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## Social Market Economy capacity building for Women



**The Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organised a joint workshop in Dar es Salaam, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The workshop aimed at strengthening engagement of women in economic development by building their capacities in understanding Social Market Economy as a gateway to entrepreneurship. The event brought together more than 100 female representatives throughout the country from apostolic associations of the Catholic Church namely Caritas Tanzania and Wanawake Wakatoliki Tanzania (WAWATA).**

The workshop started with a prayer led by Fr. Chiwango from Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC). This was later followed by introducing the invited participants from different dioceses in

the country. The Chief Executive and advisor of TEC Projects who also is Deputy Secretary General, Rev. Fr. Chrisantus Ndaga issued welcome remarks. He informed participants that the workshop was a continuation of the journey that started from the official launch of the SMET book by the religious leaders earlier this year. As the catholic church has a formal structure for planning and executing a variety of activities at different levels starting from the Small Christians Communities (SCCS), parish, diocese and national level, these structures provide easy transfer of knowledge to the grassroots of the community. If women are empowered, the improvement of the community is guaranteed. Their success is the church's success, Mr. Ndaga therefore wished them all the best for the future.

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Greetings from KAS was given by the Resident Representative, Daniel El-Noshokaty. He introduced the participants to Social Market Economy (SME) as an alternative economic model which has been proven to work effectively in many countries. Not only does it focus on people, but the SME allows everybody to participate in the progress and to contribute to the country's growth. Mr. El-Noshokaty presented the audience a SME- model which has been particularly designed to work based on Tanzanian setup and culture.

The lecturer from the St. Augustine University, Mr. Ponsian emphasized the importance of encouraging women to participate in the economy and to make use of their networks.

The official remarks were made by the Chief Guest, Bishop Prosper Baltazary Lyimo, an auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of Arusha in northern Tanzania. He acknowledged, that the church heavily depends on the engagement of women but also embolded them to make use of the knowledge gained from the workshop for their self-realization. The church could not only provide spiritual guidance but also help with educational activities and projects.

The first presentation was done by Prot Ponsian Ntui, who elaborated the history of Tanzanian economy since its independence. He highlighted how the SME model had the flexibility to address Tanzanian needs in particular. He also showed the participants how to interpret data concerning economic growth in relation to peoples participation.

The second presentation was conducted by Gloria Kavishe, who emphasized the role of women in framework of a Social Market Economy. Women needed clear strategies to enable not only participation, but also leading

roles in economy, she underlined. She demonstrated the current position of women based on statistics, and pointed out opportunities and challenges ahead. She encouraged the highly interested crowd to go their way, stressing that economic growth means nothing without a growth in happiness and self-determination.

On the second day Mr. Richard Jackson Ndila, the presenter from the University of Dar es Salaam, lectured on SME as a gateway to entrepreneurship. He also explained to what extent society can benefit from creativity, innovations and competition. From a practical point of view, he filled the audience in about obstacles and opportunities of entrepreneurship.

Later on, the presenter from Caritas Tanzania got the floor. Since participants were Gender and Development Coordinators (GAD) from different communities in the country, the presenter linked economic development of women with the use of energy saving technology. Participants learned a lot of what it takes to make them experts of SMET in their respective areas.

The workshop was officially winded up by Caritas Gender Development Coordinator, Ms. Marshal Mpokonya. Apart of thanking the funders and organisers, she congratulated participants for their eagerness to learn from each other and for sharing their experience during the discussion. For this event to be successful she urged the participants to go back with their achieved gains from the SME-concept and share their knowledge with their fellow women and the whole community .



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