

# **ACB publications and media report**

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## PROGRAMME 1: GM AND BIOSAFETY

### GM and biosafety and new technologies publications released

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<u>Ahead of SBSTTA 26, ACB reflects on need for strong regulatory framework for gene drive mosquitoes in Africa</u>	Blog	10/05/2024		3200	333	56	13	113 (FR), 1 (FS), 6 (FE) / 146 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>ACB launches legacy podcast to celebrate 20 years of resistance against GMOs in Africa</u>	Web post	13/05/2024		3000	292	57	16	88 (FR), 2 (FS), 12 (FE) / 447 (XI), 13 (XE)
<u>GMOs: Two decades of laying out the facts</u>	Web post	15/05/2024					13	
<u>Stop the chemical war on the bodies of farm workers, farm dwellers and their children!</u>	Press release	5/07/2024						177 (FR), 7(FE)
<u>Submission regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents</u>	Submission	5/07/2024						
<u>'Black Box' Biotechnology – Integration of artificial intelligence with synthetic biology</u>	Web post	03/09/2024	Mirror: <u>ETC Group Biosafety Information Centre</u>				569	96 (FR), 5 (FE), 747 (XI), 95 (XE)
<u>'Black Box' Biotechnology – Integration of artificial intelligence with synthetic biology</u>	Briefing	03/09/2024	Mention: <u>The Analysis.news</u> <u>s</u> <u>Global Political News</u>	1701	367	127		

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<u>La caja negra de la biotecnología – Integración de la inteligencia artificial con la biología sintética</u>	Web post	06/09/2024					87	201 (FR), 14 (FE) (XI), (XE)
<u>La caja negra de la biotecnología – Integración de la inteligencia artificial con la biología sintética</u>	Briefing	06/09/2024		39	12	5		
<u>La biotechnologie de la « boîte noire » – Intégration de l'intelligence artificielle à la biologie de synthèse</u>	Web post	06/09/2024					94	61 (FR), 1 (FE) (XI), (XE)
<u>La biotechnologie de la « boîte noire » – Intégration de l'intelligence artificielle à la biologie de synthèse</u>	Briefing	06/09/2024		112	16	26		
<u>New Genetic Engineering Technologies in Food and Agriculture in Africa</u>	Web post	25/09/2024					200	480 (FR), 13 (FE), 54 (XI), 4 (XE)
<u>New genetic engineering technologies in food and agriculture in Africa: Hype and realities of genome editing</u>	Fact sheet	25/09/2024		1530	347	97		
<u>Deregulation of genome editing and products must be overturned in Africa – why stringent regulation is imperative</u>	Fact sheet	25/09/2024		1530	347	97		
<u>Objections to the Application by Trigall Genetics SA for permission to conduct field trials in South Africa in respect of drought tolerant and 'glufosinate tolerant' 'HB4' wheat: IND-ØØ412-7</u>	Objection	26/09/2024	Mention: <u>Freight News</u> <u>The Africa</u> <u>NatureNews</u> <u>Milling MEA</u> <u>Agence</u> <u>Ecofin</u>					

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<u>Perilous GM wheat to be grown in SA: transgenic crop plants increasingly given a biosafety-free pass</u>	Press release	30/09/2024	<u>GM Watch Review</u>	1670	287	152	228	550 (FR), 49 (FE), 110 (XI), 9 (XE)
<u>ACB's artist' gallery – a celebration of artistic contributions</u>	Web post	22/10/2024					48	
<u>Groundbreaking judgment of the Supreme Court of Appeal in ACB vs Monsanto/Bayer and the State</u>	Press release	22/10/2024	Mention: <u>ENSight</u> <u>The Rainbow Newspaper (Zambia)</u> <u>Milling MEA</u> <u>Mail &amp; Guardian (snlibretrans genicos)</u> <u>Norton Rose Fulbright</u> <u>Farmer's Weekly</u> <u>South Africa Today</u> <u>GM Watch</u> <u>Rutendo</u> <u>Speaks</u> <u>Netwerk24</u> <u>The East African</u> <u>Bulawayo 24</u> News <u>Politics Web</u> <u>Bizcommunity</u>	1666	586	183	4417	1920 (FR), 376 (FE), 327 (XI), 6 (XE)

