

# **ACB publications and media report**

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## PROGRAMME 1: GM AND BIOSAFETY

### GM and biosafety and new technologies publications released

Publication Title	Type	Publication date	Reposts/ reach	Mails sent	Mails opened	Mail clicks	Web view/ Downloads	FB Reach (FR) Share (FS) Engagement (FE) / X Impressions (XI) Engagement (XE)
<a href="#"><u>Ahead of SBSTTA 26, ACB reflects on need for strong regulatory framework for gene drive mosquitoes in Africa</u></a>	Blog	10/05/2024		3200	333	56	13	113 (FR), 1 (FS), 6 (FE) / 146 (XI), 3 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>ACB launches legacy podcast to celebrate 20 years of resistance against GMOs in Africa</u></a>	Web post	13/05/2024		3000	292	57	16	88 (FR), 2 (FS), 12 (FE) / 447 (XI), 13 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>GMOs: Two decades of laying out the facts</u></a>	Web post	15/05/2024					13	
<a href="#"><u>Stop the chemical war on the bodies of farm workers, farm dwellers and their children!</u></a>	Press release	5/07/2024						177 (FR), 7(FE)
<a href="#"><u>Submission regarding the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents</u></a>	Submission	5/07/2024						
<a href="#"><u>'Black Box' Biotechnology – Integration of artificial intelligence with synthetic biology</u></a>	Web post	03/09/2024	Mirror: <a href="#"><u>ETC Group Biosafety Information Centre</u></a>				569	96 (FR), 5 (FE), 747 (XI), 95 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>'Black Box' Biotechnology – Integration of artificial intelligence with synthetic biology</u></a>  (see below for Spanish and French version of this paper)	Briefing	03/09/2024	Mention: <a href="#"><u>The Analysis.news Global Political News</u></a>	1701	367	127		
<a href="#"><u>La caja negra de la biotecnología – Integración de la inteligencia artificial con la biología sintética</u></a>	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 Nature News</u> <u>Milling MEA</u> <u>Agence Ecofin</u> <u>GM Watch Review</u>					
<u>Perilous GM wheat to be grown in SA: transgenic crop plants increasingly given a biosafety-free pass</u>	Press release	30/09/2024		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</u> <u>snlibretransgenicos</u>	1666	586	183	4417	1920 (FR), 376 (FE), 327 (XI), 6 (XE)

			<a href="#">Norton Rose Fulbright</a> <a href="#">Farmer's Weekly</a> <a href="#">South Africa Today</a> <a href="#">GM Watch</a> <a href="#">Rutendo Speaks</a> <a href="#">Network24</a> <a href="#">The East African</a> <a href="#">Bulawayo 24 News</a> <a href="#">Politics Web</a> <a href="#">Bizcommunity</a> <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)
<a href="#">Artist Gallery: Vicky-Lee Vermeulen</a>	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> <u>Mirror of Cape Times</u> : <u>MSN</u>					
<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
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="#"><u>Agronomy</u></a>	ACB resources are used and referenced in this journal article.
10/05/2024	How crops are being disaster proofed	<a href="#"><u>bbc.com</u></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="#"><u>CBD's ECO</u></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="#"><u>Journal NG</u></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="#"><u>Malaria Journal</u></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="#"><u>New Vision</u></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="#"><u>Groundup</u></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="#"><u>MSN</u></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.
11/07/2024	Draft regulations on hazardous chemical agents leave farmworkers at risk	<a href="#"><u>Mail and Guardian</u></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="#"><u>Daily Maverick</u></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 Proteem 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 Proteem, 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="#"><u>Info Sperber</u></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="#"><u>report</u></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="#"><u>Gen-ethic Network</u></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="#"><u>Bizz Buzz</u></a>	Mariam Mayet's comments on the Bonus Eventus network are noted in this article by Devinder Sharmer, 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="#"><u>EnviroNews Nigeria</u></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.
20/11/2024	Kenyan fight against GM crops heads to the appeal court	<a href="#"><u>The Continent</u></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="#"><u>The Economist</u></a> (mirror: <a href="#"><u>Farming Portal</u></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="#"><u>Now in SA</u></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="#"><u>Daily Maverick</u></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>
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.
16/02/2025	South Africa: Public Notice For Application For Release Of Genetically Modified Maize, Comments Invited From The Public	<a href="#">Lumiere Charity</a>	This blog post covers Corteva's intention to submit an application for the general release of GM maize into SA's environment: TC1507 x MIR162 x NK603. ACB's court case against Monsanto/Bayer and the State is mentioned, as well as our previous objections against the general release of three 2,4-D GM maize varieties.

