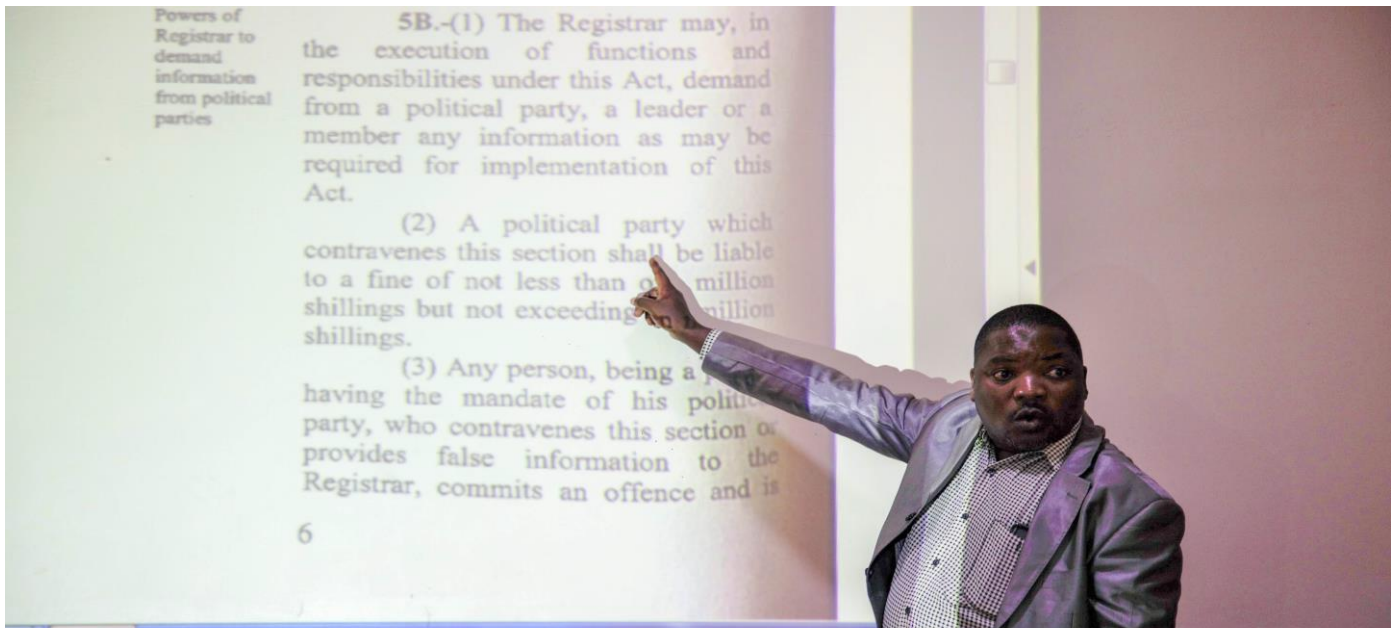




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*Deus Kibamba, Jukwaa la Katiba Tanzania (JUKATA) former board chair, reviews aspects of the amendments to Political Parties Act (PPA) with the workshop participants.
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TANZANIA

TUSHIRIKI PAMOJA

The *Tushiriki Pamoja* (“Participate Together”) activity seeks to strengthen and support civil society, in particular women, youth, and people with disabilities, to engage in and promote accountable and inclusive political processes. Specific objectives include advocacy on key electoral reforms, engagement in elections; effective domestic election observation; inclusive and competitive political systems; greater transparency in election administration; and the constructive review of the post 2020 electoral period.

The activity aims to improve responsiveness of relevant institutions and organizations throughout the Tanzanian electoral cycle through engagement with voters, influential leaders, and members of electoral management bodies, while building pro-democracy coalitions of civil society groups, and enhancing the internal processes of political parties to promote participation of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in democratic processes.

The CEPPS activity undertakes programming across sectors to address the specific needs and barriers to political participation of marginalized groups in Tanzania, especially women, youth, and people with disabilities. By supporting dialogue and civic and voter education, and advancing collaboration among citizen networks, coalitions, and government stakeholders, this five-year activity will lay the foundation for more inclusive democratic processes, especially for marginalized groups.

RESULTS

- The Ushiriki Coalition of Tanzanian CSO partners expanded membership and established themselves as credible and leading activists for political and electoral reforms, inclusion, and the participation of women, youth and people living with disabilities.
- Coalition member CSOs participated in review processes for several high-profile bills (including Political Parties Act, NGO Act, Statistics Act, Companies Act, etc.) in Parliament. Coalition members coordinated efforts, utilized their comparative advantages, and as a result of their professionalism, several of their recommendations were incorporated into the resulting laws improving inclusivity.
- Efforts to strengthen intra and inter party collaboration between political parties included in a landmark summit for an array of opposition party leaders. Identifying a host of shared priorities, they agreed to renew efforts to partner in upcoming elections.
- Leadership structures and women and youth units within both ruling and opposition parties have committed to improving internal governance and working to increase the diversity of both candidates and internal party decision-makers.
- CEPPS partners identified champions and built relationships within key democratic intuitions within the Government of Tanzania. This includes the President's Office of Regional Administration and Local Government, Zanzibar Electoral Commission, Office of Registrar of Political Parties, the NGO Registrar, and Parliament. As a result, partners participated in consultative processes for local government elections regulations, consulted on new regulatory processes, and provided perspectives to advance participation and inclusion in democratic governance.

BUDGET: \$12,600,000

DURATION

November 2017 – May 2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nationwide

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Consortium of Elections and Political Process Strengthening:

- International Republican Institute (IRI)
- National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

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