



Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
TANZANIA

**Co-operation
is the key!**

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) works as a private, non-profit, cultural institution and adheres to the principles and basic values of social democracy. Besides its headquarters based in Germany FES features offices in over 100 countries of the world.

The core mission of the FES Division for International Development Co-operation is to foster development and democracy in the countries of Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Sub-saharan and North Africa. The main objectives of FES educational and policy-oriented work are

- To help safeguard democratic structures by including as many societal groups as possible
- To promote economic reforms and a policy of social justice
- To establish common fundamental values for the future socio-political development

Sub-Saharan Africa and especially East Africa has always been in the focus of FES' international efforts. We will further on help to stabilize and deepen the democratic process in many African countries and try to influence economic and social change.



FES-offices in Africa

FES started its work in Tanzania in 1968. Since then we have been co-operating with many different partner organisations. What has been done and achieved was basically possible because of the dedicated and fruitful partnership with local NGOs and political institutions. The strongest emphasis of our work in recent years has been laid in the development and stabilization of democratic structures. This was realised through the promotion of good governance, press freedom, gender equity and workers rights. Our efforts found their expression in various events, trainings, publications and seminars. In this field of work a new topic is now included because of its relevance for whole Africa: Conflict reduction. This becomes special since Tanzania got a non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council from 2005 to 2007.



FES-office staff

Since 2004 another very important field of activity is integrated in our work, as FES sees an urgent need as well as good possibilities for the development of economic strategies for Tanzania. In our view the further development of Tanzanian economy should consider the country's existing resources and structures. It will also be crucial for the sustainability of the economic development, to which extent it reflects the needs and wishes of the Tanzanian people. Existing FES projects in this field of work include regional integration in East Africa, the Cotonou process and the EPA negotiations. For the future FES plans to collect, connect and channel expert capacity with a focus on sustainable economic strategies for Tanzania and the East African region.

FES will make contributions to develop consistent, economic strategies, which are based on the potential of the country, consider the necessities of the people and reflect the international interdependencies. The effects of globalisation and trade liberalisation, which are associated with integration into regional and international treaties, are of a special relevance for the future developments. These mechanisms have to be analysed with reference to their positive and negative effects and also to be discussed by the involved actors.

Cotonou Agreement and Non-State Actors (NSAs)

The Cotonou Agreement is a comprehensive trade and aid agreement concluded between the EU and 77 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. Its provisions involve new opportunities as well as new risks for the stakeholders especially in the ACP countries. Much will depend on the proactive influence these countries will be able to exert on the implementation of the Agreement. Thus, for many of the new actors in the ACP countries, effective participation in the Cotonou partnership is a matter of support and access to topical and concise information in view of the multitude of key issues involved in the cooperation and the impacts forthcoming negotiations have on their region or single country. FES studies revealed that the current state of involvement of the civil society in Tanzania on Cotonou Agreement has improved. The National NSAs Consultative Workshop which took place in February 2005 formed the NSA Task Force Group with the purpose of co-ordinating the NSAs in Tanzania for effective participation in the Cotonou Agreement. With this new development within the period of three years, FES is especially supporting the involvement of Non-State Actors in the relevant negotiation- and policy processes, building the capacity of the NSAs for effective engagement and

create a pool of Tanzanian experts on Cotonou and other relevant development cooperation matters.

Projects and activities (examples):

- Support to the Non-State Actors Task Force which was formed by Tanzanian NSAs following the NSAs Consultative workshop.
- Working with the office of National Authorising Officer (NAO) in the creation of the NSAs database to be used for the exchange of information among NSAs on Cotonou processes.
- Several workshops dealing with networking and Cotonou's impact on the East African countries and the link between EPA and other WTO negotiations.
- FES EU-ACP consultants training with NSAs from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia to enhance their skills and knowledge about the Cotonou Agreement
- Building the capacities of the NSAs who are members of the NSA Task Force Group for effective engagement with the Government and the EU on Cotonou Agreement.
- Capacity-building among journalists and trade unions to promote competent coverage of the Cotonou Agreement and its implications.
- Creation of the Cotonou expert pool through capacity building trainings to Tanzanian emerging experts on International Co-operation issues to fill the gap of the insufficient experts on Cotonou as well as other International Trade Agreements.