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

Date	Title	Description	Participants/ Downloads
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
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.
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 2: SEED SOVEREIGNTY

### Seed sovereignty publications released

Publication Title	Publication type	Publication date	Web views	FB reach (FR) engagement (FE) X impressions (XI) X engagement (XE)
<u>Kenya Seed Savers Network workshop on CBD and GBF</u>	Web post	03/10/2024	14	1279 (FR), 68 (FE), 70 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>International Farmer Seeds Gathering 2024</u>	Web post	30/10/2024	64	142 (FR), 8 (FE), 62 (XI), 9 (XE)

### General media coverage of ACB work on seed sovereignty

Date	Article Title	Publication	Description
03/03/2025	The Last Seed: A Reflection on Food Sovereignty and the Battle for Africa's Agricultural Future	<u>The Chanzo</u>	The Last Seed was screened in a session of the Friday Political Classes on February 28, 2025, at the opposition ACT Wazalendo party's HQ in Magomeni, Dar es Salaam. This article unpacks the insights of the documentary on issues of food and seed sovereignty, agroecology and the growing dominance of multinational corporations in Africa's agricultural landscape. ACB is mentioned among the CSOs which have, through grassroots mobilisation and policy advocacy, challenged attempts by multinational corporations to introduce restrictive seed regulations.

### International, regional and national meetings attended/hosted by ACB on seed sovereignty

Date	Title of meeting	Host Name	Attended by	Description
21/08/2024	AFSA seed conference keynote speech: History of seed regulations across the world/Africa	AFSA	Sabrina Masinjila	Sabrina Masinjila represented the ACB in AFSA's 3rd Pan African Seed Conference in Niamey, Niger. She presented a keynote speech on the history and implication on seed regulations on smallholder farmers and on FMSS which was delivered on the first day of the conference.

18-20/09/2024	Multi-stakeholder workshop on presentation of a model and policy brief and CBD	Seed Savers Network Kenya	Sabrina Masinjila	Sabrina Masinjila attended the Multi-stakeholder workshop on presentation of a model and policy brief and CBD in Gilgil, Kenya, hosted by the Seed Savers Network Kenya. She provided an introduction to the CBD and lead a plenary discussion on matters arising and key priorities from the NBSAPS.
3-5/10/2024	International Farmer Seeds Gathering	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	Mariam Mayet and Sabrina Masinjila attended and participated in the fourth edition of the International Farmer Seeds Gathering in Antibes, France. The meeting attracted more than 300 farmers, researchers, organisations and citizens from from 60 countries from 5 continents to discuss technical, environmental, social and economic issues involving preserving, multiplying and distribution of peasant seeds.
03/10/2024	Participatory Guarantee Systems Applied to Farmers' Seed Systems: an option for ensuring the quality of farmers' seeds put into circulation	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	Based on the sharing of different experiences of collective organisations on different continents, this workshop will seek to shed light on the quality assurance systems managed by farmers in peasant agroecology, which can serve as a lever for the recognition of peasant seed systems and the realisation of farmers' inalienable right to use, exchange and sell their seeds.
14-15/10/2024	Validation Workshop on the Study Findings and Policy Recommendations for Farmer Managed Seed Systems	African Union Commission - Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Blue Economy and Environment in collaboration with AUDA-NEPAD	Mariam Mayet	Mariam Mayet attended the meeting in Zambia to discuss the findings from a recent study on farmer-managed seed systems and to collaborate in formulating policy recommendations to support the future of these vital systems.
11-12/11/2024	Seed working group meeting	TABIO & Iles de Paix	Sabrina Masinjila	Sabrina Masinjila attended this seed working group meeting following an invitation from the Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity (TABIO) and Iles de Paix, the main organisers of the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to enhance members collective efforts towards sustainable food systems and effective advocacy. It included lots of capacity building in understanding critical issues

				on seed laws and policies, where processes are, opportunities for farmer-managed seed systems and crafting next steps for advocacy within Tanzania. ACB was tasked with presenting on UPOV 1991, what it is and what issues on advocacy to take forward in relation to farmers rights. In addition there was a huge discussion around GMOs and the current push for research in the country and next steps for the SWG.
13-15/05/2025	African PVP Workshop	ACB, ESAFF Uganda	Rutendo Chirape	ACB co-hosted and participated in a capacity-building workshop on Plant Variety Protection and Farmers' Rights in Entebbe, Uganda. Organised in partnership with the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) and APBREBES, the workshop brought together civil society organisations, smallholder farmers, and government representatives from both Anglophone and Francophone countries.