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			<a href="#">Pegasus Reporters</a> <a href="#">Dr Rath Health Foundation</a> <a href="#">IOL</a>  <a href="#">The New Dark Age</a>  RSG show Spektrum  Mirror: <a href="#">ENSSER (GM Watch)</a> <a href="#">The Zambian Observer</a>					
<a href="#">Artist Gallery: Vanessa Black</a>	Web post	23/10/2024					83	233 (FR), 28 (FE), 264 (XI), 14 (XE)
<a href="#">Arrêt inédit de la Cour de cassation dans l'affaire ACB contre Monsanto/Bayer et l'État</a>	Press release	23/10/2024		197	54	34	141	78 (FR), 4 (FE), 47 (XI), 4 (XE)
<a href="#">Sentencia pionera del Tribunal Supremo de Apelación en el asunto ACB contra Monsanto/Bayer y el Estado</a>	Press release	23/10/2024		83	27	13	256	1085 (FR), 141 (FE), 55 (XI), 6 (XE)
<a href="#">Artist Gallery: Helen Day</a>	Web post	30/10/2024					43	122 (FR), 5 (FE), 52 (XI), 2 (XE)
<a href="#">Artist Gallery: Dudu Coelho</a>	Web post	05/11/2024					65	84 (FR), 1 (FE), 55 (XI), 3 (XE)
<a href="#">Artist Gallery: Lisolomzi Pikoli</a>	Web post	07/11/2024					33	68 (FR), 1 (FE), 94 (XI), 4 (XE)

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<u>Artist Gallery: Vicky-Lee Vermeulen</u>	Web post	12/11/2024					37	84 (FR), 1 (FE), 50 (XI), 1 (XE)
<u>Artist Gallery: Linzi Lewis</u>	Web post	20/11/2024					42	215 (FR), 6 (FE), 90 (XI), 6 (XE)
<u>Petition – Reckless endangerment: Hold South African government and chemical industry to account for deaths and serious illnesses from toxic pesticides on the farm and in food</u>	Petition	22/11/2024	Interview: <u>SAfm</u> , <u>SABC</u>				75	9033 (FR), 1731 (FE), 112 (XI), 6 (XE)
<u>Artist Gallery: Baynham Goredema</u>	Web post	02/12/2024					43	91 (FR), 7 (FE), 677 (XI), 37 (XE)
<u>Ban Terbufos and HHPs or face legal action Minister Steenhuisen, says civil society alliance</u>	Web post	05/12/2024	Mirror: <u>EnviroNews Nigeria</u>				174	115 (FR), 8 (FE), 69 (XI), 4 (XE)
<u>Letter of demand concerning the organophosphate Terbufos, addressed to Minister of Agriculture and The Registrar Act 36 of 1947</u>	Letter	05/12/2024	<u>South African Human Rights Commission</u> <u>Mail &amp; Guardian</u> <u>SAfm</u> <u>Radio Turf</u> <u>Newzroom Afrika</u> <u>Smile FM</u> <u>PowerFM</u> <u>Cape Times</u> <u>CapeTalk</u> <u>eNCA</u> Mirror of Cape Times: <u>MSN</u>					

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<u>Artist Gallery: Mzwandile Buthelezi</u>	Web post	06/12/2024					25	54 (FR), 5 (FE), 36 (XI), 2 (XE)
<u>One year later and no substantive response to our call for a review of 2,4-D</u>	Web post	06/12/2024					27	
<u>Artist Gallery: Isaac Zavale</u>	Web post	09/12/2024					39	116 (FR), 19 (FE), 45 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>Wishing you peace, joy, and hope this holiday season</u>	Web post	10/12/2024					72	21 (FR), 0 (FE), 21 (XI), 1 (XE)
<u>Artist Gallery: Adam Rumball</u>	Web post	11/12/2024					46	48 (FR), 2 (FE), 40 (XI), 0 (XE)

### General media coverage of ACB work on GM and biosafety and new technologies

Date	Article Title	Publication	Description
07/03/2024	State sets up task team to advise on water lettuce clogging Vaal River	<u>Mail and Guardian</u>	ACB's research on the impacts of glyphosate is quoted in this article which reports that the pesticide is being used on the invasive water lettuce clogging the Vaal River.
09/04/2024	En Afrique du Sud, les nouvelles techniques donnent des OGM !	<u>InfOGM</u>	Mariam Mayet is quoted on the South African Minister of Agriculture's confirmation that GMOs obtained by new techniques would be regulated as GMOs.
11/04/2024	Eswatini reviewing NBSAP to align with SADC	Eswatini Observer	The Eswatini Observer covers the meeting where Eswatini representatives review, update and align its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan with SADC. ACB's Mariam Mayet and Dr Stephen Greenberg were in attendance.
16/04/2024	Reject genetically modified organisms - CSOs urge citizens	<u>graphic.com.gh</u>	ACB is mentioned as a supporter in the fight against GMOs.

