

## Economic Order in Tanzania

PRINCIPLES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY

**On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the Civic Education Teachers' Association (CETA) organized a symposium in Mwanza on the topic "Economic Order in Tanzania: Principles, Opportunities and Challenges of Social Market Economy". More than five hundred students – from secondary schools on the first day and from universities on the second day – attended the event.**

After the participants started the symposium by jointly singing a patriotic song, a representative of teachers gave a welcome note and thanked CETA and KAS for organising the event. Subsequently, Justine Goodluck, Project Manager of CETA, welcomed the participants. He briefly presented the organisation CETA and thanked KAS for the long-lasting cooperation to strengthen civic education in Tanzania. He encouraged the students to take part actively in the discussions at the event and to get involved as responsible citizens in the development of Tanzania.

Afterwards, students' representatives thanked KAS and CETA for the organisation of this symposium. On Friday, two representatives of secondary school students asked their fellow students to put their differences aside and to work all together to "make Tanzania shine". On Saturday, the students' representative, being the student Chairman of Universities of Mwanza Region,

encouraged the participants to discuss the topic together actively.

Richard Shaba, Programme Coordinator of KAS, welcomed the students and pointed out the long history of KAS in Tanzania since 1964. The Resident Representative of KAS in Tanzania, Daniel El-Noshokaty, highlighted the importance of youth in the society and encouraged the participants to express their opinion and to ask all questions they have on the topic. He underlined the necessity of the cooperation of actors from the economic, political and educational sectors for a successful implementation of a Tanzanian-specific model of Social Market Economy. Mr. El-Noshokaty then invited the Guest of Honor to give his opening speech,

The Guest of Honor, Hon. Josephat Sheja, Acting Regional Educational Officer in Mwanza, acknowledged the involvement of the youth in this complex topic. He encouraged the students to act as responsible and independent individuals by creating own businesses, so as to fight unemployment and enhance innovation. Hon. Mr. Sheja emphasized the importance of education and knowledge to develop the Tanzanian economy successfully.

Ntui Ponsian Prot, Assistant Lecturer at the St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), gave the first presentation, addressing the economic order in Tanzania and the principles of Social Market Economy. He

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presented an historical overview as well as current facts about the Tanzanian economy. Then, he explained the principles of Social Market Economy and its differences with regard to other models of economic order. Dr. Stefanie Brinkel, Project Manager of KAS in Tanzania, additionally explained basic economic terms like "GDP" and "inflation".



*Group photo of some of the university students with the Guest of Honor Josephat Sheja (Acting REO), Safari Minja and Justine Goodluck (CETA), Daniel El-Noshokaty (Resident Representative of KAS in Tanzania) and presenters*

The second presentation focused on the opportunities and challenges of Social Market Economy for Tanzania and was given by Chrispina Kiemi, Assistant Lecturer at the St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT). She explained which existing conditions in Tanzania could support the implementation of this model and which benefits could be obtained for the country. However, she also pointed out some obstacles which need to be overcome for successful economic development. At the end of her presentation, Chrispina Kiemi highlighted the respective role of youth.

Subsequently, the students were invited to ask questions and debate. They showed a strong interest in the topic and took actively part in the discussion. Many students were concerned of the situation of people in rural areas, who would not get as many opportunities and knowledge as they do. The youth also addressed the challenge to convince people with a well-established mindset of the implementation of Social Market Economy since the approach would require an innovative, systematic transfor-

mation. Additionally, corruption, a lack of financial resources and monetary instability, were mentioned by the students as examples for challenges.

In order to give the participants more insights specifically with regard to the City of Mwanza, Eng. Boniface Nyambele and Kaswala Benjamin, respectively Head and Regional Coordinator of the Investment Section Mwanza Region, presented the Mwanza Master Plan 2035. This plan aims at enhancing the economic development of the city and resolving current issues. Among others, the presenters pointed out potential vibrant economic sectors in the city and shared knowledge about investment and employment opportunities. After their presentation, another round of questions and answers as well as discussion took place.



*A secondary school student taking part in the discussion about opportunities and challenges of Social Market Economy in Tanzania*

After summing up the discussion and addressing a way forward, the facilitator closed the symposium reminding the students of their vital role in the development of Tanzania and emphasizing the importance of civic involvement.



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