

# EVENT REPORT

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## Book Launch “Climate Change, Renewable Energies and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources”

THE ROLE OF CLIMATE FINANCE

**On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the Civil Society Forum on Climate Change (ForumCC) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) officially launched the book “Climate Change, Renewable Energies and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources – The Role of Climate Finance” in Dar es Salaam. The event was attended by approximately 40 participants from the government, academia, civil society-, faith-based- and international organizations.**

The book contains the presentations, discussions and recommendations of a conference of the same title that took place last November and was jointly convened by the East African Community (EAC), ForumCC and KAS.

Euster Kibona, Chairperson from ForumCC, opened the event with a welcome note. She emphasized the importance of discussing climate change and its impacts in order to find innovative solutions. Afterwards, Daniel El-Noshokaty, Country Representative for KAS Tanzania, gave introductory remarks. KAS Tanzania’s as well as ForumCC’s and the EAC’s aim, he asserted, was to contribute to the discussion around climate change, climate finance and natural resources, first with the conference in November and now with the publication of the book.



*Euster Kibona, Chairperson from ForumCC, gives welcome remarks*

In order to give the participants an idea of the book's contents, Stefanie Brinkel, Project Manager at KAS Tanzania, summarized its main findings and recommendations. These were related to the following topics: natural resources, renewable energies and climate change in the East African Community; the climate finance architecture for the East African Community; national perspectives of climate finance and the use of natural resources and renewable energies; and the role of the East African civil society and the private sector. She emphasized the need for increasing the reliability and transparency of climate funds as well as increasing the knowledge of CSOs about the opportunities that climate funds can provide. Furthermore, she pointed out the importance of establishing a periodic forum to strengthen the two-way-exchange that allows transmitting EAC policies and developments on the one side and obtaining feedback from CSOs on the other side.

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Subsequently, Abdallah Henku, researcher and consultant at the Centre for Climate Change Studies (CCCS) at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), presented a review of the book. He commended the involvement of KAS, ForumCC and EAC in the issues of climate change and sustainable development and described the book as an eye opener. With further background on each country's policy environment, he ascertains, the book could contribute to the academic field of scientific books.

The Chief Guest, Masinde Bwire, Senior Environmental Officer at the Vice President's Office (VPO), then officially launched the book. In his speech, he referred to the danger of African states pushing their development agenda but at the same time ignoring the issue of climate change. He continued by saying that every region in Tanzania will be affected by climate change and that immediate actions are necessary.



*Official book launch. F.I.T.R.: Euster Kibona (ForumCC), Masinde Bwire (Vice President's Office), Daniel El-Noshokaty (KAS Tanzania).*

Afterwards, Rev. Prof. Dr. Aidan Msafiri from Mwenge Catholic University (MWECAU) presented "The Way Forward". He elaborated how the findings of the book can be used and what should be done in the future. He argued that the commercialization of climate-based institutions needs to be stopped. Furthermore, he asserted, that countries need to diverge from investing in fossil fuels and instead focus on renewable energies. In order to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gases, the development of energy saving mechanisms is imperative. In the policy field, he advocated for the development of Energy Efficiency Models and the need to synergize these with the approach to Renewable Energies. In the area of Cli-

mate Finance he supported a shift from isolated to all-encompassing financial programs, including private, public, international and national climate funds.

Lastly, Salim Zagar, in his Vote of Thanks, referred back to the long history of climate related events in which many of the participants had taken part. He thanked KAS and ForumCC for their important and continuous efforts and the development and publication of this book.



*Group picture. Sitting f.l.t.r.: Fr. Prof. Dr. Aidan Msafiri (MWECAU), Daniel El-Noshokaty (KAS), Masinde Bwire (VPO), Euster Kibona (ForumCC), Sheikh Musa Kundecha.*



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