

Foreword

In the series of “Leaders for Justice Workshops” organized by the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung another workshop took place this year in Lagos, Nigeria, from 20th to 21st June 2019. Highly qualified and experienced lawyers from Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mali, Nigeria and Togo participated.

The “Leaders for Justice Workshops” aim to facilitate the exchange between lawyers from neighbouring African countries to discuss current issues of the Rule of Law. In 2017 a “Leaders for Justice Workshop” on current challenges for an independent and effective judiciary in West Africa took place in Accra, Ghana. It was focused on the independency and efficiency of civil court organization and criteria for an independent judiciary. The presentations have been published in volume 1/2018 of the KAS African Law Study Library. In 2018 the “Leaders for Justice Workshop” in Mombasa, Kenya, focused on Public Finances, e.g. public procurement, legal tax systems and state funding of public institutions. Aspects like transparency, legal and parliamentary control and efficiency were discussed. The presentations have been published in volume 1/2019 of the KAS African Law Study Library.

This year the “Leaders for Justice Workshop” focused on Public Finances in West Africa. The tax systems, income from mineral resources, infrastructure projects, the management of public finances, state funding of public institutions and arbitration proceedings involving public institutions were treated in the workshop. To strengthen and widen the network of West African Lawyers former and new participants from Benin, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Togo were invited as well as lawyers from Burkina Faso and Mali. The continuity of the “Leaders for Justice Workshop” allows to discuss and to develop long term solutions and to identify the “Best Practice” in West Africa.

Each participant presented aspects focused on his specific national judicial system, which he found important to discuss. The discussions contributed to a comparative approach. This volume presents the lectures in written form either as articles or as reports. Opinions expressed in the articles and published in this volume are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily represent our opinion or those of Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

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