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Challenges of Migration in Tanzania and Germany

DISCUSSION WITH PAMOJA

On 09th of August 2016, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Tanzania and PAMOJA, an intercultural exchange programme between Tanzanian and German students, jointly conducted a discussion on "Challenges of Migration in Tanzania and Germany". 14 students from the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy, where the PAMOJA group is based in Tanzania, and from KAS participated in the event.

The discussion was held in Dar es Salaam in preparation for the students' exchange with the Westfälische Wilhelms-University Münster that will take place in Germany in August 2016.

Subsequently to an introduction of all participants, Daniel El-Noshokaty, Resident Representative of the KAS office in Tanzania, gave welcome remarks. Rachel Elias, Coordinator of the Tanzanian PAMOJA group, delivered greetings to the participants. Rashid Khatibu, a member of PAMOJA, then held a presentation on the challenges of migration. Afterwards the topic was jointly discussed by all participants.

Looking at the aspects of migration in Tanzania it was pointed out that Tanzania is a net importer of so called refugees in the region. According to the discussion, two streams can be differentiated. On the one side, Tanzania is receiving refugees from Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo since the 1960s due to political unrest in the respective countries.

On the other side, Tanzania received refugees due to its engagement in liberation struggles in Africa from Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, South-Africa, Guinea Bissau and São Tomé. It was emphasized that these two different reasons for moving to Tanzania imply different future motivations. While the second group tends to relocate back to the country of origin, refugees from the first group rather tend to stay in Tanzania.



Participants discussing the topic

With regard to challenges resulting from migration, major differences between Germany and Tanzania have been identified and discussed. It was mentioned that frictions between the native population and refugees in Tanzania are hardly observed. The reason discussed is that especially size of the country allows people to share space more easily. Furthermore it was pointed out that – opposed to Germany – refugees do not come with diverse religious backgrounds which may not be familiar to the local population. Additionally refugees coming to Tanzania are in general culturally not very far from Tanzanians. This was pointed out as another advantage pertaining to the man-

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agement of actual and/or potential challenges of migration.

The participants agreed that the Tanzanian PAMOJA group will take their findings to Germany and discuss the matter further with their fellows from the Westfälische Wilhelms-University Münster.

The event was closed by a vote of thanks from PAMOJA.



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