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## U.S. GOVT - EAC SIGN \$194 MILLION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



On 16 November 2016, the U.S. Government and the East African Community (EAC) launched a Regional Development Objectives Grant Agreement at the EAC headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania. On behalf of the U.S. Government, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will contribute approximately \$194 million over a five year period to shared development goals, deepening the partnership between the two organizations.

About \$30 million will fund institutional strengthening within the EAC Secretariat, while the remainder will support other development partners in their efforts to contribute to the EAC regional integration agenda.

Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy to Tanzania and U.S. Representative to the EAC Virginia Blaser, USAID Mission Director for Kenya and East Africa Karen Freeman, and EAC Secretary General Ambassador Liberát Mfumukeko signed a memorandum of acknowledgment to affirm the agreement.

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## ... grant to advance regional economic integration, increase trade and investment between EAC and with the USA



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Chargé Blaser noted the tremendous value of fostering regional cooperation, saying that the United States supports “governments and regional bodies such as the EAC in their collaborative efforts to unlock this region’s full potential for the benefit of its people.”

USAID Mission Director Freeman emphasized the joint achievements of the EAC and USAID over the past two decades. “By simplifying customs and border procedures, we have facilitated faster, more affordable and predictable trade. We have increased investment by facilitating the closure of more international deals, which are expanding local industries and manufacturing.”

Under this agreement, the EAC and the United States will work together to (i) advance regional economic integration, (ii) increase trade and investment between member states and with the United States, (iii) improve the sustainable management of natural resources in the Lake Victoria Basin and Mara River ecosystems, (iv) improve access to integrated health services in border areas and (v) strengthen the EAC’s organizational leadership.

In his remarks, EAC Secretary General Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko thanked USAID for its continued support to the EAC integration agenda.

Amb. Mfumukeko said that EAC’s partnership with the United States dates back to the Community’s inception.

“The partnership continues to expand and be strengthened through mutual development objectives and funding for programmes such as trade and investment, biodiversity, climate change, agriculture, food security, water supply and sanitation, and institutional support,” said Amb. Mfumukeko.

The Secretary General said that the new EAC-USAID Regional Development Objective Grant Agreement (RDOAG) 2016-2021 would deepen integration, improve cross-border risk management and strengthen regional institutions leadership and learning. He added that the RDOAG would support harmonization of policies and standards, and scale up technologies and best practices in trade, investment, agriculture, energy, and environmental and natural resource management.

Other to be supported by the Agreement are climate change, gender, livelihood, population and health threats.

Also present at the ceremony were the Ms. Candace Buzzard, Deputy Director at the USAID Mission and Mr. Charles Njoroge, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Political Federation.

## Germany Contributes €40 Million for Health in the EAC



The Federal Republic of Germany, KfW Development Bank and the East African Community (EAC) ON 23 November 2016, signed Financing Agreement of 40 million euros in total, to support regional immunization programme and establishment and operations of the Regional Laboratory Network for Communicable Diseases.

The Secretary General of the East African Community, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko signed on behalf of the Community while His Excellency Egon Kochanke, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Republic of Tanzania and also accredited to the East African Community initialled on behalf the Germany Government and Dr. Helmut Schon, on behalf of KfW.

- 30 million euros in financial assistance will be invested in Immunization programmes in the EAC in collaboration with GAVI

- Another 10 million euros in financial assistance will be used in the operation of the Regional Laboratory Network for Communicable Diseases consisting of mobile laboratory units located at national reference laboratories.

This new commitment will bring Germany's contribution to fight child mortality through immunisation programmes to 90 million euros since 2013. So far about 50 million of Rota Virus Vaccines, Pneumococcal Vaccines and Pentavalent Vaccines have been financed in the EAC Partner States. Implicitly, an equal number of children have been vaccinated against the biggest killers of children, namely diarrhea and pneumonia.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, the EAC Secretary General, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko, thanked the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for its support to the EAC. "We have

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## €30 million to be invested in Immunization programmes in the EAC in collaboration with GAVI

truly benefited from the German support which has catalysed other development Partners to support our projects and programmes.

Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko underscored the assistance for the health sector in the EAC reaffirms Germany's status as a true friend of the people of East Africa.

H.E. Egon Kochanke, Ambassador said: "The new commitments underline that Germany continues to be a strong partner for the EAC, contributing to an integration process that puts the people in the centre".

On his part, the Director of KfW Development Bank, Dar es Salaam Office, Dr. Helmut Schon said "the support from KfW underlines the importance we give to the East African Community" a regional approach under the EAC coordination makes very much sense to address communicable diseases.

Accompanying Amb. Kochanke was Ms Lena Thiede, Counsellor/Head of Regional Cooperation at the German Embassy in Dar es Salaam, and Director of KfW Development Bank, Dr. Helmut Schon.

Others at the function were EAC Deputy Secretaries General (Finance and Administration), Hon Jesca Eriyo; (Productive and Social Sector), Hon. Christophe Bavizamo and (Political Federation), Mr. Charles Njoroge.



# EAC Secretary General Attends High Level Committee of the European Development Fund (EDF)



The EAC Secretary General Ambassador Liberat Mfumukeko, on 9 November 2016, attended a High Level Committee of the European Development Fund (EDF) in Brussels, Belgium.

The EDF meeting in Brussels brought together the Secretaries General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), East African Community (EAC), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), and EU representatives from Brussels.

The purpose of the high level meeting was to discuss the implementation of the EDF 11 under which EAC was allocated 85 million Euros for a period of 5 years. The resources were distributed as follows: peace and security - 15 million Euros, regional integration - 45 million Euros, natural resources management - 20 million Euros, and institutional strengthening - 5 million Euros.

EAC reported that out of the allocated 85 million Euros, projects worth 70 million Euros have reached advanced stages. A project on regional electoral support worth 5 million Euros is under implementation, a project on establishing a Trade Related Facility for 35 million has been finalized which will allow Partner States access to funds for trade facilitation.

A project on water resources management worth 10 million Euros led by Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) and KfW is at formulation stage. The project focuses on Lake Victoria Basin with plans for construction of water and sanitation infrastructure along major towns in the basin.

EAC is also preparing to submit a project on promotion of aquaculture led by Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation (LVFO) worth 20 million Euros as well as projects in a peace and security and institutional strengthening.

During the meeting EAC was applauded for having passed the key EU pillars assessment. EAC will now discuss implementation modalities with EU which will mean the Community using its own procedures. The meeting was also informed of the entry of the Republic of South Sudan into the EAC.

In his remarks, Amb. Mfumukeko urged the EU to consider priorities such as enhancing food security, income generation for employment to improve livelihoods.

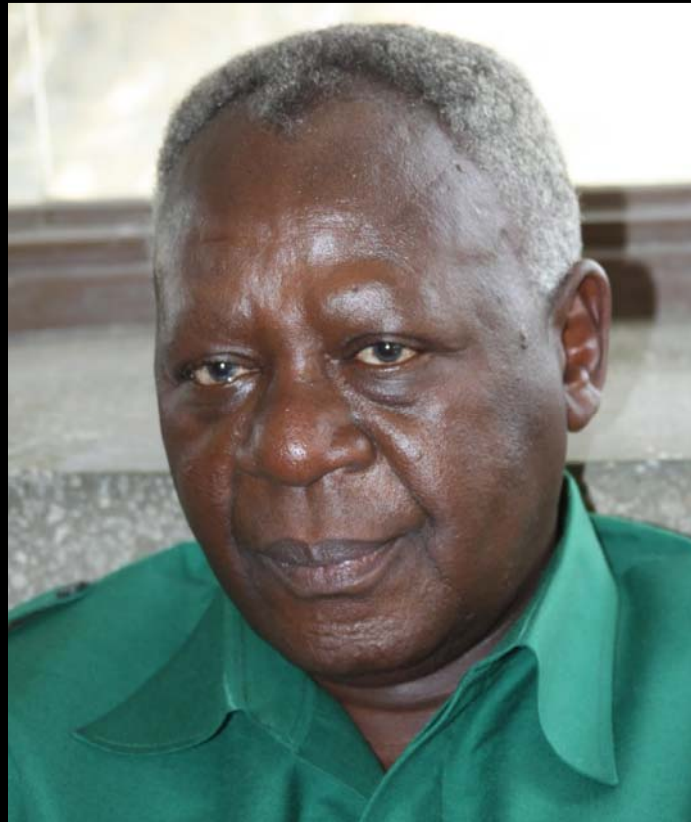
During the meeting, the EU underlined the need to find sustainable financing solutions for donor-funded staff positions. The EU also announced a creation of a technical facility of 14 million Euros to support capacity building of project preparation on soft infrastructure projects.