Visit also our website and the Cotonou-website of our german Headquarters for more information:

www.fes.de/cotonou

Market Opening and Globalisation

One course of action in the development of new Economic Strategies towards Market Opening and Globalisation is the **Economic Discussion Circle**. Relevant actors from politics, economy and civil society meet regularly to discuss the trends of economic development in the country. FES also invited members of the Economic Discussion Circle to a study tour to Germany for one week. On this occasion the participants met with representatives of economic and development research institutes as well as of business associations, discussed with politicians and heads of Africa desks in German ministries and came together with NGO representatives.

As a support for the members of the discussion circle, but also for other audience, the FES publishes a monthly **Info-Service** with Information on political, economic as well as development topics.

Further activities (examples):

- Seminars on trade policy for different target groups
- Workshops for journalists covering economic topics
- Seminars for political leaders
- Publication: „Investment in Tanzania“
- Work-stay for Members of the Ministry of Finance to Brussels

Customs Unions and

Economic Partnership Agreements

*FES takes regionalisation as an important strategy to strengthen the ability of disadvantaged countries to face international competition and global challenges. FES supports the Regional Integration within East Africa, including Ethiopia and Sudan. From our point of view one of the main issues of this co-operation should be the development of joint economic strategies, for example in the context of the **Cotonou Agreement**. Besides FES is promoting public awareness and dialogue during and after the establishment of regional institutions.*

Related activities (examples):

- Position of the East African private sector with regards to the EPA negotiations (East African Business Council)
- Technical workshop on the configurations of EPA negotiations (EAC Secretariat)
- East African Liaison Committee (EALA + national Parliaments)
- Workshop on the implementation of an East African customs union (EALA - Committee on communications, trade and investment)
- Regional integration and local authorities (Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania - ALAT)
- Regional Calendar / Political Handbook
- Regional conference on political parties and democratisation in East Africa
- Youth Leadership Training Programme for young political leaders from East African Region

FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG TANZANIA

AFRICAN & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**NEW ECONOMIC
STRATEGIES**
MARKET OPENING &
GLOBALISATION

**REGIONAL
INTEGRATION**
East African Business
Council (EPA + private
sector)

**DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS**
Youth Leadership
Training

Economic Discussion
Circle (EDC)
Info Service
Publication: Investment in
Tanzania

**TRADE LIBERALISATION
& CUSTOM UNION**

Cotonou-easy: Booklet II &
III
Data System: NSAs
Seminars: Trade Policy
WSs: Journalist Training
Brussels: Work Stay
(MinFi)
Multipliers Training

EAC-Secretariat (Techni-
cal WSs on EPA)

EALA (Implementation of
Customs Union in EA)

ALAT (Information on
Regional Integration)

Regional NGO Calendar

Regional Youth Leader-
ship Training

Parties and Democratisa-
tion in EA

Promotion of Trade
Unions

Parliament Co-operation

Local Government / Local
Structures

WOMEN'S RIGHTS -
Human Rights

FES Partner Training and
Networking

Conflict Reduction

Security Policy

**TRAINING, PUBLICATIONS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, CONSULTANCIES,
RESEARCH, POLITICAL EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL WORK-STAYS**

Strengthening the democratic institutions

FES thinks that the democratic culture in government, administration and civil society is capable of development. We are particularly working on improving efficiency as well as financial and political accountability in institutions and organisations. Throughout our efforts we try not to simply assign western concepts, but to develop perspectives for a democratic Tanzanian society in close collaboration with our local partners.

Co-operation with Parliament

The support of the Tanzanian Parliament is one of the central projects of FES' work to strengthen and stabilize democratic institutions in the Tanzanian society. In doing so, our main objective is the embedding of parliamentary actions in the public dialogue and the promotion of multi-party democracy. FES boosts qualified reporting on parliamentary and electoral issues and the public relations of the parliament itself.

The experience we gained out of these workshops has led to a concentration on education of young parliamentarians, which will be one of FES main projects in the future.

Projects and activities (examples):

- Publication: „Who is who in parliament“
- Evaluation of the impact of new committee systems for the Committee Secretaries
- Parliamentarian Capacity Building for Members of Parliament in Opposition
- Co-operation with Tanzanian Young Parliamentarians Association

Youth Leadership

Training Programme

A major aspect of FES' support of Youth Leadership is contained in the Youth Leadership Training Programme (YLTP). The aim of this project is to contribute to building a cadre of committed leaders in Tanzania.

For a period of 12 months, young women and men from different National Organisations are receiving regular training in leadership skills and good governance. During the training sessions the participants address social, political and economic topics and practise new managerial skills. In addition YLTP offers these young leaders the possibility of establishing a quality network enabling them to contribute their share to a democratic multiparty system.

