

# EXPERTS MEETING

## Senegal's debt crisis in a global perspective

May **11** 2026

King Fahd Palace  
Dakar

### AGENDA

#### 09.00 - 10.00: Welcome and registration

#### 10.00 - 11.00:

- Welcome message by the International Development Economics Associates - Africa Network (IDAN) by Charles Abugre, Executive Director of the International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs).
- Official opening by Mr. El Malick Ndiaye, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Senegal.

11.00 - 11.30



Coffee break

#### 11.30 - 13.00: Debt restructuring experiences in Africa

**Speakers:** Marieme Toure (IDEAs), Hakim ben Hammouda (former Minister of Economy and Finance, Tunisia) and Nii Moi Thompson (Chairman of the National Development Planning Commission, NDPC).

**Chair:** David Adler (Progressive International)

13.00 - 14.00



Lunch break

**14.00 - 15.00:** What lessons can we learn from Debt restructuring experiences in Africa?

**Speakers:** Masini Ichwara (Director General, Economic Planning, National Treasury, Kenya), Grieve Chelwa (Zambian Economist, The Africa Institute), Jean-François Ponsot (Full Professor of Economics, Univ. of Grenoble Alpes).

**Chair:** Yungong Theophilus Jong (Afrodad)

**15.00-16.00:** Debt restructuring experiences in Asia and China as a major bilateral creditor.

**Speakers:** Ahilan Kadirgamar (University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka), Farwa Sial (IDEAs, Pakistan), Yan Liang (Professor of Economics, Willamette University).

**Chair:** Jerome Phelps (Debt Justice)

**16.30 - 17:00**



**Coffee break**

**17:00 - 18:00:** Alternatives to the IMF and World Bank's Debt Sustainability Approach

**Speakers:** Christina Laskaridis (Open University, UK), Souleymane Bah (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, SIA Dynamics), Jacob Assa (New School for Social Research).

**Chair:** Ahilan Kadirgamar (University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka)

**Dinner Lecture:** Martin Abeles – Debt Restructuring under the IMF aegis - Lessons from Argentina and Ecuador.

**Chair:** Isaac Abotebuno Akolgo (IDEAs, Ghana)



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