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Social Market Economy in Tanzania

DISCUSSION WITH TANZANIAN EXPERTS

On 5th of September 2017, economic experts from Mzumbe University and St. Augustine University in Tanzania met to discuss the issue of social market economy in the Tanzanian context. The event took place in Dar es Salaam and was organized by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in Tanzania.

The origins of the social market economy lie in Europe. The term refers to an economic concept that has been the basis for economic development in Germany since 1948. The aim of the discussion in Dar es Salaam was to analyze possibilities and limits of the integration of elements of the social market economy into the socio-economic system in Tanzania and to develop suitable solutions for the economic challenges of the country in the long term.

The expert group consisted of Prof. Honest Ngowi (professor at the Mzumbe University, Dar es Salaam Campus), Dr. Charles Kitima (Director of the St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT)) and Ntui Ponsian Proti and Chrispina Kiemi (lecturers at SAUT).

The participants discussed both characteristics of the concept of social market economy and the current socioeconomic situation of the country as well as possible connections. All participants agreed that this type of discussion is only the beginning of a long-term process to support the economic development of the country. Further meetings are planned for the future. Ultimately, the goal is to work on a joint publication be-

tween experts and KAS, which examines the possibilities of a social market economy for Tanzania. It is important to note that the concept needs to be adapted to the Tanzanian context, since a 1:1 implementation would not work.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung supports this process with its many years of expertise in this field.



Group photo (from left to right): Ntui Ponsian Proti, Chrispina Kiemi, Prof. Honest Ngowi, Dr. Charles Kitima, Erasto Ndeuka (KAS)