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END OF THE YEAR 2015

Our final Newsletter in 2015 should inform you about our recent events in the second half of 2015 as well as provide you with news and highlights from our KAS country offices. For more information and regular updates in English and German, please visit our website at www.kas.org.za. We wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and a great start to 2016.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the KAS-team



From left to right: Tebello Mohale, Nancy Msibi, Edwin Matabane, Marlize van den Berg, Dr. Holger Dix, Katharina van der Walt, Tilmann Feltes. Unfortunately not represented are our colleagues from our KAS office in Cape Town: Christina Teichmann und Doris Roth-Thomass.

Current Events

10. DECEMBER 2015

UBUNTU BUSINESS BREAKFAST WITH PIETER-DIRK UYS

KAS in cooperation with the South African Ubuntu Foundation is hosting a breakfast briefing with renowned theatre personality Pieter-Dirk Uys, who will focus on the challenges that South Africa's young democracy is currently facing...[More](#)





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03. - 04. DECEMBER 2015

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT REVIEW: AUTHOR'S WORKSHOP

A two-day joint WITS-KAS-SAIFAC-CLOSA workshop to generate debate between international and South African public law academics about the Constitutional Court's most recent jurisprudence...[More](#)



03. DECEMBER 2015

**THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH AFRICA
BREAKFAST MEETING WITH WITS VICE-CHANCELOR ADAM HABIB**

The current crisis of South Africa's Higher Education System was the focus of this breakfast discussion that KAS is hosting in cooperation with the School for Public Leadership (SPL) and the Centre for Constitutional Rights (CFCR). SABC-News reported in detail...[More](#)



02. DECEMBER 2015

**MAIL&GUARDIAN CRITICAL THINKING FORUM
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOUR RELATIONS**

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in collaboration with the weekly newspaper Mail&Guardian hosted a Critical Thinking Forum on the topic "Collective Bargaining and Labour Relations in South Africa: What needs to change to create jobs and prosperity for all?"...[More](#)



Previous Events

30. NOVEMBER 2015

**KAS-SAIIA ALUMNI AND NETWORK DINNER
THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALUES IN SOUTH AFRICA**

20 KAS-alumni reunited at the annual alumni gathering. The theme for the evening was the development of values in South Africa. A dinner speech was held by Professor Hennie Kotzé, focussing on the latest results of the World Values Survey. A discussion followed, in which relevant issues relating to democracy, values, and politics in contemporary South Africa were raised. Especially the invitation of close KAS partners added additional value to the networking character of the event...[More](#)





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THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALUES IN SOUTH AFRICA
DISCUSSION AT THE GERMAN SCHOOL

KAS and the DSJ hosted a presentation by Professor Hennie Kotzé on the development of values in South Africa. Students critically engaged Professor Kotzé on this highly relevant socio-political issue and made use of the opportunity to learn a bit more about KAS...[More](#)



26. – 27. NOVEMBER 2015

GOVERNING WATER RESOURCES IN A TIME OF DROUGHT
WATER EXPERTS MEETING

South Africa is currently experiencing the worst drought in many years, yet our political and economic challenges are still taking precedence. With this backdrop, KAS, in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Rights (CER), invited water experts and practitioners to a workshop on the topic 'Governing water resources in a time of drought'...[More](#)



25. NOVEMBER 2015

ROADMAP FOR SUSTAINABLE BIOFUELS/BIOENERGY
EXPERT MEETING

The expert workshop organized by KAS and the Development and Rule of Law Programme (DROP) at Stellenbosch University focused on the scientific, political and legal aspects of sustainable bioenergy for Sub-Saharan-Africa...[More](#)



25. NOVEMBER 2015

SOUTH AFRICA'S INSURGENT CITIZEN
DDP PUBLIC FORUM

KAS partner Democracy Development Program (DDP) hosted a forum on 'South Africa's Insurgent Citizens' which aims to offer a platform to explore the rise of insurgent citizenship in South Africa given recent student protests...[More](#)



24. NOVEMBER 2015

2015 AFROBAROMETER SURVEY
SOUTH AFRICA'S GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE: IN THE DOLDRUMS?

KAS in partnership with the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation invited representatives from the media, academia and civil society to the inaugural release of the 2015 Afrobarometer survey data....[More](#)





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FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
SAIIA FDI CONFERENCE

The SAIIA Conference was concerned with the topic of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and its potential contribution to sustainable development within the Southern African Development Community (SADC), as well as how its regulation might enhance regional integration and development...[More](#)



11. - 12. NOVEMBER 2015

HEALTH SERVICES INNOVATION FOR AFRICA
SGGF CONGRESS

After the KAS-supported launch of the Stellenbosch Good Governance Forum (SGGF), SGGF und KAS organised a conference on "Health Service Innovation for Africa" to promote the development of innovative strategies and their implementation to meet the challenges of public health care in Africa...[More](#)



14. OCTOBER 2015

DISCOUSE CAFÈ WITH ANTIJE KROG

The Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Institute in partnership with KAS hosted a Discourse Café at the University Stellenbosch with a presentation by renowned South African author, Anjie Krog. The event focused on reprocessing the Apartheid story and the work of the „Truth & Reconciliation Commission“...[More](#)



23. SEPTEMBER 2015

TRANSFORMING SOUTH AFRICA'S TERTIARY EDUCATION?
MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

The Theme "Transforming South Africa's Tertiary Institutions" was the focus of a film screening and subsequent discussion at the KAS and Youth Lab event...[More](#)