### PROGRAMME 3: CORPORATE EXPANSION

#### Corporate expansion publications released

Publication Title	Publication type	Lang	Date of publication	Reposts/Reach	Mails sent	Mails opened	Mail clicks	Web views	FB Reach (FR) Share (FS) Engagement (FE) / X Impressions (XI) Engagement (XE)
<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://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)
<u>La consommation croissante d'UPF en Afrique va aggraver la perte de biodiversité agricole</u>	Factsheet	French	20/05/2024		192	13	24		39 (FR), 3 (FE)

<u>Un systeme alimentaire deficien : Impacts nefastes de la consommation d'aliments ultra-transformes sur la santé et la nutrition en Afrique</u>	Factsheet	French	04/06/2024		207	16	15		31 (FR), 2 (FE)
<u>Lacunes de la réglementation actuelle sur les aliments UPF</u>	Factsheet	French	04/06/2024		207	16	15		48 (FR), 1 (FE)
<u>Is Zambia's food system collapsing?</u>	Web post	English	18/07/2024					75	
<u>Zambia's collapsed food system</u>	Briefing paper	English	18/07/2024	Mention: <u>Kazi-Njema News</u> <u>Mail &amp; Guardian</u> <u>Africa Science</u> <u>The Continent</u> <u>Newsrider</u> <u>Counter Currents</u> <u>Afro-Conscious Media</u> <u>Msingi Afrika</u> <u>Magazine</u> <u>Velvet Classic</u> <u>Witness Radio</u> <u>8.9ha</u> <u>Agribusiness Zambia</u> <u>First Africa Guide</u>	1513	341	69		60 (FR), 2 (FE) / 51 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>The decline of FISPs in Malawi – debt, corruption and hunger</u>	Web post	English	02/08/2024					117	
<u>The decline of FISPs in Malawi – debt, corruption and hunger</u>	Briefing paper	English	02/08/2024		1359	301	65		80 (FR), 2 (FE) / 227 (XI), 5 (XE)
<u>UPF in Africa synthesis briefing</u>	Factsheet	English	16/08/2024		1489	412	99		185 (FR), 1 (FE / 67 (XI), 1 (XE)
<u>Synthèse sur les UPF en Afrique</u>	Factsheet	French	22/08/2024		108	14	11		29 (FR), 1 (FE / 20 (XI)

<u>Harmful subsidies, debt and financing for biodiversity in Africa</u>	Web post	English	18/10/2024					160	139 (FR), 9 (FE), 143 (XI), 18 (XE)
<u>Harmful subsidies, debt and financing for biodiversity in Africa</u>	Briefing	English	18/10/2024	<u>CBDA ECO</u>	1669	615	228		
<u>Civil society coalition says: Heads must roll for Terbufos regulatory failure</u>	Press release	English	01/11/2024	Mirror: <u>Vuka.news</u>  Mention: <u>Mail and Guardian</u>				559	62 (FR), 6 (FE), 44 (XI), 2 (XE)
<u>Les subventions néfastes, la dette et le financement de la biodiversité en Afrique</u>	Web post	French	04/11/2024					26	43 (FR), 3 (FE), 32 (XI), 3 (XE)
<u>Les subventions néfastes, la dette et le financement de la biodiversité en Afrique</u>	Briefing	French	04/11/2024		197	32	2		
<u>Greenhouse gas emissions in the South African food system: Integrated and transformative responses required</u>	Web post	English	25/11/2024					50	90 (FR), 7 (FE), 87 (XI), 17 (XE)
<u>Greenhouse gas emissions in the South African food system: Integrated and transformative responses required</u>	Briefing	English	25/11/2024	<u>eNCA interview</u>					
<u>Media campaign highlights urgent need to ban Terbufos, HHPs</u>	Web post	English	16/01/2025					116	194 (FR), 2 (FS), 4 (FE), 36 (XI), 2 (XE)
<u>Food for Mzansi and CropLife's Palesa's Brave Discovery: A violation of Children's rights, rights protected under the Consumer Protection Act, and several Codes of conduct</u>	Complaint	English	28/01/2025		4452	1386	204		
<u>"Palesa's Brave Discovery" violates children's and consumers' rights</u>	Press release	English	30/01/2025					211	15608 (FR), 0 (FS), 137 (FE), 54 (XI), 2 (XE)

