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AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS RESOLVE ON POLITICAL FINANCE TRANSPARENCY TO SHAPE THE CONTINENT'S DEMOCRATIC FUTURE

Confronting Challenges to Forge Democratic Resilience in Africa:

The two-day virtual conference on "**Money in Politics in Africa**" convened by [the Alliance for Finance Monitoring \(ACFIM\)](#) on August 30-31, 2023, has birthed the **African Political Finance Transparency Initiative (AFRI-PTI)** to coordinate practitioners, experts, and stakeholders for the advancement of transparency in the funding of political parties and candidatures for elected public office. The conference whose theme was "**Campaign Finance Transparency**", gathered over 150 dedicated participants across Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

AFRI-PTI: A Vision for Change:

The AFRI-PTI emerges as a visionary coalition with a collective resolution to confront the opaque veil shrouding political finance – a veil that has smothered democratic vibrancy and facilitated the rise of political corruption. AFRI-PTI aims to confront the unchecked flow of finances in politics which is escalating the cost of governance, deepening the chasm between the powerful and the powerless, and eroding the foundation of trust upon which democratic institutions stand. It is a proactive step toward dismantling the barriers to transparent governance, preventing corruption, and fortifying trust in our public institutions.

ACFIM to lead the AFRI-PTI:

ACFIM is poised to lead the AFRI-PTI, advocating for the African Union to establish continental standards that guarantee transparency in financing political parties and candidates for electoral purposes. The Initiative will zero in on critical areas: 1) Full disclosure of sources of campaign financing for political parties and candidates; 2) Curtailing anonymous and foreign influences; 3) Establishing limits to private donations; and 4) Reinforcing effective disclosure, oversight, and reporting protocols.

Mobilizing for a Democratic Renaissance:

AFRI-PTI will ignite a widespread public awareness campaign, elucidating the pernicious impact of unregulated political finance on governance and daily life. We will dismantle the stronghold of political finance obscurity by empowering citizens with knowledge, making transparent political financing an unassailable public mandate.

An Invincible Alliance for Change

We stand at a critical juncture where the integrity of our elections and the health of our democracies are imperiled by the unchecked influence of big money in elections. The AFRI-PTI, calls for unwavering vigilance and action of those mandated to do so. The integrity of our elections and the essence of our democracy are at stake. We must rise, united in our diversity, to instill a new era of accountability and transparency. Our democratic future depends on it.

Next Steps:

AFRI-PTI and its allies call upon civil society, stakeholders, and every African citizen to unite in this significant movement. The integrity of our elections and the essence of our democracy are at stake.

Conference partners:

The conference was co-convened by the [African Election Observers Network \(AfEONet\)](#), [Eastern and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network \(EHORN\)](#), [Christian Churches Monitoring Group \(CCMG-Zambia\)](#), [Center for Democratic Development \(CDD-Ghana\)](#), and [Gambia Participates](#).

Participating Organisations:

Participating Organisations included: [Center for Constitutional Governance \(CCG-Uganda\)](#), [Transparency International Kenya](#), [Transparency International Zambia](#), [Transparency International Zimbabwe](#), [Transparency International Madagascar](#), [Justice Development and Peace Makers -Nigeria](#), [Centre for Young Leaders in Africa](#), [Research on Poverty Alleviation \(REPOA\)-Tanzania](#), [Youth Partnership Countrywide](#), [Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa](#), [Alliance for Change and Transparent Party - Tanzania](#), [Citizens Coalition for Change \(CCC\) – Zimbabwe](#), [Dialogue and Research Initiative Action for Peace, \(INDIGO\)-Cote D'Ivoire](#), [Centre for Research and Policy Development-Gambia](#), [Community Media Network \(CoMNet\) – Sierra Leone](#), [Election Observation Group \(ELOG\)-Kenya](#), [Public Policy Institute \(PPI\)-Uganda](#), [Akina Mama wa Africa \(AMWA\)](#), [African Centre for International Law and Accountability](#), and [Ligue Congolaise De Lutte Contre La Corruption \(LICOCO\)-Democratic Republic of Congo](#).

About ACFIM:

ACFIM, the Alliance for Finance Monitoring, stands at the forefront of advocating for transparency in financing political parties and election campaigns in Africa. As a leading political finance watchdog, ACFIM champions the fight against the corrupting influence of unregulated finance in politics, laying the cornerstone for a future where every voice is heard, and every leader is accountable.

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