Under EDF 11, the EU has allocated 600 million Euros for the five Regional Economic Communities (RECs). All the RECs have up to the end of December 2016 to finalize on the identification of priority projects.

The Secretary General was accompanied at the meeting by Hon. Jessica Eriyo, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Finance and Administration who also led the EAC delegation during Technical meetings.



## **EAC Mourns Hon. Samuel Sitta**



It was with great shock that the EAC organs and institutions received the news of the sad and untimely demise of Hon. Samuel Sitta, who was at one time the Minister of East African Cooperation in the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, on 7th November 2016 in the Federal Republic of Germany where he was undergoing treatment.

We mourn the passing on of a distinguished son of Tanzania and East Africa who has left an indelible imprint on the history of the Community.

Hon. Sitta was at the realm and a key factor in the East African Community and exhibited strong commitment and faith in the EAC integration process by contributing immensely to the region's integration process and development in his capacity as Minister of East African Co-operation from 2010 – 2015.

The late Hon. Sitta played a critical role in the transformation of the EAC Customs Union Protocol into a Single Customs Territory, the implementation of the Common Market Protocol, and negotiations for the East African Monetary Union Protocol, which is now under implementation.

The entire Community shares with the bereaved family and the government and people of Tanzania, the feelings of great loss and deep sorrow.

**MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE**



## EAC - USAID Hold Technical Bilateral Meeting on the Sidelines of COP22

A Technical working-level bilateral meeting was held on 11 November 2016, between the officials of East African Community and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), on the sidelines of the ongoing 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 12th Meeting of Parties to Kyoto Protocol (CMP12) that took place in Bab Ighli in Marrakech, Morocco.

Leading the USAID Team was Mr. John Furlow, the Senior Climate Change Specialist based in Washington, DC, while the EAC Team was led by Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, the Director of Productive Sectors and accompanied by Mr. Ladislaus Kyaruzi, the Principal Environment and Natural Resources Officer who heads the EAC Climate Change Coordination Unit, and other Senior officials.




The EAC and USAID officials discussed the ongoing projects supported by USAID and noted tremendous milestones being recorded for example in the Planning for Resilience in East Africa through Policy, Adaptation, Research, and Economic Development (PREPARED) project, which has effectively taken root in the region.

Other projects include the Aflatoxin Control Programme and the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Programmes meant to ensure high quality agricultural, livestock and fishery products for intra Community trade, regional trade and external trade especially with USA under the AGOA trade facility.



The EAC Director of Productive Sectors, Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, noted that the establishment of both the Project Implementation Committee (PIC) and the Project Coordination Committee (PCC) at the EAC Secretariat had greatly enhanced coordination of the various projects being supported by various partners and also improved on accountability, efficiency and value for money.

