

MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE: GRÖHE ANNOUNCES NEW KAS-OFFICE IN ETHIOPIA

On the occasion of his first visit in Ethiopia, the vice-chairman of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Herrmann Gröhe MP, announced the establishment of a new KAS office in Ethiopia.

Gröhe spoke in front of 50 guests, amongst them participants of a workshop about human rights organized by the Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan-Africa as well as representatives of German and international organizations such as the African Union, the GIZ and the German development bank KfW. He emphasized that the office in Ethiopia will focus on strengthening institutions in the field of democracy and the rule of law on the one hand, but on the other hand and particularly on the cooperation with the African Union.

Furthermore, Gröhe pointed out the importance of the protection and the promotion of human rights and complimented the reforms that have been undertaken by Dr. Abiy Ahmed since he has been elected in 2018, such as the release of political prisoners.

Gröhe who has been himself speaker for human rights of the CDU/CSU parliamentary party, reminded of that Ethiopia was one of the first African states to sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human rights, states Gröhe, are still today under pressure. Even more importantly are political reforms in Ethiopia, being under special observation of the world community, what also the awarding of the Nobel Prize for Peace to prime minister Dr. Abiy, taking place shortly, expresses.

Just before that, the German Ambassador in Ethiopia, Brita Wagener, appreciated the close cooperation between Germany and Ethiopia, highlighting Ethiopia's importance when it comes to German development aid and economic cooperation. As to the Ambassador, it is very pleasant that the cooperation is continuously being deepened and strengthened.