

The Rights of Muslim Women according to the Qur'an

WORKSHOP WITH ZAFELA ON UNGUJA

On Wednesday 31st October 2018 the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized the second book review meeting on the subject of "The Rights of Muslim Women according to Qur'an" in Stone Town, Unguja. The participants discussed the second edition of the book „Kitabu Cha Haki Za Mwanamke wa Kiislamu kwa Mujibu wa Qur'an“.

Jamila Mahmoud Juma, Executive Director of ZAFELA, pleasantly welcomed the participants and emphasized the workshop as opportunity to discuss the contents of the second edition. The following introduction of all participants was led by moderator Dr. Nassor Hamad Bakar. Afterwards, Mr. Daniel El-Noshokaty, country representative of KAS Tanzania encouraged the members of ZAFELA to include as much as they can from their own experience in order to create a book specifically focused on the circumstances in Zanzibar. In the following, Mr Erasto Ndeuka, program manager of KAS Tanzania, presented the objectives and expectations of the workshop. He mentioned that the second edition of the book on "Rights of women according to the Qu'ran" was created on basis of the comments from the past workshop in July and that the meeting should serve further improvements and acknowledgements.

Subsequently, Dr. Moh'd Makame Haji, Dean of Faculty of Law and Shariah at Zanzibar University, presented a summary of the book outlining the five chapters which

examine rights of women in Qur'an and Sunnah. Different surah's reveal the rights of women in different areas such as education, leadership, economy, marriage, divorce and heritage. In contrast to the first edition of the book, specific circumstances of the women in Zanzibar were added. He emphasized the objective of the work group that is editing the book and the workshop to develop a book which reveals the protection measures for women in Qur'an and how it adjudges them specific rights.



Welcoming note of Jamila Mahmoud Juma

A short coffee break and the group photo was followed by an intensive discussion which offered the participants the possibility to share their ideas and comments concerning the second edition of the book. The work group was confirmed in its work. Women too often face neglect of their rights in the society which makes further engagement in this sector necessary. Many participants mentioned the necessary revision of grammar and language. In addition to that, case studies from the experiences of ZAFELA should be added.

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The participants during the discussions

To conclude, Mr. Erasto Ndeuka summed up the main results of the book review meeting. He thanked all participants and motivated the working group to keep up the good work. Later, the Muslim community in Zanzibar shall be provided with the book in order to educate various target groups.



Group photo with all participants



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