The EAC Director highlighted the 5 key priority areas for the next one year as follows; continued implementation of the Regional Climate Change Policy, which was adopted by the EAC Policy Organ in 2011; implementation of the tools developed by PREPARED on climate change vulnerability impact and strengthening data availability in the Partner States; implementation of the Anti-poaching and fight against illegal trafficking of wildlife and wildlife products strategy; sustainability of the Climate Change Coordination Unit at the EAC Secretariat; and lastly; implementation of the EAC Roadmap for implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. 

# National Laws in Need of Speedy Approximation to Regional Legislation - EALA says

Regional legislators now want Partner States to speedily undertake harmonization and approximation of laws in line with those of the Community saying that delays affect the speed with which the Community is moving. EALA thus says, additional resources should be provided to support the harmonization of laws and to aid implementation of Council of Ministers, decisions that have arisen over the last Financial Years, but are yet to be undertaken.

The recommendations are contained in a report of the Committee on Rules and Privileges of the Oversight activity on approximation of national laws in Partner States, presented and adopted by the Assembly this afternoon. The Report presented to the House by the Chair of the Committee on Legal Rules and Privileges, Hon Peter Mathuki, follows activities of oversight work undertaken by the Committee in the Partner States earlier on in the year.



In a bid to operationalise the implementation of the provisions Article 126 (2) (b) of the EAC Treaty, the Council of Ministers established a Sub-Committee to spearhead the process of harmonisation and approximation of national laws in the EAC context. The Sub-Committee is headed by the Law Reform Commissions of Partner States and it works under the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs. In undertaking its activities, the Sub- Committee considers/analyses national laws to ascertain their convergences and divergences from one Partner State to another. Also, the Sub- Committee determines whether national laws are in line with the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community and its Protocols.

The report avers that National Parliaments have play a critical role in the process of harmonization of laws in the Partner States. However, their representation at the various national task forces on harmonization of laws is less visible. At the same time, it states there are coordination challenges among the various Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) responsible for harmonization and approximation of laws.

However, all Partner States have amended certain laws thereby approximating them to some of the Acts of the Community. The Republic of Burundi has revised the Immigration Act in 2012 to provide for a six-months pass for EAC citizens; the Law no 1/07 of 26 April 2010 of Code of Commerce and the law governing Public and Private Partnerships.

Republic of Rwanda has amended 10 legislations. They are Law relating to Immigration and Emigration in Rwanda, Law Regulating Labour in Rwanda; Law of Contracts; Law on sale of goods; Companies law and Laws relating to Commercial Recovery and Settling of Issues Arising from Insolvency. Other pieces of legis-

lation are the Laws on the Protection of Intellectual Property; Private and Public Partnerships; Competition and Consumer Protection; and Law relating to Investment Promotion and Facilitation.

In Kenya, the harmonized pieces include; the Insolvency Act, 2015; Partnership Act and the Limited Liability Partnership Act, Kenya citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Act and the Kenya Citizenship and immigration Act as well as the Labour Institutions Act, the Labour Relations Act and the Work Injury Benefits Act.

The United Republic of Tanzania is reported to have made amendment/enacted the following pieces of laws: Amended the Immigration Regulation and the Immigration (Visa) Regulations; enacted the law on employment of non-citizens; enacted a new Companies law; and enacted the Business Names and Registration Act. United Republic of Tanzania has further gone ahead to amend the Forex Exchange Act, 2008; and the Capital Market and Securities Act.

In Uganda, another ten pieces of legislation have been amended. They include the Companies Act; Insolvency Act; Partnership Act; Business Names and Registration Act and the Accountancy Regulation Act. Others are the Trade Licensing Act; Airport Service Charges Act; Civil Aviation (Air Operator Certification and Administration) Regulations No. 26 of 2012; The Civil Aviation (Air Craft Regulation and Marking) Regulations; and the Financial Institutions Act, No. 2 of 2007.





