

SOUTH AFRICA

KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG



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KONRAD ADENAUER (1876–1967) AND THE FOUNDATION



KAS Head Office in Berlin



KAS Academy in Berlin



KAS Head Office in Sankt Augustin

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) bears the name of one of Germany's most outstanding post-World War II political figures. Konrad Adenauer was the first Chancellor (1949–1963) of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Adenauer's historic achievements include his contribution to the reconstruction of Germany after WWII, the strengthening of democracy and the integration of the Federal Republic of Germany into the community of free states. Adenauer's name is also closely associated with efforts to unify Europe and to reconcile Germany and France. As one of the co-founders of Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU)

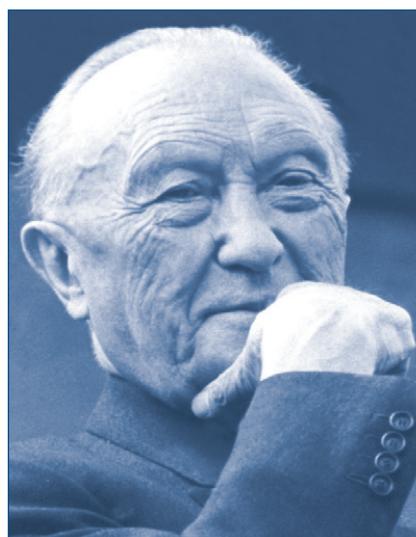
party, Konrad Adenauer provided the key impetus to its development. The CDU's intellectual and political roots embody resistance to dictatorships, a regard for Christian values and social ethics, a humanitarian *operandi* and the liberal tradition of European enlightenment.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung was established in 1956 as an independent and non-profitmaking German Foundation, guided by the values of the CDU. The Foundation focuses on consolidating democracy, the unification of Europe and the strengthening of transatlantic relations, as well as on development cooperation.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is based in Berlin and in Sankt Augustin near Bonn. The Foundation runs a wide network of educational centres countrywide and some 100 offices abroad manage projects in more than 120 countries.

KAS activities include:

- Political Education And Training
- Policy Research and Consultancy
- Scholarships Programmes
- International Cooperation and Dialogue
- Research and Publications



Konrad Adenauer

INTERNATIONAL WORK

COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE

Isolation and segregation are outdated concepts in the new globalised world order. Political conflicts are not contained by international borders: what happens in the Middle East, Central Africa or China affects us all. The recent resurgence of political conflicts and new migration flows bear testimony to this.

In times of globalisation, political and economic systems are becoming increasingly interdependent. The most important worldwide concerns that call for our close attention include safeguarding peace and freedom, consolidating democracy, combating poverty and preserving our natural basis of subsistence for future generations. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is convinced that the sheer multitude of these challenges can only be met properly through the use of recognised means of international cooperation.

For more than 50 years, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has been cooperating with partners worldwide. About 70 Foundation representatives manage some 200 programmes in more than 120 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and the Middle East. Partners abroad include political parties, parliaments, governments, education and research institutes, universities, civil society organisations, industry confederations and trade unions, youth, women and environmental organisations as well as the media.



All projects of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung serve a similar purpose, that is, to promote democracy, to develop and improve understanding across national and cultural borders, to provide assistance geared at 'self-help' and to alleviate the root causes of poverty and environmental destruction.

OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The first representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung arrived in South Africa in April 1982. His arrival was the result of a ground-breaking decision to cooperate with political parties and civil society organisations from within the country.

In the first years, the work of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung was aimed at promoting and strengthening democratic structures in preparation for the post Apartheid era.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's Johannesburg office was opened in 1991 with the objective of assisting the country in overcoming its apartheid legacy and to promote democracy. From Johannesburg, the Foundation manages various projects throughout South Africa and the sub-Saharan region.



KAS Office in Johannesburg

The Cape Town Liaison Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung was opened in May 2002 and is a short walk away from the Parliament. This location provides ample opportunity for both organisations to contribute significantly to the strengthening of the country's democracy.

The KAS Liaison Office maintains a visible presence in civil society by liaising directly with political partners and carrying out various training programmes, capacity-building initiatives in and public discussions on current policy issues. It also keeps its finger on the pulse of political developments in South Africa's legislative capital.



