**OSIEA regional board learning session – March 2016**

The learning session for the board scheduled for 19th March 2016, will allow board members to interact with OSIEA grantees on Tanzania’s 2015 elections, in order for board members to learn more about their engagement in the process, with support from the Tanzania program. The session will also include an assessment of hundred (100) days of president Magufuli in power. Grantees will share their experiences, successes, challenges, lessons learnt and their post-election engagement strategies, in the form of a panel discussion with panelists responding to topic-related questions for thirty (30) minutes, and an hour of plenary thereafter were the board will have a chance to interact with the panelists. The session will precede a portfolio review of the program’s engagement in the process, and will thus lay the basis for a more informed discussion.

**Panelists’ biographies**

**Martina Mnenegwa Kabisama** is the National Coordinator of Southern Africa Human Rights NGO Network (SAHRiNGON) Tanzania Chapter. Apart from Chairing the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition, she is also chair of the national coalition of Global Call to Action (GCAP), Tanzania Consortium of Civil Society in Election and Observation (TACCEO), board member of Policy Forum Tanzania and The Vice President of YWCA Tanzania. She is the National Social Watch focal person and member of the Global Social Watch Coordination Committee. She is a gender and human rights activist, and runs programs which advocate and promote human rights for all and builds capacity on economic, social and cultural rights. She is also an international facilitator on nonviolent approaches to conflict management and has been mobilizing Tanzania human rights NGOs and others to collectively work together. She is a champion of Tamar Campaign (a campaign to break the silence on rape) in the country under YWCA, and an excellent facilitator on anti-FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) using the approach of alternative rites of passage. Mrs Kabisama is a holder of a master’s degree in International Management and Policy in Education (MEd) from the University of Birmingham.

**Bernard Kindoli** has over twenty years of experience in policy and development work in both the public and civil society sectors. He has devoted 80% of his practice to designing and facilitating capacity building interventions aimed at strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations to better deliver their services and effectively engage in policy and governance processes. His recent activities include providing strategic management and operational direction to the Coalition on Election Monitoring and Observation in Tanzania (CEMOT) – a project supported jointly by OSIEA, and the Danish and Canadian governments – providing mentoring and coaching to CSO representatives in order to improve their performance, and providing support to CSOs in programs/project evaluations. Mr Kindoli previously worked with the Foundation for Civil Society in different managerial capacities, World Vision Tanzania as Micronutrient and Health (MICAH) Project Manager and then Eastern Zonal Manager; and Handeni District as District Community Development Officer. He holds an MA in Theology and Development from Leeds University and an Advanced Diploma in Community Development from CDTI-Tengeru, Arusha.

**Onesmo Paul Olengurumwa** is the National Coordinator/CEO and Co-founder of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC), a coalition that serves over 120 human rights NGOs and individual defenders countrywide. Mr Olengurumwa is currently doing his Master’s Degree in Research and Public Policy at the University of Dar es Salaam. Born in Loliondo-Ngorongoro in 1980, he did his LLB at the University of Dar es Salam and graduated with honors in 2009. He also holds a diploma in Security and Protection Management for Human Rights Defenders and Social Organizations offered by Protection International, and was mentored by renown and well experienced organization development expert for one year (2013). Mr Olengurumwa presents papers in various international, regional and national human rights meetings and forums. His professional interests and expertise are evident from his theoretical and practical experiences that are based on the areas of human rights, international human rights law, research, social justice, good governance, policy and African pastoralism. Mr Olengurumwa has written widely and his works have been used as a source of reference in many publications and other research works. He has experience working with and for communities in a multicultural Tanzania, and has travelled to all 28 regions in the county conducting surveys and research.

**Justice Rutenge** founded iDev (Innovative Development) in November 2013 to advance his passion to use creative, innovative approaches to achieve social impact. At iDev, Mr Rutenge is the Creator and Executive Producer of PilauTV, Tanzania’s first 3d animated show on TV. He designed PilauTV as a political satire to address the dwindling participation in social and political activities in Tanzania, especially by the youth. Mr Rutenge graduated Cum Laude from Daystar University with a degree in Integrated Community Development, and is an all rounded person with a number of self-taught skills including animation, audio and video production, basic coding, graphics designing, digital marketing and analysis. He draws a lot of inspiration in his current work from his past role as Tanzania Program Officer for Hivos/Twaweza where he was responsible for the implementation of the organization’s bold and ambitious theory of change centered on ‘citizen agency’. His ultimate desire is to see young people in Africa transform the way their countries are governed, and he spends a lot of his time innovating and initiating media programs and web/mobile applications geared at empowering youths. Mr Rutenge has also worked in different capacities for World Vision Kenya, Care International in Tanzania as well as KPMG International Development Advisory Services, where he gained expertise in program and project design and management, monitoring, evaluation and communications across a wide range of sectors including governance and accountability, health, education, agribusiness, renewable energy and financial services.