

How can democracy be shaped and strengthened?



On Saturday, March 7, 2020 the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized a workshop in Dar es Salaam on democracy and the rule of law. 150 students and 30 teachers of the Azania Secondary School participated.

At the beginning the students and teachers were welcomed by Daniel Elnoshokaty, Head of the Country Office Tanzania. He briefly presented the work of the foundation and emphasized that the aim of the workshops was that the students actively participate with their questions and ideas. The Head of the Department of Economics Jehoash Matovu also welcomed the students and teachers.

The workshop started with an introductory exercise aimed at getting the students involved and to teach them how to stand up for their opinions. After the students had introduced what democracy means for them and what is especially important to them in a democracy, the KAS staff presented the basic principles and different forms of democracy.



In particular, the differences between direct and indirect democracy and the function of checks and balances were

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explained in detail. In addition, the various aspects of good governance such as transparency, efficiency, accountability and the participation of all citizens were presented.

Besides a lively discussion about the challenges of democracy in Tanzania, the students were also very interested to learn more about the development of democracy and rule of law in Germany. The teachers also participated very actively in the discussion.



In the concluding round of reflection, the participants noted that the discussions and exchanges during the workshop had given them a better understanding of the interplay between democratic principles and the role of the rule of law. Especially the possibility to participate in the workshop and to have space for discussion was very positively received. At the end of the workshop there was a lunch together.



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