



Conference AGGN AND RETO Pamoja e.V, Hamburg

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Constitutions, Devolution and Diaspora: Kenya beyond 2013

This year Kenya stands two years after its elections which took place in 2013. In 2013, most Kenyans were hopeful that the new constitution which created a devolved system of governance would usher in a new dawn. This hope prevailed more so because the current Constitution was born of the 2008 electoral violence which had killed and displaced so many Kenyans.

The devolution project embedded even more hopes because it was a direct attempt to address the underlying causes of that conflict. It meant to defuse the inequities — real and perceived — that have undermined national cohesion, and to prevent the concentration (and confiscation) of power by ruling factions. The politics of devolution explains the intensity of hopes and expectations that have been pinned to it. It also means there are high risks if they are disappointed.

Despite the high hopes pegged on devolution, findings which were conducted by the Jesuit Society in *Kenya in a paper termed Kenya beyond 2013 Hopes and Concerns* showed that very few Kenyans understood how the county governments which had been created by the new Constitution would function *Vis á Vis* the central government. Questions around the new system of governance for example which were widely misunderstood by the electorate included the following;

- **County governments ,financial resources and their management**
- **Relationships between county and central government**
- **Concept and theory of devolution**
- **National assembly vis a vis senate**

Given the prevailing need to address these questions, the African Good Governance and Reto Pamoja, saw the need to address these issues in a workshop. The workshop will be supported by the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) under the auspices of the African Good Governance Network (AGGN).

Saturday, 5th September 2015

13:00 – 13:30 Uhr	Registration				
13:30 – 14:00 Uhr	Opening speeches AGGN, Reto and Kenya Embassy Berlin				
14:30 - 15:30 Uhr	Constitutions, devolution and diaspora	Diaspora Cynthia Kisaro(European University Flensburg)	Q&A	Kenya Embassy Berlin Recap	Take aways (Erick Kitili) Reto Pamoja
15:30 – 15:45 Uhr		Snacks, coffee			
15:45 – 17:15 Uhr		The Constitution and Constitutionalism Justin J.Monsenepwo(PhD Candidate Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)	Q&A	Dr. Jude Kagoro (Institute for International Studies Bremen Post doctorate Candidate)	Take aways (Helen Njoroje)
		Junior Fellow AGGN		Senior fellow AGGN	
17:15 – 17:30 Uhr	Snacks, Coffee				
17:30 - 19:00 Uhr		Devolution Fred Nyagaka Ongarora, LL.M(PhD Candidate Humboldt University Berlin)	Q&A	Recap Eric Otieno Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt Sociology Department Junior Fellow AGGN	Take aways DAAD(Ad a Osinski)
19:00 – 21:00	Closing remarks ,Music, Networking ,Departure, finger food				

Venue

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