



Beyond 50 Years of Independence – New Dependence and Future Challenges of Climate Change

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Tanzania's independence together with the just ended United Nation's climate change conference in Durban, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in collaboration with Tanzania Development Initiative Programme (TADIP) takes the opportunity to host a "Maendeleo-Dialogue" on "**Beyond 50 Years of Independence – New Dependence and Future Challenges of Climate Change**". The event will take place on 15th of December 2011 from 9.00 a.m. at Serena Hotel, Dar es Salaam.

50 years after independence, Tanzania is by no means independent. It heavily depends on the financial support of the international donor community and is facing many challenges to speed up its own development process and free itself from formal and informal dependences. One of the most important challenges for Tanzania is climate change and its consequences. Climate change is a crosscutting challenge because it affects many areas that are vital for the development and wellbeing of every citizen. Two of the main areas are food security and the sustainable supply of safe energy. Both issues are closely linked to climate change and need immediate attention. To tackle the challenge of climate change, Tanzania shall depend on clear and well thought political strategies and action plans and on a strong and committed civil society that monitors the implementation of these action plans and pushes the topic onto the political agenda. It shall also depend on close cooperation with its international partners and its East-African neighbours; and on the awareness and understanding of the importance of climate change on the part of the citizens of Tanzania.

The Maendeleo Dialogue will focus on how Tanzania can meet these challenges best. It will refer to the outcome of the just finished climate negotiations in Durban, but it does not pretend to work out a technical analysis of the result. The conference will rather concentrate on the Tanzanian government's and civil society's approach to climate change and the respective strategies. Subsequently, the focus will be on two main areas that are heavily affected by climate change, namely food security and energy supply. The panel presentations will be followed by a round of questions and answers and an open and interactive debate involving the audience. KAS and TADIP expect 150 participants representing the government, civil society, political parties, religious groups, academia, national and international experts, teachers, students, media and interested citizens. The presentations and debate will be documented and published serving as point of reference for all people working on the climate change issue.

Program

- 8.30 h Arrival and registration
- 9.00 h Opening and welcome remarks by **Stefan Reith, Resident Representative for KAS Tanzania**
- 9.05 h Welcome remarks by **Steve Mmbogo, Executive Director TADIP**
- 9.10 h Welcome remarks by **Latif Amars, Tanzania Civil Society Forum on Climate Change (ForumCC)**
- 9.15 h Key note speech by **Vice President's Office Representative on "The government policy on climate change after Durban – challenges and opportunities"** (Expected is a general outlook on the government policy on climate change and a reference to the most important results of Durban without going too deep into the technical details. The presentation will rather focus on the way forward after Durban and the government priorities.)
- 09.45 h **Comment and reflection by Latif Amars, Tanzania Civil Society Forum on Climate Change (Forum CC) on "The role of the civil society and the challenges of climate change"** (Expected is a comment on the presentation of the VPO and a reflection about the civil society's role in the process of adaptation and mitigation of the climate change. It will be interesting to get the point of view of the civil society on the outcomes of Durban and some conclusions concerning the main areas of future action.)
- 10.05 h First round of questions and answers
- 10.30 h Health Break
- 11.00 h **Presentation by Prof. Amos E. Majule, Institute of Resource Assessment (IRA) at the University of Dar es Salaam, on "The consequences of climate change on food security and agriculture"**. (Expected is an analysis of the consequences of climate change on food security, especially with respect to the small scale farmers. Possible solutions and areas of priority for further action will be presented and put to discussion.)
- 11.20 h **Presentation by Finias Magessa UNDP expert for renewable energies, on "The challenges of climate change for the future supply of safe and sustainable energy – the potential of renewable energies in Tanzania"** (Expected is an analysis of the current situation of energy supply and of the potential for renewable energies in Tanzania. Some already well functioning pilot projects will be mentioned. Priority areas for future action will be addressed.)
- 11.40 h General debate of all presentations
- 12.30 h Wind-up and way forward (volunteers are asked to form a task force)
- 13.00 h Closing remarks by KAS Representative
- 13.10 h Cocktail reception and end of official part

14.00 h Nominated participants reconvene to agree on a work agenda for the task force

The conference will be guided by **Salim Zagar** who will also moderate the sessions.

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