12. AUGUST 2015

KAS-SAIIA ANNUAL CAREERS EVENING

About 300 students attended the annual careers evening hosted by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in partnership with the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). A very successful occasion during which the students got the opportunity to meet and engage with very prominent speakers such as Leslie Maasdorp, Vice President of the BRICS New Development Bank, in a panel discussion...[More](#)





KAS-News and Highlights

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR (PP) NEW PARTNERSHIP PLANNED FOR 2016

Since the first round of discussions between Thomas Heilman (CDU), Senator for Justice and consumer Protection in Berlin, and the Public Protector (PP), Thuli Madonsela on the role of the state ombudsman in the context of constitutional power, there has been renewed talks between the KAS country office and the PP. It was agreed upon that 2016 will see more collaboration between KAS and the PP in terms of training and development in the area of procurement law. The African Public Procurement Regulation Research Unit (APPRRU) at the University of Stellenbosch (Professor Geo Quinot) will join us in this project. In addition to this, the possibility of collaborating on the annual Good Governance conference of the Public Protectors will be considered.



STUDY AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMME FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS, ACADEMIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN ERFURT AND BERLIN COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2015

In May 2015, the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation invited a delegation of South African representatives from government, business, academia and civil society organizations to Erfurt and Berlin, to discuss the question of strengthening social partnerships in South Africa, so that all stakeholders affected by decisions can be involved in the decision making process. The visitors programme was organised by the KAS domestic programmes, and the group was accompanied by Dr. Holger Dix, country representative of KAS in South Africa.





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AFRICAN SWING STATES - DRIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT?
CONFERENCE ON THE CATALYTIC ROLE OF NIGERIA, KENYA AND SOUTH AFRICA

KAS in cooperation with the Brent-hurst Foundation organized a conference from 16 – 19 August 2015 at Lake Como in Italy to discuss the significance of the so called swing states South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya for the political and economic development for other African countries. The goal of this expert meeting, attended by 30 high ranked representatives from



South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and the African Union, was to bring about a dynamic exchange of ideas to conceive solutions and strategies for future African challenges. After an exchange of views on the political, societal and economic challenges and cooperation between the swing states, the systemic impact of these countries on their neighboring countries was discussed. It was agreed that increased cooperation between African states could be beneficial for the whole of Africa, and that the swing states could take the lead in promoting this. In doing so, the promotion of social cohesion, amongst other things, must be considered, as it has become an obstacle to development in all the mentioned swing states.

TILMANN FELTES: THE NEW KAS-PROJECT MANAGER PRESENTS HIMSELF

In October 2015, after a six month training period in Berlin, we were happy to welcome our new project manager, Mr Tilmann Feltes, to our country office in Johannesburg. Prior to his post with KAS, Mr Feltes worked for our partner organization - the Democracy Development Programme (DDP) in Durban where he was responsible for the establishment of a youth network for the promotion of democracy in South Africa.



Mr. Feltes gained further practical experience as a researcher with the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute in Freiburg, for which he conducted intensive fieldwork in the Republic of Kosovo. Furthermore, he has worked with GIZ in Germany and abroad, as well as with the Christian charity organisation Fe y Alegría in the Republic of Venezuela.

With an M.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Human Geography from the universities of Freiburg, Bochum und Dundee, Mr. Feltes has concentrated extensively on International Relations and Politics. With his Masters thesis he focused on the democratization efforts of the international community in Kosovo with particular focus on the promotion of youth. He had an opportunity to pursue his academic interest in the intersection between politics and sustainable development by lecturing and studying towards his PhD in the area of sustainable urban development at the Urban Futures Centre at Durban University of Technology (DUT).



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KATHARINA VAN DER WALT: THE NEW KAS INTERN PRESENTS HERSELF

Our new intern, Katharina van der Walt is currently in her final semester of her Masters degree in Development Theory and Policy at Wits University, after having completed her Honours in Development Studies and a Bachelor of Commerce in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the same university. This combination enabled her to gain a broad understanding of the intersection of the political, economic and social spheres under the overarching theme of 'development'. Her Masters research will focus on food safety and labelling regulations in the South African wheat-to-bread value chain. So far, the internship at KAS has provided Katharina with invaluable work experience that is both highly stimulating and diverse, ranging from events management; research; office support; website management; and writing reports.



Publications

HOPE-PROJECT CAPE TOWN – HOPE FOR THE HIV/AIDS-INFECTED
A REPORT BY ASINA ROTH

HOPE, A Cape Town based non-profit organization, is actively involved in taking care of HIV-positive children. KAS-Intern Asina Roth accompanied a HOPE employee for a day to learn about her work...[More](#) (German only)



MIGRATION AND REFUGEES
FOCUS SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is the primary southern African destination in for refugees and migrants (legal and illegal). The 2011 Census estimated that 2.2 million out of 51.8 million people in total are foreigners living in South Africa. However, given the high number of illegal migrants, the true number of foreigners is likely to be much higher. Integration is problematic ... CHRISTIAN ECHLE elaborates...[More](#) (German only; p. 17). A further contribution to the topic was made by CARLOTTA VOSS (intern at the KAS Media-Programme), focusing specifically on the situation of refugees in Johannesburg...[More](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS
RESEARCH METHODS AND SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Research methods and solution strategies for climate change mitigation, adaptation and low carbon development were addressed at the workshop that was jointly held by the Mandela Institute and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation South Africa. The discourse highlighted challenges due to global climate change and urged for greater responsibility in addressing the consequences thereof. The research approach introduced by the Mandela Institute seeks to contribute knowledge on how renewable energies could contribute to sustainable development, as well as to the needs of local communities...[More](#)



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