The Democracy Development Program (DDP) was founded in 1993 and has been working together with KAS from its Durban offices ever since.

The DDP is committed to the continuation of a stable multiparty democracy in South Africa. The DDP provides ongoing initiatives to all political parties and community-based organisations that share its vision of democracy.

The DDP's objectives are reached through various activities. Training programmes encompass a variety of topics, from leadership and negotiation skills to the empowerment of women. The DDP also facilitates political forums, providing the backdrop for healthy debate and discussion on issues affecting South Africa's developing democracy.

The DDP is affiliated to various organisations that pursue similar goals. DDP is a member organisation of the Open Government Network (OGP), the Anti-Racism Network South Africa and a founding member of the KZN Civil-Society Coalition (KZNCSC).

THE DEMOCRACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (DDP)



PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994 kicked off a unique transformation process that can serve as a model for other African countries.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has supported and fostered this process from the very beginning through political dialogue, political education and training as well as through intensive research on which future projects and activities are based.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung made an essential contribution to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) process by actively encouraging the sharing of powers in a decentralised system and the promotion of diversity in unity. Constitutional development and the role of the Constitutional Court remain an important part of the KAS political dialogue today.

Political parties are indispensable for democratic societies. In the case of South Africa, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung sees its role in promoting all

forces – such as political institutions and civil society organisations – which share the fundamental convictions of the Christian Democratic Movement and serve as control mechanisms in this young democracy.

With its head office in Johannesburg and a liaison office in Cape Town, KAS South Africa is well positioned to roll out its activities countrywide in close cooperation with local partners, such as think tanks, government institutions, civil society organisations and universities.

The Foundation focuses on the following key areas:

- Good Governance and the Rule of Law
- Multi-party Democracy & Public Participation
- International Dialogue & Regional Integration
- Social Market Economy & Sustainable Development
- Energy Security & Climate Change
- Value-based Decision-making & Social Cohesion



Programmes and activities of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung are focused on the real political challenges in the South African society. What does this mean in concrete terms? The liberal constitution is the most important guarantee for a young democracy. The separation of powers, the three sphere system, and especially the role of provinces, the independence of the Chapter-9-Institutions and the cohesion of the South African society with its diversity are core elements of our programmes.

Political pluralism and competition between value based political parties is a need of any democratic system. This approach requires a legal framework creating optimised conditions for a multi-party system. Our foundation strives to strengthen political parties and to create a strong political party system. Promoting Democracy, Good Governance and the Rule of Law in South Africa are the overall objectives of KAS activities and projects.

Decentralized societies are based on a strong local government and a vibrant civil society. This is where most ordinary citizens meet politics and politicians. One of the foundation's main aims is to strengthen a participative political culture by offering opportunities for open dialogue.

Other areas we focus on are environmental issues and climate change, the social and economic system, regional integration process and South-South cooperation initiatives. These key themes are addressed by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in seminars, workshops, round table discussions or exchange programmes mostly organized in close cooperation with local partners.

The Foundation's activities have a long term approach. Their ultimate aim is to have an impact on policy makers, to build capacity and to be sustainable.



THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SAIIA)



The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) is an independent, non-government, foreign policy think tank that seeks to provide input into policy development. SAIIA produces a large volume of African-generated research and analysis that provides local and regional decision-makers with independent, evidence-based options for Africa's future development. SAIIA also provides an open platform to help bridge the gap between the academic knowledge and policy communities while creating opportunities for public engagement and the facilitation of discussions between a wide variety of stakeholders.

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation has been working together with SAIIA for over 17 years. Past cooperation with SAIIA includes collaboration on Germany's Outreach-5 dialogues, analyses of South Africa's Africa Policy, the foreign policy of key African states in the stabilisation and development of their sub-regions, and the investment environment in Africa. SAIIA also annually hosts KAS-funded post graduate scholars from across the region while they are completing their Masters studies.

All SAIIA's findings are made available freely in the form of publications, policy briefs, videos, articles, workshops and conferences on SAIIA's website. Please see:

www.saiia.org.za

The consequences of climate change have a negative impact as they fundamentally threaten the development opportunities of Sub-Saharan Africa. Solutions must be found at all levels and a holistic approach is needed to underline the range of diversity of sustainability. Faced with these challenges, cross-border cooperation and coordination processes are of particular importance. One of the core objectives of the work of the KAS is the improvement of the political and social framework for a sustainable, climate-friendly and resilient development.

