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## Social Market Economy - Capacity Building for Youths



**Strengthening youths engagement in economic development. With this goal, the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organised a joint workshop in Dar es Salaam, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The workshop aimed at building capacities in understanding the Social Market Economy model as a gateway to entrepreneurship. More than 400 young people from apostolic association of the Catholic Church attended.**

The TEC deputy Secretary General, Rev. Fr. Daniel Dulle led a short prayer to grace the occasion. This was followed by a brief welcome remarks while introducing the participants according to their apostolic groupings. He

advised to use this opportunity to learn, to share experiences and to expand knowledge.

Thereafter greetings from KAS was given by the Resident Representative, Mr. Daniel El-Noshokaty. He stated, that development must be people-focused, which is one of the principles of Social Market Economy (SME). Furthermore, the SME welcomes everybody to participate and contribute to the economic growth of the country.

He informed about the existence of an alternative economic model which proved to work positively in many countries and introduced a publication on a Tanzanian model of Social Market Economy (SMET), which considers Tanzanian setup and culture. He encouraged them to discuss this model

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thoroughly and ask questions for further understanding.

The lecturer from the St. Augustine University, Mr. Ponsian Ntui led the audience on the expectation of the workshop. It is anticipated that youths become effectively sensitized to a better understanding of SME, be inspired to engage in entrepreneurship, be active in dialogue concerning the national economy and their contributions, be encouraged to change shift the mentality of depending on employment and eventually be able to realise their own businesses ideas based on available resources.

The official remarks came from the Bishop of Zanzibar, Augustine Shao CSSp. The chief guest complimented the work of KAS in Tanzania. Bishop Shao was among religious leaders who witnessed the official launch of the SMET book earlier this year. He emphasized that the idea concerns everybody. Moreover, differences and similarities between young people are an opportunity, he stressed, that can be best used if the people complement each other and work together in a fruitful manner. He encouraged youths to work hard and to engage in economic activities. This will not only help improving their own situations, but also creating employment and therefore benefiting the entire nation. Further, he warned to fall for the short-term temptations of corruption, because it would counteract any development and also deprive vital rights. The Bishop insisted on ethical behaviour, commitment and the need to extend a helping hand to those in need.

The first presentation was done by Prot Ponsian Ntui, who elaborated on the different reforms which Tanzanian economy passed through since its independence. Tracing the country's economic development he elaborated how the SME model had room to address them. He also

showed the participants how to interpret data concerning economic growth.

Fr. Adolf Minga from TEC gave the second lecture, which was about youths, faith and youth participation in economic development. He linked the role of church to youths and stated, one needs to be nourished physically as well as spiritually and mentally.

Both presentations were backed with a lot of questions and answers including thorough discussions. This session was moderated in an entertaining manner by Ms. Sarah Mhamilawa.

On the second day, Mr. Richard Jackson Ndila, the presenter from the University of Dar es Salaam, covered the topic on SME as a gateway to entrepreneurship. He elaborated how the SME model allows entrepreneurship to flourish and how it stirs up competition and thus encourages innovations and creativity while encouraging growth of the private sector. He explained the challenges of self-employment from a practical point of view.

Information and communication technology in economic development was covered by Mr. Paschal Mwananche from TEC. A number of advantages and challenges were highlighted in terms of marketing and sales. Therefore youths were encouraged to use these platforms effectively.

The workshop was officially wound up by the Archbishop of Mwanza Diocese, His Grace Rhenatus Nkwande. He thanked all the organisers and KAS for the event which was of high relevance to the young people. He also urged them to make full use of the opportunities as identified by the workshop participants, presenters, discussants as well as religious leaders.