

# EVENT REPORT

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## Leadership Training for the Muslim Women Leaders Organization (JUWAKITA)

WORKSHOP ON LEADERSHIP AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

**From 26 to 29 May 2016, female members of the Association of Muslim Women (JUWAKITA) gathered at the Safina Teacher's College in Dar es Salaam for a four-day workshop on leadership training jointly organized by JUWAKITA, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the REFSO Friendship and Solidarity Organization.**

Given that the Association of Muslim Women, under the Supreme Muslim Council of Tanzania, is one of KAS's closest partners for inter-religious dialogue in Tanzania, the objective of the event was to enhance women's practical skills to lead effectively in their communities as well as to foster religious tolerance and respect in a country where Muslims, Christians and other religious groups have peacefully lived together for years.

While Tanzania's population of 48 million is considered to be roughly evenly split between Muslims and Christians, the cooperation between JUWAKITA and KAS all the more intends to improve and expand the supporting role of faith-based organizations in building a strong and sustainable democratic society.

The Regional Sheikh of Dar es Salaam, Sheikh Alhad Musa Salum, delivered a key note speech on 27 May 2016 on behalf of

the Hon. Sheikh Abubakar Zuberi Ali, Mufti of Tanzania. Special appreciation is also extended to Sheikh Abdallah Mnyasi, Chief Kadhi and Lena Thiede, Head of Regional Cooperation at the German Embassy in Dar es Salaam who took part in the opening ceremony. Additional welcome remarks were delivered by Daniel El-Noshokaty, KAS Resident Representative.



*The Regional Sheikh of Dar es Salaam, Sheikh Alhad Musa Salum, congratulates JUWAKITA for uniting Muslim women and promoting female leadership in different regions*

Presentations and follow-up debates not only focused on enhancing women's leadership, organizational and communication skills and their dispositions to contribute to decision-making processes. Participants were also encouraged to deliberate on a wider range of themes spanning from the Islamic perspective of economics to current relations between Muslims and other religious groups.

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*Discussion on Muslim and Non-Muslim Relations, in the centre: Mrs Shamim Khan, National JUWAKITA Chairperson, 27 May 2016*

More specifically, by referring to one's direct relationship with God as well as one's relationship with other people and nature, women were reminded of their role in building a culture of peace in their families and in doing so ensuring a more harmonious and peaceful community.

The speakers also addressed questions on mutual understanding and trust-building between different faiths, whereas the Islamic perspective of economics raised participants' awareness of how to make better use of personal resources and at the same time contribute to the wellbeing of society at large.



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