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09/05/2024	Mapping the Land Use Changes in Cultivation Areas of Maize and Soybean from 2006 to 2017 in the North West and Free State Provinces, South Africa	<a href="#">Agronomy</a>	ACB resources are used and referenced in this journal article.
10/05/2024	How crops are being disaster proofed	<a href="#">bbc.com</a>	ACB is mentioned as an advocate for seed management to remain with farmers, rather than companies that can patent seeds.
14/05/2024	Urgent need for international biosafety oversight and the right to say no, as gene drive mosquito projects expand in Africa	<a href="#">CBD's ECO</a>	The CBD Alliance includes ACB's Sabrina Masinjila's article on the urgent need for international biosafety oversight and the right to say no, as gene drive mosquito projects expand in Africa.
15/05/2024	Civil society urges precaution as un body considers risky new genetic technologies	<a href="#">Journal NG</a>	Coverage of the 26th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), mentioning Sabrina Masinjila as the anchor of the webinar.
21/06/2024	Assessing CRISPR/Cas9 potential in SDG3 attainment: malaria elimination—regulatory and community engagement landscape	<a href="#">Malaria Journal</a>	ACB and Gene Watch are mentioned as part of stakeholder and community engagers in this assessment.
22/06/2024	Is Uganda, Africa ready for emerging synthetic biology technologies, experts weigh in	<a href="#">New Vision</a>	This article makes reference to ACB and a report published in 2018 in which the organisation critiques and expresses biosafety concerns about gene drives, including the possibility of broader ecological, health, social and/or economic impacts.
5/07/2024	Farm workers demand transparency on pesticide regulations	<a href="#">Groundup</a>	The article covers a protest that took place on Friday 5 July which linked to a joint submission - signed by ACB - regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents as well as the DAs move to eliminate minimum wage which will have dire impact on agricultural workers.
8/07/2024	Farmworkers call for a ban on pesticides and reject the DA's Steenhuisen as Agriculture Minister	<a href="#">MSN</a>	The article covers a protest that took place the week before. The protest is linked to a joint submission - signed by ACB and other organisations - regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents as well as the DAs move to eliminate minimum wage which will have dire impact on agricultural workers.

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11/07/2024	Draft regulations on hazardous chemical agents leave farmworkers at risk	<a href="#">Mail and Guardian</a>	The article covers a coalition of farmworker trade unions and civil society organisations, which have rejected the department of employment and labour's draft regulations on hazardous chemical agents under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
14/07/2024	Durban residents aim for up to R1.5bn damages in aftermath of UPL chemical explosion	<a href="#">Daily Maverick</a>	Durban residents have filed papers in the high court seeking substantial financial damages against India's UPL agrochemical giant. The residents' claim was filed just hours before the provisions of the Prescription Act of 1969 threatened to extinguish avenues for legal redress for alleged damage to their health, livelihoods and wellbeing – including the potential of developing further significant health damage several years from now. This is a win for all organisations fighting for biosafety.
23/08/2024	Uruguayan firm wants to do field trials of GM wheat at Protea and Swellendam	Suidernuus/Southern Post (Print)	ACB's work on GMOs is cited in an article on Trigall Genetics, which is seeking permission to conduct trials of a wheat variety in Protea, Swellendam and Moorreesburg in the Western Cape and Hopetown in the Northern Cape on HB4 wheat.
04/09/2024	Afrika als Versuchslabor für umstrittene Gentechnik	<a href="#">Info Sperber</a>	In this article on how risk assessment and information on using genetically modified mosquitoes to eradicate malaria are lacking and concerns are brushed aside, ACB's <a href="#">report</a> Gene drive organisms: What Africa should know about actors, motives and threats to biodiversity and food systems is cited.
24/10/2024	Mariam interview with Gen-ethic Network	<a href="#">Gen-ethic Network</a>	Mariam interview on GM potatoes with Thomas Bless, Gen-ethic Network. The central theme of the interview would be the theft of data (biopiracy) from farmers in the Andes region and the attempts to integrate genetically modified plants through "development" projects in other countries.
09/11/2024	Govt Must Debate And Discuss With All Stakeholders Before Finalising Policy Document On GM Crops	<a href="#">Bizz Buzz</a>	Mariam Mayet's comments on the Bonus Eventus network are noted in this article by Devinder Sharma, a food policy analyst and an expert on issues related to the agriculture sector. The article looks at the history of GM crops and pesticides being pushed on developing country markets.
19/11/2024	Why GMOs do not serve interest of Nigerian people – Alliance	<a href="#">EnviroNews Nigeria</a>	ACB's court case win against the government and Bayer (Monsanto) is cited in this article which looks at the lack of adequate long term risk assessment with regards to GMOs in Nigeria.

