

Event Report

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A Youth Workshop organised by Jamii Forums in collaboration with Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) took place in Dodoma on 15-16 June, bringing together 27 young people from five political parties. The workshop aimed to empower youth with knowledge on digital politics and the electoral cycle, fostering dialogue on accountable leadership and collaborative problem-solving across party lines for the benefit of Tanzania's citizens.

Key achievements of the program include enhancing the understanding of digital politics and safety for the 27 participants across five political parties. These youths actively engaged in collaborative discussions, providing solutions and recommendations, and were recognized with participation certificates for their exemplary involvement.

The workshop included informative presentations by facilitators from JF and TCD, covering topics like digital politics, the central role of youth in politics, and the electoral process. Discussions extended to themes like youth's responsibility in democracy, emphasizing engagement with citizens to safeguard their rights, particularly freedom of expression.

The workshop was designed to empower participants by enhancing their engagement in the election process and enriching their technical understanding of the electoral cycle, spanning online and offline dimensions. Interactive sessions guided them through campaign creation, social media strategies, mobilization techniques, and awareness-building methods.



A key highlight of the workshop was the dynamic interaction among youths from diverse political parties. Employing role-play as an engaging learning tool, participants were divided into three groups and assigned the task of envisioning changes to advance the digital space through changing existing laws and policies. The role-play included creating candidates who campaigned on the topic, with winners determined by judges from JF, KAS, and TCD based on criteria such as access to information, internet accessibility, digital marketing, and safety measures.

The visit of KAS Country Representative, Feltes Tilmann, provided an opportunity for participants to receive certificates acknowledging their active engagement. The workshop effectively united youths in discussions around digital solutions, providing knowledge on digital literacy, communication strategies, and the importance of using technology to enhance accountability and transparency in elections.



In conclusion, the workshop provided youth with a comprehensive understanding of the electoral process, fostered practical skills and encouraged active participation. It fostered meaningful interparty dialogue, highlighting youth's responsibility in democracy, and ultimately empowered participants with the tools and insights to pursue their political ambitions and assume accountable leadership roles in Tanzania.

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