Regional and National meetings attended by ACB, on Seed Sovereignty March – August 2022

Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
12-19 July 2022	LVC Regional Youth Training	La Vie Campesina	Rutendo Zendah	The ACB participated in the LVC Regional Youth Training in Harare Zimbabwe this week. The regional Youth training on political economy and agroecology is meant to build the capacity of young women and men within LVC SEAF to understand the historical context that has informed existing agriculture and food systems and the practical implementation of agriculture practices. ACB presented on the Global food Systems, Corporate control in relation to African food systems, seed laws, and policies building on our work and collaboration with many partners and social movements in the region and in the international space. The meeting is being attended by youths from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique, Ghana, DRC, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania
27 – 29 June	Field visits for Kenyan Seed study	Nairobi, Kenya	Sabrina Masinjila	

Monitoring corporate expansion, publications released, March – August 2022

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	Public		public		General(G)	open		(R)Share (S)	Tube/
			ation		Media (M)				IG TV
Playing chess with the					4,347	920	52	667 (FR), 556 (TI) 7	
world's biodiversity. New								(RT)	
gambit needed to avoid a									
stalemate for the Post-									
2020 Global Biodiversity									
Framework and Africa's									
future	Blog	ENG	27 July						
The failure of					Submitted to ECO 2022			236 (FR), 2 (FS),	
multilateralism – and rise					CBD Alliance			59(TI)	
of corporate capture of									
the CBD			22						
	Submission	Eng	June						
Who will fund biodiversity					Submitted to ECO 2022			149 (FR), 135 (TI)	
conservation, and its			22		CBD Alliance				
implications for Africa	Submission	Eng	June						

Where is agricultural				Submitted to ECO 2022	85 (FR), 77 (TI)
biodiversity in the Post-			21	CBD Alliance	
2020 GBF	Submission	Eng	June		
Submission of important				Submitted to the	
elements for South Africa				Department of Forestry,	
to consider under Target				Fisheries, and the	
17 of the draft Global				Environment	
Biodiversity Framework	Submission	Eng	9 June		
				Submitted to the Forest	
Call for Experts for a				Stewardship Council (FSC)	
Learning Process on				International Board of	
Genetic Engineering in				Directors	
Forestry/GE Trees	Submission	Eng	6 June		
Is the end of the State of				Submitted to the	237 (FR)
Disaster the beginning of				Department of Health and	
mandatory vaccines in	Policy		13	the Department of	
South Africa?	Submission	ENG	April	Employment and Labour	

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12 Aug	The Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and	AFSA's Weekly	AFSA's Weekly Media Digest mentions ACB's latest blog 'The Post 2020 Global Biodiversity
	Africa's future	Media Digest	Framework and Africa's future,' as part of its weekly highlights.
11 Aug	Feminists Demand End of UN Women's Partnership	AWID	ACB, together with over 100 women's organisations and CSOs, signed on to the AWID letter urging
	With Blackrock, Inc		UN Women's, which is responsible for promoting gender equality, to end its partnership with the
		Lanka Web	largest investor in fossil fuels and deforestation-linked agricultural commodities, BlackRock.
25 July	The failure of multilateralism – and rise of corporate	ECO 2022 CBD	This submission written by ACB's Linzi Lewis, addresses the critical concerns about the post 2020 GBF
	capture of the CBD.	Alliance	points to the failure of the negotiations to date highlighting global inequalities, and touches on some
			of the key issues under discussion, and the implications especially for Africa and its food and
			agriculture systems.
21 July	ACB endorses the Climate Justice Charter movement	Climate Justice	ACB endorsed the Climate Justice Charter Movement calling for the South African Parliament to
		Charter	adopt the Climate Justice Charter in accordance with section 234 of the South African constitution
		Movement	which provides for charters to be adopted in support of the constitution.
1 July	Civil society on EU-Indonesia Comprehensive	Indonesia for	ACBs support the call to the Indonesian government and the EU Commission to stop Indonesia's
	Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	Global Justice	ratification of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).
24 June	Food, symbolism, and embodiment: Amai	Just Gender	This article references ACB's publication 'Decolonising food systems and sowing seeds of resistance:
	Mnangagwa's traditional dishes and restoring healthy		disentangling knowledges about seed' (2017) when illustrating how food can be used as a vehicle of
	bodies		power, legitimising, common-sensing and consolidating in shaping political discourses that govern
			Africa's food systems.
23 June	Who will fund biodiversity conservation, and its	ECO 2022 CBD	Ibid.
	implications for Africa?	Alliance	