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20/11/2024	Kenyan fight against GM crops heads to the appeal court	<a href="#">The Continent</a>	ACB's Mariam Mayet is quoted in an article on the legal fight against GM crops in Kenya. She notes that neighbouring countries have declared their opposition to GM seeds and crops.
21/11/2024	Why GM crops aren't feeding Africa	<a href="#">The Economist</a> (mirror: <a href="#">Farming Portal</a> )	Mariam Mayet was interviewed for this article on the "struggle" to bring GM crops to Africa.
21/11/2024	Practical steps to stay safe as another spaza shop killer snack in Diepkloof leaves 1 child dead, 3 critical	<a href="#">Now in SA</a>	This article links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.
21/11/2024	Growing urgency to strengthen SA regulations on harmful pesticides	<a href="#">Daily Maverick</a>	This article unpacks the double standards when it comes to highly hazardous pesticides. It cites the Pesticide Tribunal's press release on the use of terbufos in SA. And links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.
21/11/2024	Watch: Terbufos found at spaza shop linked to Siyabonga Mnisi's death	<a href="#">Swisherpost</a>	This article links to UnPoison's press release published on the ACB website which provides a list of highly hazardous pesticides still in use in South Africa.
24/11/2024	How judicial overreach blocks progress in South African agriculture	<a href="#">Mail &amp; Guardian</a>	This column by Eustace Davie, a Director and Board member of the Free Market Foundation, describes the Supreme Court win over the government and Bayer (Monsanto) as judicial overreach.
01/12/2024	Nigeria's GMO crisis exposed via public hearings	<a href="#">Msingi Afrika Magazine</a> (mirror: <a href="#">EnviroNews Nigeria</a> )	Rutendo Matinyarare writes on his experience of a hearing in Nigeria investigating the impact of GMOs on health and the environment. ACB's Supreme Court win is mentioned in the article and how the approval for the production of MON 87460 in Nigeria was probably rubber-stamped as well.
02/12/2024	Debate over: NPP, NDC accept GMO with caution	<a href="#">Graphic Online</a>	<p>This article notes that political parties NPP, NDC in Ghana are open to GMOs in the food system. Since April 2024, Ghana's National Biosafety Authority has approved the commercialisation of 14 new GMO crops.</p> <p>The Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organisational Development (CIKOD), however, is cited as cautioning the country from embracing it, referring to ACB's recent court case win at the Supreme Court.</p>

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30/12/2024	Biotech firm backed by Bill Gates wants to release GM mosquitoes in Australia	<a href="#">Tott News</a>	ACB's briefing paper, Oxitec's failed GM mosquito releases worldwide: Forewarnings for Africa and the Target Malaria project, is mentioned in this article reporting on Oxitec wanting to release genetically modified Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes in Queensland.