<a href="#"><u>Financing biodiversity in the face of capitalist extractivism and ecocide</u></a>	Web post	English	05/02/2025					61	254 (FR), 4 (FS), 9 (FE), 55 (XI), 0 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>Financing biodiversity in the face of capitalist extractivism and ecocide: Comments on the South African government's Biodiversity Finance Plan</u></a>	Briefing paper	English	05/02/2025		4176	1471	205		
<a href="#"><u>Highly hazardous pesticides and GMOs: SA government's legislative sleight of hand allows ongoing assault on our food system and people's health</u></a>	Objections	English	27/02/2025		4212	1555	868		
<a href="#"><u>On-going assaults on our food system and peoples' health</u></a>	Web post	English	03/03/2025					129	453 (FR), 5 (FS), 14 (FE), 614 (XI), 18 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>Pesticide poisons on farms, poisons in the streets: People's Tribunal puts government, agrarian feudalism on trial in South Africa</u></a>	Press release	English	18/03/2025	<a href="#"><u>IOL</u></a> <a href="#"><u>EWN</u></a> <a href="#"><u>EWN</u></a>	4566	1811	745	36	203 (FR), 11 (FE), 31 (XI), 3 (XE)
<a href="#"><u>South African People's Tribunal on AgroToxins exposes government's failure to protect right to life</u></a>	Web post	English	24/03/2025					42	136 (FR), 6 (FE), 36 (XI), 4 (XE)

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

Date	Article Title	Publication Name	Description
30/07/2024	Regional Women's FLEAT in Johannesburg: Empowering Women Faith Leaders in Environmental Advocacy	<a href="#"><u>SAFCEI</u></a>	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.
03/08/2024	Mulheres na Luta pela Terra e Territórios contra o Neocolonialismo em África e no Caribe	<a href="#"><u>Movimento Cívico Ar Puro</u></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	<a href="#">AFSA</a> 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, 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.
23/10/2024	Biodiversity offsets and credits: "ecological impacts, land dispossession, loss of livelihoods and systematic violations of	<a href="#">REDD-Monitor</a>	ACB is mentioned in this as one of the 200 organisations that signed on to a statement opposing biodiversity offsets and credits.



	individual and collective rights of the affected communities"		
04/11/2024	Big Agriculture is watching critics, pesticides and GMO food	<a href="#"><u>Mail &amp; Guardian</u></a>	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	<a href="#"><u>FIAN Belgium</u></a>	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	<a href="#"><u>Timebomb 2000</u></a>	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.
24/02/2025	Call for ban on lethal pesticide after child deaths	<a href="#"><u>IOL</u></a>	This article covers the South African People's Tribunal on AgroToxins' work leading up to the Tribunal, in particular its letter of demand to Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen to ban Terbufos immediately.
21/03/2025	Farm workers challenge government over agrotoxins: Colette Solomon weighs in	<a href="#"><u>SABC News</u></a>	SABC News covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing coalition partner WFP.
22/03/2025	Calls for govt to protect farm workers	<a href="#"><u>Newzroom Afrika</u></a>	Newzroom Afrika covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing coalition partner WFP.
24/03/2025	Agrotoxin tribunal   Pesticides health risks for farm workers and communities	<a href="#"><u>eNCA</u></a>	eNCA covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing ACB's Mariam Mayet.
30/03/2025	GNU ministers snub tribunal on pesticides killing pupils	<a href="#"><u>Sunday World</u></a>	This article highlights that while several ministers were invited to attend the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, none attended this important event.
01/04/2025	A fight for justice — reflections on the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins	<a href="#"><u>Daily Maverick</u></a>	In this column, Refiloe Joala of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation describes the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins as both a powerful indictment and a call to action for the immediate banning of highly hazardous pesticides in South Africa.
06/04/2025	Agroecology: A policy imperative for sustainable and resilient food systems in SADC	<a href="#"><u>MSN</u></a>	In this article in agroecology in the SADC region, the African Centre for Biodiversity is mentioned as having been instrumental in promoting seed sovereignty and farmer-led research.