22 June	Where is agricultural biodiversity in the Post-2020 GBF?	ECO 2022 CBD Alliance	CBDA published ACB's submission addressing the critical concerns about the post 2020 GBF. The submissions highlight that even though the GBF attempts to deal with the indirect and direct drivers of biodiversity decline, it remains glaringly weak, with serious and severe gap that fails to address the rights and roles of smallholder farmers and their on-farm work in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity. And urges that specific reference should be made to agriculture biodiversity and its contribution to the conservation and development of plant genetic resources, which constitute the basis of food and agriculture security throughout the world as contemplated by the ITPGRFA.
31 May	Manifestação contra crédito da IFC para Louis Dreyfus Company do Brasil para expansão de soja e milho no Cerrado	Slowfood Brasil	ACB joins Slowfood Brasil and over 225 other organisations in a joint letter addressed to the directors of the IFC (International Finance Corporation, linked to the World Bank) to vote NO on the \$200 million loan to the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) ), one of the largest agribusiness corporations in the world.
31 May	Civil Society Open Letter to Ministers on WTO Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations	Promoting Self Determination in the Pacific Indonesia for Global Justice	ACB joins civil society groups globally in sign on letter calling on WTO Ministers to ensure that global trade talks on prohibiting fisheries subsidies must protect small-scale fishers, targets those with the greatest historical responsibility for overfishing and stock depletion, and protect the conservation and management measures of a country from being undermined.
17 May	Decent Employment and the Future of Agriculture. How Dominant Narratives Prevent Addressing Structural Issues	Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems	This research publication examines the narrative about 'decent employment in agriculture as part of working conditions. This article references ACB's Which Way Forward for Zambia's Smallholder Farmers: Green Revolution Input Subsidies or Agro-Ecology? By Swanepoel, S., Davies, F., and Greenberg, S. (2015), in providing case studies on how this narrative is false and bringing into light the evidence of alternative solutions.
11 May	Video: Gates Foundation Spent Billions Pushing Commercial Fertilizers and Pesticides, GMO Seeds on Small African Farmers	Activist Post	Ibid.
6 May	Under Guise of 'Charity,' Gates Foundation Pushes Pesticides, GMOs on Small Farmers	The Defender Uncoolist	This article focuses on the video series "Rich Appetites" episode 3: Money, and quotes ACB's ED Mariam Mayet in examining who stands to benefit if Africa embraces agribusiness.
3 May	May 2022 CAGJ E-news	Community alliance for global justice (CAGJ)	CAGJ's May 2022 newsletter features ACB's ED Mariam Mayet appearance in the third installation of the Rich Appetites films, developed by AFSA and AGRA Watch, where she discusses the new wave of neo-colonialism plaguing the African food system, whereby philanthrocapitalists are invading and taking control over policy making spaces.
27 April	The African Union moves to support industrial agriculture over the African people	Community Alliance for Global Justice (CAGJ)	This article directs readers to ACB's publication 'African Union endorses draconian, undemocratic and corporate captured policy guidelines for seed and biotechnology for the continent' when calling out the AU for not been transparent in publicly disclosing the new continental guidelines for seed harmonisation, nor the regulatory frameworks for biotechnology use in food and agriculture.
27 April	Delete, Deny, and Destroy: Chinese and Western Strategies to Erase COVID's Origin Are Being Exposed by Independent Research	Bioscience Resource Project	This article reveals evidence about COVID's origin, and highlights how these details were redacted from public knowledge. The science and research analysis platform that raises awareness of the importance of public interest science recommends ACB's website to readers.

26 April	Philanthrocapitalism: The Gates Foundation's African programmes are not charity	Third World Network	This article discussed how philanthrocapitalists, like the Gates Foundation, use philanthropy grants as a business opportunity to push high-input proprietary technology fixes on to Africa. ACB's ED Mariam Mayet mentions how the Gates Foundation grant is ill-suited for Africans, and such grants only serve to put Africans in debt and cause further insecurity. Inappropriate solutions imposed on Africa by distant institutions, charitable bodies or governments, without considering the knowledge and skills of Africans is unacceptable.
21 April	Rich appetites. Series 3: Money	Rich Appetites	The third installation of Rich Appetites films, developed by AFSA and AGRA Watch, features ACB's ED Mariam Mayet who discusses the new wave of neo-colonialism plaguing the African food system, whereby philanthrocapitalists are invading and taking control over policy making spaces and shaping the creation of draconian seed laws to turn Africa into an integrated market that supports the trade of agribusiness corporations.
20 Mar	Development banks have no business financing agribusiness	Witness Radio	ACB endorses a CSO call for the World Bank to cease publication of its Doing Business report because its policies continue to promote inequality.

