

## **COMPETITIVENESS IN THE FIELD OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION By KAS NAIROBI**

The office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Nairobi organised a one day workshop for its partners on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Eastland Hotel, Nairobi. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the partners to the new guidelines as expected of them from the KAS Head office in Berlin. It also served as a follow up brief on the external evaluation of the country office, by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The workshop dwelt on the new accounting systems, orientation, and the goals and objectives of KAS as expected of its Kenyan partners.

Members present were taken through the main aspects of the accounting software and the main goals and objectives of KAS.

The main speakers were the Country Director, Dr. Dümmel, and the KAS programme officer Mrs. Iris Karanja. In attendance was Prof. Roschmann of the Rule of Law Programme Sub-Sahara Africa, also based in the KAS office, Nairobi and other staff members.

KAS partners present gave a brief introduction of the activities they have been working on in partnership with KAS-Nairobi and shared the same with the others present.

Dr. Karsten Dümmel briefed the participants on the work of KAS and its international engagement. He took the opportunity to inform members that the head quarter in Berlin requests all its foreign offices to send in proposals for an invited visit to Germany from their partners and ten proposals would be picked for realization. It emerged that some of the partners present had been invited to such a study tour.

Members present were also taken through the various accounting forms, and how to do an activity proposal including the program which must at all times reflect the KAS logo and details as well as the venue addresses in a clear format giving details of other people who are involved in making the seminar or workshop a success. In areas where participants could not understand clearly, it was agreed they can visit the KAS office at their opportune time, though proposals should be presented in time due to time-lines and schedules in place.

It was incumbent upon the partners to help the office in making the work a success and show signs of improvement. It was regrettable that previous budgetary usage was so much allocated to publications rather than seminar or workshop activities. To bring the audience into light, among the 86 KAS offices, between 2% and 5% was the allocation for publications and the rest was used in activities. In the case of Nairobi, it was alarming to report that 65% of the funds were budgeted for publications leaving a very small percentage to activities. To prevent this, it was agreed KAS Nairobi has to put more effort and fit in the new guidelines. This is expected to be a combined effort and understanding between partners and KAS. Towards this effort, it was reported that those partners dealing with publications would have to wait for the evaluation report from the Germany Ministry of Economic Cooperation for a way forward. In the meantime, KAS Nairobi would be willing to receive proposals for seminars as agreed.

Mrs. Iris Karanja took the participants through the various goals and objectives for the current year as well as for the next three years (2014-2016). It emerged that since the Kenyan political parties tend to have a very short life span, that is, they are usually formed during and towards the elections year; KAS was currently not in a position to have a direct agenda and funding for them. Therefore it was not possible to work on that line.

During the meeting, partners were informed about the EM-Planning which was explained as an activity planning that shall involve the KAS office alone but partners can be invited

as speakers or participants in their personal capacities. One of such activities is a new concept brought in and working in different KAS offices as initiated by Dr. Dümmel, referred to as KAS Cine Club. This is a movie-generated workshop with all the aspects of a workshop and conducted once a month with an invited audience. Plans are underway to have the first movie shown by the end of February. The content material of the movies shall be purely Kenyan or to an extent African themed movies. The expected outcome is having a discussion around the subject matter of the movie. Venues would depend on the growing demand and number of expected participants which includes various artists, invited guests, partners, school and university students, and the general public.

By the end of the seminar, it was expected that participants were equipped with the new guidelines for the future engagement with KAS. It was gathered that this exercise was not special to KAS Nairobi but all the 86 other offices.

With a parting shot, Dr. Dümmel hinted that during the year, he will seek to host an anniversary to celebrate 40 years since KAS came to Kenya. It is during this time also that he plans to invite international partners and Government official from Germany.

# Competitiveness in the field of political development cooperation

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                                  **Mutiso Patridge, Consultant KAS Kenya**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>9.00-9.30am</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>	<b>Beatrice Rachuonyo, Mutiso Patridge</b>
<b>9.30-11.00am</b>	<b>Introduction of Partner Organisations, Objectives and Target Groups</b>	
	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and its international engagement	Dr. Karsten Dümmel
	Objectives and goals of KAS in 2013	Iris Karanja
	The preparation of the application for a financial extension through the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 2014-2017 by KAS	Iris Karanja
	Presentation of the objectives and goals for the period of 2014 -2017 of KAS Kenya	Iris Karanja
	External evaluation of the country office Kenya by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Nairobi (07.1.-25.01.2013) – partner organisations, publications, reputation of KAS	Dr. Karsten Dümmel
	Sustainability of activities	Dr. Karsten Dümmel

	Pastis and its impact on 86 different country offices	Dr. Karsten Dümmel
<b>11.00-11.30 am</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>Beatrice Rachuonyo</b>
<b>11.30am-1.00pm</b>	<b>The Topical Reorientation in the KAS Office Kenya</b>	
	The concept of activities conducted by KAS without other partner organisations (EIGEN-MASSNAHMEN) by the example of CINEMA CLUB CONRAD	Mutiso Patridge
	<b>The Presentation of Proposals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project ideas / topics/ subtopics</li> <li>- Format</li> <li>- Project inquiries / project procedures</li> <li>- Quotations</li> <li>- Annual and semi-annual planning (June &amp; October with partner organisations)</li> <li>- Financial structure of planning</li> <li>- Cooperation contracts</li> <li>- Seminars: Facilitators (number), moderators, head of activity, timelines, topics, honorary, hire of venues, Technical equipment, transport costs (facilitators/ participants), head of seminar, assistants</li> <li>- reports, advances &amp; accounts</li> <li>- Radio programmes</li> <li>- preparation costs</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Karsten Dümmel, Iris Karanja</b>
<b>1.00-2.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Beatrice Rachuonyo</b>
<b>2.00-15.00 pm</b>	<b>Discussion, suggestions and questions</b>	<b>Dr. Karsten Dümmel, Iris Karanja. Mutiso Patridge</b>
<b>15.00 pm</b>	<b>Departure</b>	

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