

## Social Market Economy Tanzania (SMET) Roundtable Discussion & Book Launch

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND BOOK LAUNCH DAR ES SALAAM



Participants of the round table discussion

**From Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), the Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA), the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) jointly organised a Roundtable Discussion for Religious Leaders and the Launch of the book “Social Market Economy as a Gateway to Industrialization”.**

The first day was a Roundtable specifically for religious leaders. The aim of this event was to enable the participants, as main stakeholders, to endorse the contents of the Social Market Economy for Tanzania (SMET) book. It is expected that this workshop will offer space for participants to discuss on how the idea of the Social Market Economy for Tanzania could be promoted as an alter-

native economic model to be adopted, in order to foster economic transformation and development in Tanzania. 40 participants from various religious denominations attended the workshop.

The Roundtable was opened with Christian and Muslim prayers followed by a welcome note of the TEC Secretary General, Dr. Fr. Charles Kitima. He briefly introduced the team involved in the preparations of the book and continued by presenting the SMET book. According to him the book will give answers to various economic issues and on how citizens should engage in poverty reduction strategies.

Resident Representative of KAS Tanzania, Mr. Daniel El-Noshokaty, shortly introduced the work of the foundation which besides others is following the request of Mwalimu

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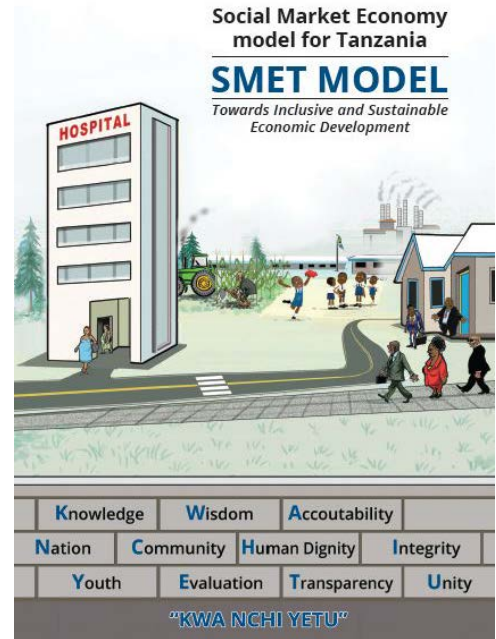
Julius Nyerere, to offer support in civic education so that Tanzanians are able to develop themselves. The SMET book offers an economic model that was specifically developed by Tanzanians for Tanzania and it focuses on developing minds towards new thinking.

Afterwards the Guest of Honor Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. John Jingu, opened the workshop with a motivational speech emphasizing that the religious leaders have a duty to their followers and this Roundtable fits well to what the community expects out of them. He cited the verses in the Holy Quran and in the Holy Bible which shows that apart from spiritual gain, people need to engage in a right path economically to improve their wellbeing. He also acknowledged the religious contributions towards social services like education, health and social welfare.

The presentation of the SMET Model and the discussion afterwards was conducted jointly by Dr. Fr. Kitima and Mr. Ponsian Proti Ntuh from Saint Augustine University, Mwanza. The concept of the Social Market Economy allows a person to think, to act or participate from individual point, family and national level. The system is people-centered and no one is left behind. The role of the government is to create a conducive environment which will allow people to exercise their abilities without harming others.

On the Second day the book launch took place which was for invited guests and the media. In total about 180 participants attended the official SMET book launch.

The event started with a welcome message by the coordinator Salim Sagar and the introduction of the participants. This was followed by the Greetings from Daniel El-Noshokaty, Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). He empha-



SMET Model book cover

sized that this book is not trying to copy the German economic model, it is written by Tanzanians and for the Tanzanian environment. The aim of the book is to strengthen Tanzanians society. The next speaker, Mr. Ponsian Proti Ntuh from Saint Augustine University, Mwanza accentuated Mr. El-Noshokatys words and said the idea of this book is to introduce a model that fosters equal opportunities for all individuals. SMET can help fight poverty in the society.

Before the tea break the book launch took place. The SMET Book in Kiswahili and English, as well as the popular version and the leaflet in both languages were handed over to the public by Bishop Steven Munga, chairman of CCT. He encouraged the participants to read and spread the book.

After the tea break Dr. Fr. Kitima presented two cases/examples of young men that were already using the SMET model in their business. The two men shortly explained their entrepreneur ideas and local business.

At the end of the Event the participant and the media were free to take the SMET book home.



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