



Press Release

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 conference COP 17 in Durban, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in collaboration with Tanzania Development Initiative Programme (TADIP) is hosting 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.

It is expected that the **Vice President's Office** will elaborate on the stand and/or policy position of the Government on climate change and reflect to the most important results of Durban and the consequences for Tanzania.

Latif Amars, chairman of the Tanzania Civil Society Forum on Climate Change (Forum CC) is expected to comment on the presentation of the VPO and give a reflection about the civil society's role in the process of adaptation and mitigation of the climate change

Prof. Amos E. Majule, Institute of Resource Assessment (IRA) at the University of Dar es Salaam, will present a paper on the consequences of climate change on food security, especially with respect to small scale farmers. Possible solutions and areas of priority for further action will be presented and put to discussion.

On the other hand **Fanias Magessa**, UNDP expert for renewable energies is expected to analyze 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.

The subsequently expert discussion on the panel will be opened to the approximately 150 representatives from the civil society, religious groups, climate and environment experts, academicians, activists, representatives from government institutions and bodies; and political parties. The key question on how to manage the challenges of mitigation of climate change today and in the future will guide the debate. **Salim Zagar** will moderate the session.

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