



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **Zimbabwe Journal of Applied Sciences**

#### **Special Issue on:**

#### **Addressing the Debt Crisis in Africa through Decolonising the Global Financial Architecture: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

Zimbabwe Journal of Applied Sciences is pleased to announce a Special Issue themed '*Addressing the Debt Crisis in Africa through Decolonising the Global Financial Architecture: An Interdisciplinary Approach*'. This Special Issue aims to publish papers that address the theoretical and practical questions that are critical to the resolution of debt conundrum in Africa and the rest of the Global South. Today, over 20 countries in Africa are in or at risk of debt distress including Burundi, Ghana, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. These countries are unable to discharge their developmental responsibilities including the provisioning of basic health, education, water and sanitation largely because of the external debt burden. The global financial architecture, as championed by the Global North and its juridical economic and financial institutions such as the World Bank and IMF, has been implicated in the debilitating debt problem in Africa. Instead of resolving the problem, the current global financial architecture has served to perpetuate debt slavery on the continent. As such, this Special Issue is calling for papers that will not only address the depth of the debt crisis but also suggest how the global financial architecture can be decolonised in order to serve the development aspirations of African countries. Contributors may address the following themes:

- Genealogies of sovereign debt crisis in Africa
- Debt colonialism
- Creditor-debtor relations
- Role of international credit rating agencies in aggravating debt crisis
- Implications of debt crisis on social and economic sectors
- Debt transparency and debt justice
- Sovereign debt restructuring framework
- Country studies of debt restructuring processes (especially Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI)
- G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the DSSI
- China's role in restructuring debt crisis in Africa
- Decolonising global financial architecture
- Domestic Resource Mobilisation as an Antidote to Debt Slavery

## **Submission Guidelines**

- Abstracts should be 250 words.
- Articles should be between 5000 and 5500 words.
- Referencing Style should be APA.
- No page fees are expected.

## **Important dates**

- Abstract Deadline: 30 July 2024
- Abstract Feedback :7 August 2024
- Article Submission: 30 September 2024
- Expected Publication: 30 November 2024

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