

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

Programme 1: GM and Biosafety/ New technologies

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Publication Title	Type	Lang	Date publication	Reposts/ reach	Mail list General (G) Media (M)	Mail open	Mail click	Web view	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	Briefing	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	Briefing	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 views

Pushing back BT Cowpea in Nigeria. Ejim Lovelyn's message for farmers and government authorities.	Video	Eng	25 Mar							14 views
Pushing back BT Cowpea: Ghana's battle to retain indigenous centre-of-origin crop – part 2	Video	Eng	25 Mar							17 views
Pushing back BT Cowpea. Ghana's battle to retain its indigenous centre-of-origin crop – part 1	Video	Eng	25 Mar							17 views
Bt Cowpea press conference: Some more highlights	Video	Eng	9 March							15 views
Independent scientists dispute the approval process for Bt Cowpea in Nigeria	Video	Eng	9 March							28 views
Push for Bt Cowpea in Nigeria: opening remarks by Sabrina Masinjila	Video	Eng	8 March							41 views
Coalition demands a ban of Bt Cowpea in Nigeria and neighbouring West African countries	Press release	Eng	8 March	https://www.environewsigeria.com/coalition-seeks-ban-on-genetically-modified-beans-in-nigeria-others/ https://von.gov.ng/2022/03/08/coalition-seeks-	3898	796	58			

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

Date	Article Title	Publication Name	Description
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 African scientist's network event	University of KwaZulu-Natal. College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science (CAES)	Following on from online meetings and with support from Professor Marion Mutugi, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, the ACB hosted another meeting in May in Kenya, which led to the founding of the Network of African Scientists for Biosafety, Biodiversity, and Health (NASBIOH) – Réseau des Scientifiques Africains pour la Sécurité Biologique, la Biodiversité et la Santé (ReSABS) in French. Seipati Mokhosi, an Accelerated Academic Development Programme lecturer in the School of Life Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, who attended the event, 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/ Canadian School of Natural Nutrition	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.
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 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, 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 organizations. 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 warn 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 June	Interview with Mariam Mayet: Gene Drives	Anastasia Nesbitt – Gene Drive Mosquito Team. University of Vienna Student Research Team	This interview with Mariam Mayet was requested following the publication of The financialisation of malaria in Africa: Burkina Faso, rogue capital & GM /gene drive mosquitoes .Mayet was interviewed as part of the Gene Drive research project to explore ACB's experience and expertise in risk assessment for 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

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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

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Monitoring corporate expansion, publications released, March – August 2022

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

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

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

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.

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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. 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 discussed 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 included ACB's ED Mariam Mayet, Special UN Rapporteur on the Right to Food who shared insights around Why and How to Decolonise Food Systems.
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International, 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 th - 24 th 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/ HAKIARDHI)	Sabrina Masinjila	The meeting is a National Agricultural Symposium and it is largely a debate and discussion on 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.