Webinars hosted by ACB on monitoring Corporate Expansion, March – August 2022

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Online broadcasting coverage/webinars/meetings/interviews featuring ACB's work on Corporate Expansion, March – August 2022

Date	Title of Webinar	Host Name	Description
29 July	Online Civil Society Expert Consultation on Climate Justice, Environmental Racism and Racial Justice	UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, E. Tendayi Achiume and UCLA Promise Institute for Human Rights	ACB's Director Mariam Mayet participated in an online civil society expert consultation hosted by the UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, E. Tendayi Achiume, and UCLA Promise Institute for Human Rights, Promise Institute for Human Rights. The focus was on climate justice, environmental racism and racial equality and non-discrimination, in preparation for the Special Rapporteur's upcoming report. Mayet also discuss the multiple shocks entrenching civilisational crises around the world.
12 July	Research interview on climate justice, land and food in South Africa with Grace O'Donovan	School of Social and Political Science University of Edinburgh	
4 May	Second Night for Global Social Rights	Rosa Luxemburg Foundation -	The second edition of the Night of Global Social Rights (NGSR), a 24-hour conversation on social rights, neocolonialism, and modern slavery, hosted by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation - Geneva Office and Civic City, in the framework of the World Social Forum (WSF), a platform for CSOs to mobilise

Geneva Office and Civic City	for social progress, starts today at 12 noon CET. The panel including ACB's ED Mariam Mayet, Special UN Rapporteur on the Right to Food who shared insights around Why and How to
,	Decolonise Food Systems.

Intern	ational, regional and national meetings	attended by ACB, on	Corporate Expansion,	March – July 2022
Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
30 Aug – 2 Sept	Africa Group Regional Preparatory meeting for the Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food And Agriculture	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FOA)	Rutendo Zendah	ACB 's research and advocacy officer Rutendo Zendah Chirape attended The Africa Group Regional Preparatory meeting was held in Addis, Ethiopia ahead of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture which will be held in New Delhi, India from the 19 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> of September 2022. This meeting was aimed at putting forward regional positions and also deliberate political mandates of parties on how potential agreements at GB-9 will be transferred to the national policy and implementation level.
26 Aug	National Agricultural Symposium	Land Rights Research and Resources Institute (LARRRI/HAKIARD HI)	Sabrina Masinjila	The meeting is a National Agricultural Symposium and it is largely a debate and discuss achievements and challenges facing small scale producers specifically in areas related to policies, laws, agriculture incentives, seeds, irrigation, markets and effects of climate change to small scale producers.
21 July	The African Popular Consultation presents GRASSROOTS IMPACTS OF COVID-19, CONFLICTS, AND CRISES ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY	The Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM)	Deidre May, Tamara Reddy	The purpose of this webinar was to gather evidence about impacts and proposals for structural-systemic changes that are needed to address current challenges and build longer-term strategies to support the right to food and achieve food sovereignty. The event was attended by African social movements, small-scale family farmer and peasant organisations, food insecure urban populations, fisherfolk, pastoralists, Indigenous Peoples, civil society organisations. The ACB assisted with the communications aspect of this event.
18 –23 July	Would Effective Resource Management in Africa be Pathway to Peace? African Protected Areas Congress Side event	Co-hosted by ACB and African Conservation Biodiversity Alliance	Sabrina Masinjila,	Presentation of preliminary findings on ACB new research on conflicts, climate change and seed and food systems
21 – 26 June	CBD/OEWG Meeting	Convention of Biodiversity	Sabrina Masinjila will attend in person, Linzi and Mariam to join virtually	ACB's research and advocacy officers, Sabrina and Linzi participated in the OEWG4, which took place in Nairobi, 21st-26th June, 2022. During this event, 4 submissions commenting on Post 2020 GBF discussions were published in the ECO 2022 blog by Convention of Biodiversity Alliance.
11 Mar	Resumed sessions of SBSTTA-24, SBI-3 and WG2020-3 took place from 13 to 29 March 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland.	Convention of Biodiversity	Mariam Mayet and Sabrina Masinjila	The physical meeting of the resumed sessions of the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) scientific and implementation bodies, and the working group tasked with developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, were rescheduled from the original date of 12-28 January 2022.