



EAST AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS' FORUM
Strengthening Civil Society in the Integration Processes

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Press Release

WORKSHOP TO EVALUATE AND DISSEMINATE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY ON THE LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE (ACDEG) IN LINE WITH THE TANZANIA CONSTITUTION.

The East African Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSO) is an inclusive platform for CSOs to dialogue and foster sustainable equitable development in East Africa through the participation of CSOs, it was founded in 2007 as an autonomous umbrella body of NGOs and civil society organizations (CSOs) in East Africa. EACSO exists to champion East Africa peoples-centeredness in the social, economic and other EA integration processes.

EACSO in partnership with Action Aid are implementing a project entitled **Mobilizing Civil Society Support for Implementation of the African Governance Architecture through advocating for the implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) within the East African region.** The main goal of the project is to contribute to democratic responsive governance in the EAC region.

EACSO is organizing a workshop to evaluate and disseminate findings of a study on the legal analysis of the African Charter on Democracy Elections and Governance (ACDEG) as a comparative review with the Tanzania Constitution from **12th to 13th December, 2018** in **Dodoma, Tanzania.** ACDEG is the overarching normative instrument for the realization of the principles of democracy, good governance, Human rights, constitutionalism and rule of law.

This forum will provide an opportunity to Tanzania CSOs to provide their input and perspective on the signing of the charter and on how to further advocate and lobby for the signing and ratification of ACDEG in Tanzania as the study findings reflect on Tanzania's constitution commitments on legal instruments such as the Charter and a comparison will be drawn between the provisions of the charter, the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania and other relevant laws, treaties, both local and international; identifying problematic clauses and proffering recommendations, and assessing government's level of compliance with The Charter and its contradiction to the Charter for further recommendations.

EACSO is taking note of the importance of promoting the African Governance Architecture (AGA) through democracy and human rights in EAC region and in creating space for the participation of civil society in advocacy networks to engage specific local communities, bridge their views to national, regional and continental policy discussions and open up public discussion through media channels.



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