

# EVENT REPORT

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# German MP Charles Huber in Dar es Salaam

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In focus: Sustainable development, German-Tanzanian partnership and good governance

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**From 13 to 17 September, German MP Charles M. Huber visited Tanzania for an information and dialogue program. The visit took place in the light of the national party convention of the Tanzanian KAS partner party CHADEMA to which the party had invited representatives of their international partners. On behalf of the CDU secretary general, MP Huber accepted the invitation to Dar es Salaam to represent the CDU at the party convention of its Tanzanian partner party. Highlight of the program was a meeting with Dr. Mohamed Gharib Bilal, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania.**

In addition to that, MP Huber who is a member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development and a deputy member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and the Committee of Economy and Energy took the opportunity to interact with representatives of various civil society organizations, experts and other political actors. During his visit, MP Huber was accompanied by Stefan Reith, resident representative of KAS in Tanzania and Richard Shaba, program coordinator of KAS.

The talks focused on issues of sustainable development, good governance, and the strengthening of the German-Tanzanian partnership, especially with regard to the cooperation in the economic and education sectors. During all the talks the enormous importance of education and training opportunities for the young generation, was highlighted as a key factor for economically successful, peaceful, stable, and therefore sustainable development in Tanzania and Germany.

## Participation in the Party Congress

At the beginning of his visit, the German MP attended the national party congress of CHADEMA. After concluding the national congresses of the different party wings during the previous days, on September 14 the party Chairman Freeman Mbowe and the Secretary General Dr. Willibrod Slaa presented their annual reports in the presence of numerous international guests and diplomats as well as senior Tanzanian participants and representatives of all political parties in Tanzania. Then the elections of the Executive Board and the chairman were held. Freeman Mbowe and Dr. Willibrod Slaa were confirmed in office for another term of five years.



*MP Huber delivering his speech*

MP Huber delivered greetings from the CDU leader Angela Merkel and pointed out the great responsibility CHADEMAS; being one of the major political players in the country; for a peaceful and stable development of the country. Afterwards, Huber took the opportunity to hold numerous discussions with leading CHADEMA politicians to learn more about their responsibilities, the challenges and opportunities ahead and the international party cooperation between CDU and

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CHADEMA. Because of their common membership in the party family of IDU (International Democratic Union) the parties CDU and CHADEMA are sister parties. For over ten years they have been working together to strengthen peace, freedom, democracy, social justice and an ecologically sustainable economic system at the international level and in their respective home countries. The exchange of experience and mutual information, and the related dialogue programs for politicians of both parties, are supported and accompanied by the office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Dar es Salaam.

### Meeting the Vice President

The second day of the dialogue program was high-profile: After a working breakfast with John Reyels, the Deputy Head of Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tanzania, and representatives of various German institutions operating in Tanzania, MP Huber was welcomed to the State House for talks with Tanzania's Vice President. Dr. Mohamed Gharib Bilal has on several occasions in the past received guests of KAS in his office; and has especially supported a KAS program in the field of inter-religious dialogue in the very recent past. Against this background, the talks about current developments in Tanzania and the German development cooperation were held in a friendly and open atmosphere.



*MP Huber (left) talking to Dr. Bilal*

Among the topics intensively discussed were raw materials / natural resources and economic development, technology transfer and possible potentials for an increased German-Tanzanian economic cooperation, as well as the dual education training system. In particular, regarding the development of a training system, both sides con-

curred with giving high priority to integrate young people into the labor market and thus stabilize the country's development.

After a short visit to the office of KAS, in which Charles Huber met the other team members of KAS Tanzania and informed himself about the different working areas of the Tanzanian country office, he met Dr. Camillus Kasalla, an expert economist, and Amani Mhinda, from the NGO HakiMadindi ("right to resources") to an expert discussion on "Commodity boom in Tanzania - challenges and opportunities for a sustainable development".

The day was closed with a dinner reception at the residence of the German Ambassador to which selected representatives of the Government and Tanzanian civil society organizations were invited to meet Hon Huber.

### Development cooperation and constitutional reform

The third day was devoted to the civil society. In a roundtable discussion on "50 Years of European development cooperation in Tanzania - Prospects for the Future" Mr. Huber gave an overview of the strategies of the German Federal Government for Development Cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa. He then exchanged views with the representatives of various civil society organizations and responded to their numerous questions and contributions. The topics of inter-religious dialogue, migration and education received special attention.

After an interview with Deutsche Welle and the Tanzanian television station Capital TV, a lunch with the German business community took place. Under the guiding question "Do we miss the boom? - Market opportunities and risks for German companies in Tanzania", MP Huber discussed with representatives of the private sector from Germany on market opportunities and risks in Tanzania and the potential for greater cooperation between the private sector and the government development cooperation instruments.

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In the afternoon, MP Huber got extensive insights into the developments of the constitutional reform process in a meeting with the Tanzanian Constitution Forum Jukwaa la Katiba on the topic "The constitutional reform process and the reform of electoral laws in Tanzania one year ahead of the elections in 2015". The progression of the constitutional reform since 2011 was outlined and the ongoing challenges such as the currently still pending update of the voters register were discussed. MP Huber was thereby provided with a deeper insight into the current domestic political debate in the country.



*Group picture with representatives of CSOs*

## Exchange of experiences important

The whole dialog program was characterized by mutual respect and a very open exchange of views with the various state and non-state actors in the partner country Tanzania. MP Huber thanked KAS for the organization of the dialogue program. The experience and the wealth of information on the current economic, social and political developments and their impact on the German and European development cooperation, were particularly valuable for his political work in Parliament and the specialized committees, MP Huber stated at his departure. In cooperation with the German Embassy and other actors of the German-Tanzanian cooperation in Dar es Salaam, the KAS Tanzania office will follow up on the results of the several meetings Mr. Huber conducted, thus contributing to a further strengthening of the German-Tanzanian relations, e.g. in the field of education or economic cooperation.

## Visit to Zanzibar

On the last day of his stay, MP Huber visited Zanzibar to gain an impression of the ongoing passionate debate about a possible expansion of autonomy rights within the frame of the constitutional reform process and the latently smoldering religious conflicts on the mainly Muslim islands. The islands just off Tanzania's coast are part of the Union of Tanzania and had in recent months received international attention because of numerous incidents. The problems range from inter-religious conflicts, the actions of the radical Islamic group Uamsho ("awakening"), attacks on Christian and Muslim clerics to sporadic attacks on tourists. Zanzibar plays a crucial role in the debate on the new union constitution, under which a restructuring of the Union and a tripartite division of the Tanzanian government system in Tanganyika, Zanzibar and a superior Union level are discussed.



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