### Webinars/Podcasts by ACB on GM and biosafety

Date	Title	Description	Participants/ Downloads
26/04/2024	<a href="#">Introduction to Gene Drive mosquitoes</a>	The webinar provided context on the financialisation of malaria on the African continent, creating a basic understanding for civil society organisations on what gene drives are; where the experiments are being undertaken; the risks and adverse impacts of gene drive mosquitoes; and regulation of gene drives under the Cartagena Protocol for Biosafety.	16
15/05/2024	<a href="#">ACB's legacy podcast: celebrating 20 years of resistance against GMOs in Africa</a>	ACB's first podcast in the series was hosted by ACB research and advocacy officer Sabrina Masinjila, and features executive director and founder Mariam Mayet, and Haidee Swanby who worked for ACB for a decade.	63

### International, regional and national meetings attended/hosted by ACB on GM and biosafety

Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
04/04/2024	General stakeholder meeting in preparation for SBSTTA 26	SA government	Sabrina Masinjila	ACB made a general comment on Synthetic biology and Risk Assessment and the outcomes of an advisory body called the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (MAHTEG), stressing the need for a precautionary approach, and the need for regulation and policy for emerging trends identified by the MAHTEG but also stressed the need for voluntary guidance on risk assessment for engineered gene drive organisms.

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09/04/2024	SADC Member States validate Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan	UN FAO	Mariam Mayet Dr Stephen Greenberg	From 8 to 10 April 2024, more than 80 representatives from SADC Member States, environment and agriculture sectors, development partners and the private sector reviewed the revised draft SADC BSAP.
19/04/2024	Biosafety agenda items under the CBD	SA government	Sabrina Masinjila	ACB made a general comment on Synthetic biology and Risk Assessment and the outcomes of an advisory body called the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (MAHTEG), stressing the need for a precautionary approach, and the need for regulation and policy for emerging trends identified by the MAHTEG but also stressed the need for voluntary guidance on risk assessment for engineered gene drive organisms.
26/04/2024	Tanzania CSO discussion on gene drive mosquito project	ACB	Sabrina Masinjila	With the recent developments concerning the gene drive mosquito project in Tanzania, CSOs came together, under the leadership of Sabrina Masinjila, to draft letters to the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) a partner in the gene drive project, and the Vice President's Office which is the National Focal Point for Biosafety in the country.
13-18/05/2024	CBD's 26th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Convention on Biological Diversity Alliance	Sabrina Masinjila	ACB's Sabrina Masinjila attended the 26th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice under the CBD, held in Nairobi, Kenya from 13-18 May 2024.
10/06/2024	South-South Strategy Meeting on GM Wheat		Mariam Mayet	Many important issues were discussed including the work done appealing to 7 UN special Rapporteurs requesting intervention on GM Wheat and the widespread failure in biosafety governance. Groups from Argentina also shared some of the work done in resistance to the growing of at least 50 000 ha of GM wheat citing the need to protect indigenous communities from more agROTOXIN exposure.
11-12/06/2024	South-South Regional on New Breeding Technologies, Digital Tools, Farmers' Rights, Regulation: Implications for Smallholder Farmers' Seed and Food Systems	ACB	Mariam Mayet	ACB hosted a meeting on New Breeding Technologies, Digital Tools, Farmers' Rights, and Regulation: Implications for Smallholder Farmers' Seed and Food Systems attended by CSO partners and experts from 17 countries and 3 regions.

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28-30/06/2024	SA People's Tribunal on Agricultural Pesticides meeting		Mariam Mayet	ACB supported and attended the preparatory meeting held in Cape town, for the Peoples' Tribunal on Pesticides, which will principally be rooted in a struggle for social and environmental justice and the lived experience of impacted communities.
05/10/2024	Hidden patented GMOs to give agribusiness total control of the food chain	Reseau Semences Paysannes, SOL and the Maison des Semences Maralpines (MSPM) in collaboration with the European network Let's Liberate Diversity!	Mariam Mayet and Sabrina Masinjila	Hidden patented GMOs to give agribusiness total control of the food chain. The current reforms to GMO and seed regulations are designed above all to deceive farmers and consumers, forcing them to grow and consume only patented GMOs that they do not want. In the absence of traceability, the few multinationals that hold over 90% of the patents on new genetic modification techniques (GMTs) will be able to confiscate all cultivated seeds, including farmers' seeds, both by patenting their "native genes" and by genetic contamination. The speakers will present the current progress of these reforms in Europe, Africa, and worldwide, as well as farmers' and civil society resistance aimed at blocking their implementation to free cultivated biodiversity.

