



African Good Governance Network (AGGN)

13th AGGN workshop

“Parties and Elections”

June 26th – July 1st 2011

Venue:

Hotel „Sylter Hof“
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Concept and Theme:

The 13th workshop of the African Good Governance Network is dedicated to the theme “**Parties and Elections**”. The workshop seeks to explore the roles that political parties and elections play in Germany and Africa. While democracy and good governance are more than the holding of regular elections, elections do play a key role in a democratic political system. The same accounts to political parties, which play different roles depending on the political system, but which are undoubtedly major political actors. The high number of elections in Africa 2011 gives a specific topicality to these issues.

The workshop will spark **academic discussions** on the one hand but seeks a strong focus on **practical experience** – looking behind the scenes of institutions and discussing issues with decision makers. Beyond a variety of speakers, Berlin as the conference location also offers first-hand impressions of Germany’s political history.

In addition to the thematic part, the workshop is dedicated to **network development**. The various working groups of the network will use the time to further the institutionalization of the network. A practical session/skills training with professional designers will focus on the production of new public relations material for the network.

About AGGN

The **African Good Governance Network (AGGN)** comprises a group of highly educated African academics who have either studied in Germany or are still studying in Germany. Due to their qualifications they can be numbered among the future decision makers dedicated to Good Governance principles in sub-Saharan Africa. AGGN fellows promote the ideas of Good Governance and help to further the process of democratisation in their home countries. The network currently consists of 50 members (growing annually by 10) from over 20 African countries. About 1/3 of the members have already returned to Africa, working in international institutions, government departments or universities.

Under the auspices of the German Federal President **Horst Köhler**, the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** created the AGGN in early 2007. By initiating this network, the DAAD wants to make a contribution to the broadening and deepening of the academic collaboration between Africa and Germany and promote future key players in the domain of Good Governance.

On behalf of the DAAD, the **Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute Freiburg** organises three workshops a year on various theoretical and practical aspects related to ‘Good Governance’. Senior academics, government officials and civil society representatives share their experience on a conference topic in open discussion rounds. The workshops furthermore include skills trainings and active networking with German and African institutions.

Participants: AGGN Members

	Name	First Name	Country of Origin	Academic Background
1	Akhogba	Augustine	Nigeria	Theology
2	Alemu*	Rachel	Uganda	Law
3	Amiani	Sylvia	Kenya	Social Work
4	Assoua	Kocra, Prof.	Cote d'Ivoire	Political Science
5	Awuor	Yvonne	Kenya	Law
6	Cheo	Adeline Abimimni	Cameroon	Environment
7	Gachago	Rebecca	Kenya	Law
8	Hoinathi*	Remadji	Chad	Environment
9	Ifukor	Presley	Nigeria	Linguistics/Cognitive Sc.
10	Kafoe	James Lahai	Sierra Leone	Engineering
11	Kagoro	Jude	Uganda	Political Science
12	Kwo	Jerry	Cameroon	Management
13	Mabikke	Samuel	Uganda	Planning
14	Maistry*	Ugreson	South Africa	Law
15	Marful	Alexander Boakye	Ghana	Infrastructure Planning
16	Nyasulu	Tapiwa	Malawi	Development
17	Odera	Robert Owina	Kenya	Education
18	Smith Höhn	Judy, Dr.	South Africa	Political Science
19	Tadesse	Ephrem	Ethiopia	Political Science

*Part time participation (late arrival or early departure)

German AGGN Organizers

Name	First Name	Organization
Adelmann	Martin, Dr.	ABI
Altrogge	Judith	ABI
Martin*	Heike	DAAD

The Venue: Hotel “Sylter Hof”, Berlin

The hotel combines a personal atmosphere with the amenities of a conference hotel. It lies in the heart of the city and is well connected to some of Berlin's well-known sites such as the Gedächtniskirche, the Siegessäule and the shopping mall “KaDeWe”. It is also well connected to the public transport system with a stop of the famous bus no. 100 directly in front of the hotel.

The homy rooms are equipped with TV and wireless LAN for the cost of 2 €/hour or 5 €/day.



How to get there



By plane:

From airport Schönefeld, take RE 4 (direction Rathenow) or S-Bahn S 9 (direction Spandau) until Zoologischer Garten.

From airport Tegel, take bus X9 until “Bahnhof Zoo”. At Bahnhof Zoo, change to bus no. 100 (direction Mollstraße/ Prenzlauer Berg). Get off at Schillstraße (3 stops).

By train:

From *Hauptbahnhof (Mainstation)* you can get here in about 15 minutes. Take an S-Bahn to *Bahnhof Zoo* and change to bus no. 100 (direction Mollstraße/ Prenzlauer Berg). Get off at Schillstraße (3 stops).

Time	Sunday, 26.6.2011	Monday, 27.6.2011	Tuesday, 28.6.2011	Wednesday 29.6.2011	Thursday, 30.6.2011	Friday, 1.7.2011
07.00-09.00	Arrival at Hotel “Sylter Hof”	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09.00-10.30		Lecture: Parties in Africa (Alexander Stroh, GIGA Hamburg)	Lecture: African Elections , Election Violence & Coalitions of National Unity (Dr. Judy Smith-Höhn)	Meeting the “Afrika-Beauftragter der Bundeskanzlerin” (Günter Nooke, BMZ)	Network Development (Heike Martin, DAAD)	Skills Training: Poster Workshop
10.30-11.00		Coffee	Coffee		Coffee	Coffee
11.00-12.30		Group Work: Elections	Lecture: The Elections in Cote d’Ivoire (Prof. Kocra Assoua)		Visit to Reichstag Kuppel (tbc.)	Skills Training (continued): Poster Workshop (axeptDESIGN)
12.30-14.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Meeting with MP Thilo Hoppe at Bundestag (Grüne, Develop. Coop. Committee)	Lunch
14.00-15.30		Deutsche Afrika Stiftung (tbc.)	Election Observation (Zentrum für int. Friedenseinsätze)	International Party Assistance (H. Suhr/A. Kolb, Konrad-Adenauer Foundation)	AGGN Working Groups	AGGN Working Groups
15.30-16.00		Electoral Research/Opinion Polls (Forsa Institute)				
16.00-17.30		SID?		Coffee	Coffee	Departure
18.00-19.30		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Visit to SPD-Headquarter Willy-Brandt-Haus	
20.00		Welcome: Introduction to the Programme	Movie/Documentary	Summer Reception at the Deutsche Afrika Stiftung (DAS) (tbc)	Dinner	
					Beer Garden: Women’s Soccer World Cup Germany - Nigeria	

 Travelling
 Lecture and Discussion
 Visit to Institutions
 AGGN Internal/Skills
 Optional Evening Activities