

Foreword

The articles presented in this conference volume are the results of the “Leaders for Justice Workshop” which took place in Mombasa, Kenya from 8th to 11th November 2018 assembling highly qualified and experienced lawyers from Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and DR Congo. The conference was organized by the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

The “Leaders for Justice Workshop” brings together lawyers from neighbouring African countries to discuss current issues of the Rule of Law. In 2017 the “Second conference on current challenges for an independent and effective judiciary in West Africa” took place in Accra, Ghana. It was focused on the remuneration system of civil judges, the working conditions and legal training of the civil court staff, obstacles in criminal investigation proceedings due to ethnic and social background of the suspect and the role of the public and the media during judicial proceedings. The presentations have been published in volume 1/2018 KAS African Law Study Library.

The “Conference on current challenges for an independent and effective judiciary in East Africa” aimed to strengthen a network of judges, lawyers and prosecutors from Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and DR Congo to facilitate regional exchange and transfer of knowledge and experiences.

Besides judicial issues like transparency and independency in the work of judges and court staffs, the conference also 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.

Each participant presented aspects focused on his specific national judicial system, which he found important to discuss. The discussions contributed to a comparative approach and realized the conference’s aim. 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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