## PROGRAMME 3: CORPORATE EXPANSION

### Corporate expansion publications released

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<u>Rising UPF consumption deepens Africa's biodiversity, climate and pollution crises</u>	Factsheet	English	04/04/2024		3500	352	266		963 (FR), 2 (FS), 8 (FE), 101 (XI), 7 (XE)
<u>Rising UPF consumption in Africa will drive agricultural biodiversity loss further</u>	Factsheet	English	10/04/2024		3300	300	61		71 (FR), 4 (FE), 127 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>L'exploitation des inégalités socioéconomiques entraîne la consommation d'UPF et la malnutrition</u>	Factsheet	French	11/04/2024						
<u>A malnourished food system: Harmful impacts of ultra-processed food consumption on health and nutrition in Africa</u>	Factsheet	English	26/04/2024	Mirror: <a href="https://www.modernghana.com">modernghana.com</a>	3200	273	49		81 (FR), 2 (FE), 84 (XI)
<u>Shortcomings of current UPF regulatory approaches: Time to phase out UPF to attain a just agroecological future</u>	Factsheet	English	08/05/2024	Mirror: <a href="https://www.paepard.com">paepard.com</a>	3200	312	75		118 (FR), 1 (FS), 1 (FE), 68 (XI), 1 (XE)
<u>L'augmentation de la consommation d'UPF aggrave les crises de la biodiversité, du climat et de la pollution en Afrique</u>	Factsheet	French	20/05/2024		192	13	24		39 (FR), 3 (FE)

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<a href="#"><u>La consommation croissante d'UPF en Afrique va aggraver la perte de biodiversité agricole</u></a>	Factsheet	French	20/05/2024		192	13	24		39 (FR), 3 (FE)
<a href="#"><u>Un système alimentaire déficient : Impacts néfastes de la consommation d'aliments ultra-transformés sur la santé et la nutrition en Afrique</u></a>	Factsheet	French	04/06/2024		207	16	15		31 (FR), 2 (FE)
<a href="#"><u>Lacunes de la réglementation actuelle sur les aliments UPF</u></a>	Factsheet	French	04/06/2024		207	16	15		48 (FR), 1 (FE)
<a href="#"><u>Is Zambia's food system collapsing?</u></a>	Web post	English	18/07/2024					75	
<a href="#"><u>Zambia's collapsed food system</u></a>	Briefing paper	English	18/07/2024	Mention: <a href="#"><u>Kazi-Njema News</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Mail &amp; Guardian</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Africa Science</u></a> <a href="#"><u>The Continent</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Newsrider</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Counter Currents</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Afro-Conscious Media</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Msingi Afrika Magazine</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Velvet Classic</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Witness Radio</u></a> <a href="#"><u>8.9ha</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Agribusiness Zambia</u></a> <a href="#"><u>First Africa</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Guide</u></a>	1513	341	69		60 (FR), 2 (FE) / 51 (XI), 3 (XE)

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<u>Greenhouse gas emissions in the South African food system: Integrated and transformative responses required</u>	Briefing	English	25/11/2024	eNCA interview					

### General media coverage of ACB work on corporate expansion

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18/01/ 2024	Agriculture in a changing climate: we only have a future with agroecology	<u>Climate.Table (EN)</u>	Mariam Mayet wrote an op-ed for Table Media on how promoting climate-smart agriculture as a climate solution is misleading and noted that agroecology is essential if humanity wants to have a future on the planet.
23/01/ 2024	Landwirtschaft im Klimawandel: Nur mit Agrarökologie haben wir eine Zukunft	<u>Climate.Table (DE)</u>	Mariam Mayet wrote an op-ed for Table Media on how promoting climate-smart agriculture as a climate solution is misleading and noted that agroecology is essential if humanity wants to have a future on the planet.
06/03/2024	Western Climate Agenda Goes Against African Development	<u>Black Agenda Report</u> <u>(Mirror: CP Maine)</u>	This commentary by Aby L. Sène provides an overview of carbon and biodiversity offsets as an expansion of global capitalism under the western environmental agenda marshalled against development in Africa.
11/04/2024	Ultra-processed food, a “corporate diet”	<u>Nyeleni Newsletter no 55</u>	Nyeleni quotes and makes reference to a number of publications on the topic of UPF and its implications around the world.
30/07/2024	Regional Women’s FLEAT in Johannesburg: Empowering Women Faith Leaders in Environmental Advocacy	<u>SAFCEI</u>	SAFCEI article on its three-day in-person Regional Women’s Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) in Johannesburg. ACB’s Dr Stephen Greenberg is mentioned as having discussed Just Transitions in the Southern and East African food systems.

