

# EVENT REPORT

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## Economic Order in Tanzania:

PRINCIPLES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY

**On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, the Civic Education Teachers' Association (CETA) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized a joint symposium in Dar es Salaam on the topic "Economic Order in Tanzania: Principles, Opportunities and Challenges of Social Market Economy". More than 180 university students on the first day and more than 200 secondary school students on the second day attended the event and discussed economic perspectives for Tanzania.**

After being welcomed by Justine Goodluck, Project Manager of CETA, students sang the national anthem. Subsequently, Mr. Goodluck briefly presented CETA as an organisation and elaborated on its aims and motivations. He underlined the necessity of strengthening civic education in order to foster development. Mr. Goodluck thanked KAS for its long-term support since CETA's establishment in 2003 and the foundation's commitment to democratic and inclusive development in Tanzania.

Afterwards, Daniel El-Noshokaty, Resident Representative of KAS in Tanzania, welcomed the participants. He encouraged the youth to feel committed to participate in shaping the future of Tanzania and to reflect about an economic model to lead the country towards sustainable development. He emphasised that high economic growth alone is not satisfying if it does not improve living conditions for Tanzanians. He pointed

out that Social Market Economy – the economic model well-established in Germany – could support paving the way for Tanzania to achieve its development goals. However, he indicated that such model would have to be adapted to the specific conditions and needs in Tanzania.

The symposium was officially opened by the Guest of Honour, Hon. Isaya Mwita Charles, Lord Mayor of Dar es Salaam City.



*Justine Goodluck welcomes the participants. F.l.t.r.: Dr. Stefanie Brinkel (KAS), Father Dr. Charles Kitima (SAUT), Hon. Isaya Mwita Charles (Lord Mayor of Dar Es Salaam), Justine Goodluck (CETA), Daniel El-Noshokaty (KAS)*

Fr. Dr. Charles Kitima, Lecturer at the St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) in Dar es Salaam, and Dr. Stefanie Brinkel, Project Manager of KAS, held a joint presentation on the topic "Economic Overview of Tanzania and Principles of Social Market Economy". Fr. Dr. Kitima gave the students a historical overview of economic policies in Tanzania since independence and highlighted the current needs of the country. Dr. Brinkel presented the principles of Social Market Economy as well as the history of the model itself. She underlined the decentralized, inclusive approach, which differs from the centralized approach of African socialism (Ujamaa).

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The presentation was followed by a round of questions and answers. The students participated actively. They asked for further information on the current economic model in Tanzania and the impact of Social Market Economy in other countries and they expressed their perception of socioeconomic developments and needs in Tanzania.



*The moderator Augustino Mligo from the University of Dar es Salaam (r.) and young participants attentively listening to the contribution of a student*

Daniel El-Noshokaty reacted to some contributions, which stressed alleged benefits of dictatorial traits over a certain period of time for developing countries, by cautioning the audience against any form of extremism and authoritarianism. He highlighted the importance of a democratic constitutional order as well as dialogue between economic, political and educational actors as vital basis of a well-functioning Social Market Economy.

Fr. Dr. Kitima gave a second presentation on opportunities and challenges of Social Market Economy for Tanzania. He pointed out advantages of an open market and a fair competitive order which could enhance efficiency and innovation and, eventually, allow for higher employment rates and better supply for the Tanzanian population. However, Fr. Dr. Kitima underlined challenges of the implementation of Social Market Economy. He indicated, for example, a discrepancy between the education system and the actual needs on the labour market. Additionally, he pointed out the necessity to pursue a coherent economic strategy and to move towards a dynamic system with a strong private sector. He

highlighted the central role of youth for the development in Tanzania and encouraged the audience to be committed to economic and social topics.

In the second round of questions and answers, the students were once more given the chance to openly discuss about Social Market Economy and its opportunities and challenges for Tanzania. The questions focused on potential advantages of the implementation of an adapted model for Tanzania, how this could be achieved, and how this would affect living conditions of the Tanzanian people.

Finally, moderator Augustino Mligo summed up the results of the presentations and discussions. He encouraged the participants to continue studying the topic and to engage in the development of the country.

Safari Minja, Secretary General of CETA, gave a vote of thanks and wished the young students all the best in their studies and for their future.



*Group photo of university students with Fr. Dr. Kitima, Hon. Isaya Mwita Charles and Daniel El-Noshokaty (seated from left to right)*



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