06/04/2025	Dying for a glass of wine? South African farm workers fight EU's 'toxic trade' in pesticides	<a href="#">Euro News</a>	Euro News reports on the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, referring to the European double standards of exporting pesticides to South Africa that are banned in that region.
07/04/2025	South African farm workers demand an end to Europe's toxic pesticide exports	<a href="#">Africa Sustainability Matters</a>	Africa Sustainability Matters reports on the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, referring to the European double standards of exporting pesticides to South Africa that are banned in that region.
08/04/2025	US cancels visas for South Sudanese nationals	<a href="#">BBC Focus on Africa</a>	This podcast features a segment on the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins. Women on Farms' Kara Mackay provides some background on the event, highlighting the plight of farm workers and dwellers and those living in surrounding communities.
10/04/2025	Tribunal: Farm workers slam the use of pesticides	<a href="#">Stellenbosch Media Forum</a>	This article covers the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins.
11/04/2025	Calls for bans on certain pesticides	<a href="#">Newzroom Afrika</a>	Newzroom Afrika covers some of the issues unpacked by the South African People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, interviewing Tribunal coordinator Haidee Swanby. A key issue is that spaza shops are being scapegoated, whereas the main issue is government regulatory failure.
17/04/2025	Spilling Europe's Dirty Secrets: Uncorking the Toxic Trade in Banned Pesticides	<a href="#">ARC2020</a>	ARC 2020 attended and covers the People's Tribunal on Agrottoxins, unpacking Europe's role in the continued use of hazardous pesticides in South Africa.
22/04/2025	The Gates Foundation's VS Kenya's People	<a href="#">People Power with Shabnam Palesa Mohamed</a>	In this web post, criticising the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its overreach in terms of local autonomy, agricultural policies, and public health initiatives, particularly in Kenya and South Africa, ACB is mentioned as being critical of the introduction of GM crops in Africa as they create a cycle of debt and dependency, stripping local farmers of their autonomy and control over agricultural practices. The Supreme Court case win is also mentioned.
25/04/2025	The GMO Debate: A Blessing or a Time Bomb?	<a href="#">Mfalmebits</a>	In this blog post highlighting critical concerns around the introduction of GMO crops in Africa, ACB is mentioned as one of the civil society organisations advocating for a more cautious approach, promoting agroecological farming methods and the preservation of Africa's rich genetic heritage.

### 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
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.
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 DSI 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.
22-23/02/2025	SA People's Tribunal on Agrotoxins prep meeting	ACB, TCOE, WFP, GroundWork, CSAAWU, SDCEA, Khanyisa	Mariam Mayet Rutendo Chirape Sindy Peters	ACB supported and attended the preparatory meeting held in Cape Town for the Peoples' Tribunal on Pesticides attended by affected farm workers and communities and partner organisations.
5-9/03/2025	AFSA Shifting Financial Power meeting	AFSA	Dr Stephen Greenberg	Three-day AFSA workshop on shifting financial power in the agri-food system. The focus was on financial flows to industrial agriculture and ways of lobbying for redirecting these to agroecology.
12-13/03/2025	WWF NDCs and the food system meeting	WWF	Dr Stephen Greenberg	Two-day meeting to consider South Africa's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in relation to the food system, in the lead-up to the development of the next NDC which goes to 2035.
21-23/03/2025	South African People's Tribunal on Agrotoxins	ACB, TCOE, WFP, GroundWork, CSAAWU, SDCEA, Khanyisa	Mariam Mayet Rutendo Chirape Sindy Peters Deidre May Dr Stephen Greenberg	The South African People's Tribunal on Agrotoxins was led by the lived experiences of farm workers and dwellers on South Africa's industrial farms, community members affected by the UPL chemical warehouse fire, and expert testimony from academics, researchers, and support organisations. These testimonies exposed the normalisation that underpins not only the use of agrotoxins in South Africa, but also the impacts on farm workers, society, and the environment.