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03/08/2024	Mulheres na Luta pela Terra e Territórios contra o Neocolonialismo em África e no Caribe	<a href="#">Movimento Cívico Ar Puro</a>	In this blog, ACB's Mariam Mayet is mentioned as a prominent activist defending the rights of peasant women.
17/08/2024	African faith leaders demand reparations from Gates ending the harm of the green revolution	AFSA Mirror: <a href="#">Witness Radio</a> Mirror: <a href="#">SAFCEI</a> Mention: <a href="#">Rally against industrialized agriculture gains momentum</a>	In a press advisory with the details of a press conference as African faith leaders prepared to issue an open letter to the Gates Foundation demanding reparations for causing extensive damage to Africa's food systems with its aggressive push for industrialised agriculture, ACB's briefing paper on the collapse of Zambia's food system due to the FISP is mentioned.
28/08/2024	AGRA'S policy influence exposed: African faith leaders demand reparations from Gates Foundation	<a href="#">Farmers Review Africa</a> Mirror: <a href="#">Transition Studies</a>	Farmers Review Africa published an article following an AFSA press conference releasing its briefing paper revealing how AGRA is using its power to exert undue influence on local, national and continental policymaking. In the article, ACB's briefing paper on FISPs in Zambia is cited.
29/08/2024	AGRA on the spot over use of chemical fertilisers	<a href="#">People Daily</a>	People Daily published an article following an AFSA press conference releasing its briefing paper revealing how AGRA is using its power to exert undue influence on local, national and continental policymaking. The article quote's AFSA's Million Belay as mentioning ACB's briefing paper on FISPs in Zambia during the event.
02/09/2024	Why African groups want reparations from The Gates Foundation	<a href="#">Forbes</a> Mirror: <a href="#">Head Topics</a> Mirror: <a href="#">The Finanial News 24/7</a>	Mariam Mayet, in Tim Schwab's The Bill Gates Problem, is quoted in this article as having said that the Gates Foundation has mobilised so much funding and influence for an industrial model of agriculture, that it has crowded out alternatives.
25/09/2024	Instant noodles and 'garage' pies to disappear from SA's shelves?	<a href="#">The South African</a>  Mirror: <a href="#">MSN</a> , <a href="#">SA People News</a>	This article links to and mentions information included in ACB's UPF factsheet series.
14/10/2024	Africa fights rising hunger by looking to foods of the past	<a href="#">MIT Technology Review</a>	ACB's Sabrina Masinjila is quoted in an article on the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS) initiative featured on the MIT Technology Review website. She criticises the support of Bayer and raises concerns that VACS could open the door to multinational companies' use of African crops' genetic sequences for their own private interests or to develop varieties that demand application of expensive, environmentally damaging pesticides and fertilisers.

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23/10/2024	Biodiversity offsets and credits: “ecological impacts, land dispossession, loss of livelihoods and systematic violations of individual and collective rights of the affected communities”	<u>REDD-Monitor</u>	ACB is mentioned in this as one of the 200 organisations that signed on to a statement opposing biodiversity offsets and credits.
04/11/2024	Big Agriculture is watching critics, pesticides and GMO food	<u>Mail &amp; Guardian</u>	This article reveals more about an industrialised smear campaign, with big backing in the United States. The campaign wrote and distributed more than 3500 profiles on people and organisations who have been critical of GMOs and factory-made pesticides, branding them as being “opportunistic stakeholders” in a “protest industry”. Mariam Mayet, who was included on this list, was interviewed for the article.
13/11/2024	Invasion des aliments ultratransformés en Afrique	<u>FIAN Belgium</u>	Mariam Mayet contributed an article on the invasion of ultra-processed foods in Africa in FIAN Belgium's 8th edition of Beet The System!, its annual magazine tackling junk food. For the 8th edition, the magazine explores in depth the impact of the agri-food industry on food choices and how it imposes its fast-food and low-cost model.
13/11/2024	Briefing session with 11th Hour journalism/media partners	11th Hour Project	Mariam Mayet participated in this briefing session with the 11th Hour Project's journalism/media partners, providing a brief primer on the green revolution, what it is, who is driving this agenda and how have they managed to have so, as well as new horizons and trends for agro-industrialization on the continent.
23/12/2024	Why African Groups Want Reparations From The Gates Foundation	<u>Timebomb 2000</u>	This blog cites ACB's Mariam Mayet in Tim Schwab's The Bill Gates Problem calling out the Gates Foundation for mobilising so much funding and influence for an industrial model of agriculture, that it has crowded out alternatives.