KAS with its regional project on energy and climate security in Sub-Saharan Africa located in Yaoundé/Cameroun would like to contribute to raising awareness about the link between climate change and economic development and thus contribute to the design of a growth-enhancing framework. With its activities KAS plans to contribute to improving the political and social frameworks in the project countries for an environmentally sustainable development. In particular, decision makers and opinion leaders from politics, business and civil society should be well informed about the consequences of climate change as well as positive effects of climate-friendly policies so that these are taken into consideration when it comes to decision making. KAS aims at supporting selected political and economic decision makers in developing strategies for environmentally sustainable development.

www.kas.de/climate-energy-africa

PROGRAMME ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE SECURITY FOR SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

THE KAS MEDIA PROGRAMME FOR SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

KAS Media Africa was established in 2002 as part of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's global media programme. It is active in more than 15 countries in the region. The programme's goal is the development of an independent media that reports freely, fairly and critically, acting as the watchdogs in democratic societies. Freedom of expression is the main condition to reach this goal, as well as trained and skilled journalists who are supported by a strong network both nationally and internationally.

KAS Media Africa believes that education on political and judicial frameworks, sustainable work in the press and media law are crucial to facilitate the process of democratisation. The programme also encourages political protagonists to uphold the concept of media freedom and to see journalists as partners in a democratic system.

Important focus areas of the programme are the opportunities and challenges that result from the fast growing internet access on

the continent. KAS Media Africa works with bloggers, publishers and digital law experts to make the digital space a place of respectful debate, freedom of expression and business opportunities for media houses. Furthermore, the Media Programme publishes resources for media law, training of journalism trainers, investigative reporting and other areas. KAS Media Africa shares offices in Johannesburg with the KAS Country Programme.

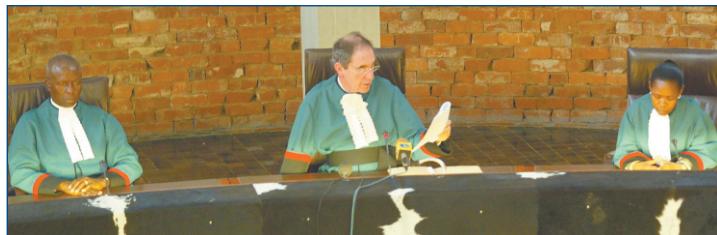
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THE RULE OF LAW PROGRAMME FOR SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

The objective of the regional Rule of Law Programme is to contribute to the development and strengthening of effective legal systems which conform to the requirements of rule of law. These are also considered to be prerequisites for the development of democracy in the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa. Complementing the work of the country programmes in the field of rule of law, the Rule of Law Programme aims at further strengthening the results in the individual countries and the AU through networking and the debate of sometimes sensitive problems on a regional and continental level.

The programme works on the core areas of Independence of the Judiciary and Constitutionalism. These are essential for the political – and therefore economic and social – development of the continent.



Constitutional Court Judges

Picture: *The Star* newspaper

In this context the programme cooperates as well with regional courts like the East African Court of Justice, the Court of the Southern African Development Community and the African Court on Human and People's Rights.

The programme also strives to promote regional integration in Africa. Regional integration provides the opportunity to streamline and strengthen different reform initiatives while creating Rule-of-Law structures in the respective regions. The Rule of Law Programme is based in Nairobi, Kenya.

www.kas.de/rspcaa

KAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME IN SOUTH AFRICA

KAS in partnership with the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) offers an annual scholarship programme for talented young graduates in the field of political sciences, international relations, law, economics, sociology and journalism. Scholars are expected to share the values of the foundation and to be actively engaged in society before and after the completion of their studies. Successful candidates are studying their Master's degree and simultaneously working as an intern at SAIIA.

The impressive career paths of former scholarship holders demonstrate that the combination of theory and practical work experience equip students with much sought after skills and improve their chances on the job market considerably.

Annual follow-up workshops for former and current scholars provide further training, stimulate debate on political or socioeconomic issues and ultimately aim to develop a network of expertise in South Africa as well as the region.



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The great wooden entrance doors at the Constitutional Court,
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