The programme is very successful and many participants of the last years are today found in key-positions in politics, economy and



YLTP training session

civic society. They are the decision-makers of the future as intend by the programme.

In the 2005 parliamentary election four former participants ran for a parliament-seat.

Related activities (examples):

- Capacity Building for Youth Organisations on Political Issues
- Regional Youth Leadership Training Programme with young Leaders from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Local

Government

In 1984, the Tanzanian Government changed its policy towards the institution of a decentralised Local Government System. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung supports the current policy for Local Government. Throughout the world there is strong evidence that decentralization is closely related with the reduction of poverty and a policy that fits people's needs. This is especially true for Tanzania.

FES has participated in the Local Government discussions through its partner ALAT (Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania) and through proper projects.

Projects and Activities (examples):

- The Handbook for Local Government Work is envisaged as a useful support to newly elected councillors/council executives. It deals with poverty reduction, good governance, rights and duties of councillors as well as HIV/AIDS, gender and environment.
- Councillor training co-operation with the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government
- Co-operation with GTZ and DED
- ALAT: support of a regional representation body at EAC

Trade

Unions

FES has its roots in the German Workers' Movement and a main focus of interest is to support trade unions in their struggle for workers' rights, better working conditions and social justice.

The lack of an effective representation of employees' interests in Tanzania can be attributed to various factors, but mainly to the historical one-party system and the former centralised economy.

The Trade Union Act No.10 of 1998 sets an improved legal framework for the operation of trade unions. However, from the beginning of registration in 2000, the unions have been in a difficult phase of transformation to the active and strong representation of workers' interests. Since then, FES provided consultancy and worked together with the new Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) as well as with its affiliates. For the future FES will concentrate on leadership-training, especially for women and young trade unionists.

Projects and Activities (examples):

- Assistance to TUCTA during the Labour Law Reform process
- Brainstorming session and seminar with legal experts helped to analyse the situation and collect ideas for future action of Zanzibar trade unions.
- Contribution of meetings for women committees of TUICO and TUGHE and general support for women workers' representation and women in trade union leadership positions.

Women and gender

The promotion of gender equality is featured in all FES' projects. Our collaboration with women organisations and gender activists contributes to the realisation of political, legal and economic equality between women and men.

Especially in the rural areas, where discriminatory customary laws are still in practice, women are very much disadvantaged with regard to land and property ownership, inheritance, divorce and other issues related to basic rights.

FES Tanzania is raising women's awareness about their rights, supporting the process towards gender equity in the country and implementing FES' and partners' activities with a gender perspective.



Para-legal unit theatre group

Projects and activities (examples):

- FES supports para-legal units that engage in the sensitisation of rural women through information-dissemination, consultancy and theatre performances.
- Training of selected partners on participatory methods for impact monitoring & evaluating of women's rights projects.
- Training of trainers on the new land laws specially „women's rights & the land tenure“.
- Preparation and dissemination of women's rights publications in Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania

Conflict

Reduction

Tanzania is among the most stable and peaceful nations in Africa. However there are still internal conflicts to be solved and external ones where Tanzania could play an important role in the finding of solutions.

The new area which FES Tanzania is introducing relies on two items:

- Consultancy on more democratic principles
- A public debate on security policies and conflict prevention in Africa

With the first item FES will contribute to a democratic development in Tanzania by trainings and workshops on democratic rules, the electoral system, conflict reduction and political education. In this sector we are tending to work together with a broad spectrum of society, ranging from first-time voters to teachers, from journalists to key persons.

With a public debate on security policies and conflict prevention in Africa FES is aiming not only to contribute to the debate on the reform of the UN system and the report of the High-Level Panel, but also on the UN led conflict reduction in East Africa and the Great Lakes Region and within Africa and with this to strengthen the positive progress on the conflict situation in Africa.

Projects and activities (examples):

- Workshop for journalists on the development of democracy
- Political education
- UN reform and the role of Tanzania in the Security Council
- Peace consolidation and mutual security - new rules for intervention in Africa



Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

„International co-operation is far too important to be left to governments alone.“

For further information please
don't hesitate to contact
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

P.O.box 4472
Kawawa Road, Plot 397
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tel: +255-22 2668575 / 2668786
Fax: +255-22 2668669
Mobile: +255-742 783153 / +255-741 324924
e-Mail: info@fes.or.tz
tanzania.fes-international.de