Online broadcasting coverage/webinars/interviews featuring ACB’s work on corporate expansion

Date	Title of Webinar	Host Name	Description
14/06/2024	Conversations about Food and our Culture	Health of Mother Earth Foundation	Health of Mother Earth Foundation hosted a webinar, Conversations about Food and our Culture, Mariam Mayet was the keynote guest and speaker.

### International, regional and national meetings attended/hosted by ACB on corporate expansion

Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
12/03/2024	Meeting of the National Food and Nutrition Security Plan (NFNSP) Technical Working Committee	DALRRD	Dr Stephen Greenberg	Meeting hosted to discuss revisions to the National Food and Nutrition Security Plan 2018-23.
26-28/03/2024	Experts Meeting on False Solutions to the Biodiversity Crisis: Market-based Instruments that Financialise Nature	TWN	Sabrina Masinjila	Sabrina Masinjila participated in this meeting via Zoom. Several 'teach-in' sessions were dedicated to understanding financing for biodiversity including public and private investments, international finance, blended finance, bonds, debt for nature swaps, equity, and common but differentiated responsibilities, analysis of the strategy for resource mobilisation under Target 19 of the GBF, relevant and latest developments in the UNFCCC negotiations on market and non-market based approaches, the establishment and workings of the Task Force for Nature-Related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and critique of biodiversity markets and the impacts.
9-10/05/2024	Boosting NBSAPs through agroecology - Peer-to-peer exchange	Biovision	Sabrina Masinjila	The meeting aimed to discuss how to integrate the food systems approach through agroecology in the NBSAPs by focusing on country experiences and learnings through facilitated discussions among peers.
30-31/05/2024	Regional meeting: Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework	ACB	Sabrina Masinjila	The Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya (BIBA-K) and ACB hosted a regional meeting in Nairobi, bringing together a small group of civil society actors from Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania who are engaged in food systems, to build capacity, discuss, learn and share on the Global Biodiversity Framework and the key issues to consider for its implementation.
16-18/07/2024	Regional Women's Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT)	SAFCEI	Dr Stephen Greenberg	SAFCEI hosted a three-day in-person Regional Women's Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) in Johannesburg. It provided a platform for participants to discuss local environmental injustices and explore solutions from faith and gender-based perspectives. ACB's Dr Stephen Greenberg discussed Just Transitions in the Southern and East African food systems.

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04/10/2024	Patents on plants: implications for breeders, agricultural biodiversity & farmers' right - and possible solutions for Europe and Africa	Reseau Semences Paysannes, SOL and the Maison des Semences Maralpines (MSPM) in collaboration with the European network Let's Liberate Diversity!	Mariam Mayet and Sabrina Masinjila	Workshop on recent research on seed patents at the European Patent Office, concrete examples of how patents hinder breeders' freedom, and possible courses of action at national and international levels. In addition, from an African perspective, we will learn how this patent frenzy intersects with the evolving discourse on genome editing, including DSIs and large datasets, deregulation, and impacts on agricultural biodiversity, farmers' rights, and seed and food systems in Africa.
17/10/2024	National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop On Possible Measures For The Implementation Of The International Treaty On Plant Genetic Resources For Food And Agriculture	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)	Mariam Mayet	Mariam Mayet attended the stakeholder consultation on behalf of the ACB. Present were DALRRD staff, the Mopani Farmers' Association, and others from civil society. There were no industry representatives present. It was a focus group discussion with civil society. The intention was for DALRRD to make a presentation on key aspects of the Treaty ahead of SA's accession in order to receive our feedback.
21/10/2024-01/11/2024	2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference – CBD COP 16/CP MOP 11/NP-MOP 5	Secretariat: Convention on Biological Diversity	Sabrina Masinjila and Mariam Mayet	Mariam and Sabrina attended and participated in the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16) alongside other meetings under the UN Biodiversity Conference of the Conference of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilisation, in Cali, Colombia.