## EAC show-cases Regional Climate Change Initiatives at UNFCCC in Marrakech, Morocco



The EAC Secretariat has successfully held a joint side-event themed “EAC Climate Change Programmes: Showcasing Success Stories, Lessons Learned, and Future Plans to Achieving Sustainable Development” at the ongoing 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 12th Meeting of Parties to Kyoto Protocol (CMP12) at the African Pavilion in Bab Ighli, Marrakech, Morocco.

In collaboration with Partners, the EAC Secretariat showcased the achievements that have been realized in the region in a bid to strengthen resiliency and sustainability of key productive sectors in a wake of climate change.

Welcoming delegates to the side-event, the EAC Director of Productive Sector, Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, said the COP22/CMP12 is providing an opportunity for region to re-negotiate and agree on the modality to contribute to Global Emission Reductions through implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). He said COP22/CMP12 represents a moment of opportunity for East Africa and Africa as a whole to assert itself in global climate governance and ensure that the implementation of the Paris Agreement are congruent with the continent’s long term sustainable development agenda.

Mr. Havugimana, who is also heading the EAC Technical Team at the COP22, said the EAC Secretariat was greatly honoured to jointly organize the side-event with USAID/PREPARED Project, GIZ, IUCN, UNFCCC and ARCOS. The event focused on the 3

thematic areas, namely; Enhancing Ambition – Pre-2020 Action; any issues that help increase and realize ambition; Promoting Implementation – Methodologies, Showcasing of Climate Action, Global Stock Take; and Providing Support to Developing Countries – Means of Implementation, Replicable Tools and Approaches.

The PREPARED USAID/Kenya and East Africa Technical Advisor, Ms. Emily Massawa highlighted to the delegates the Climate Change Adaptation Component of the Planning for Resilience in East Africa through Policy, Adaptation, Research, and Economic Development (PREPARED). She disclosed that using participatory tools to plan and implement community adaptation projects, so far they have identified climate change “hot-spots” at community-level, their risks and adaptation strategies. “With communities, we have developed adaptation options and projects and support small scale pilot climate change adaptation projects at community level (17 communities), said the USAID official.

Ms. Emily Massawa reaffirmed the objectives of PREPARED, which include among others, climate change adaptation technical capacity, policy leadership, and action readiness of regional institutions improved; resilient and sustainable management of biologically significant trans-boundary freshwater ecosystems in the East African Community region strengthened; and resilient and sustainable water supply, sanitation, and wastewater treatment

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## ... EAC Centre of Excellence for renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency to compliment and strengthen the ongoing EAC Partner States

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services in the Lake Victoria Basin enhanced.

The EAC Renewable Energy Expert, Mr. Turyahabwe Elsam briefed the delegates on the region's renewable energy resource potential. He said there were great opportunities in the Hydro Power, Geothermal, Biomass, Wind, Solar, and Wave Energy and disclosed that the Region had a policy target to have Renewable Energy contribute 65% of the electricity production.

The EAC Renewable Energy Expert highlighted the existing framework for renewable energy and energy efficiency development and promotion in EAE that include; Regional Strategy on Scaling Up Access to Modern Energy Services and 5 year implementation action plan; Regional Cross Border Electrification Policy; Regional Power Master Plan; and Climate Change Policy and Plan.

He disclosed that the region had robust targets for the regional strategy on scaling up access to modern energy services which include; providing access to modern cooking practices for 50% of the population that currently uses traditional cooking fuel; providing access to reliable electricity for all urban and peri-urban poor; providing access to modern energy services for all schools, clinics, hospitals and community centres; and providing access to mechanical power for productive uses for all communities.

Mr. Turyahabwe briefed the delegates on the establishment of the EAC Centre of Excellence for renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE) to compliment and strengthen the ongoing EAC Partner States' initiatives in the areas of policy and capacity development, knowledge management and raising awareness as well as investment and business promotion.

He highlighted the opportunities in renewable energy and energy efficiency development in EAC for both private and public participation that include, among others, investments in Renewable Energy for Electricity production as there is increased demand for electricity in the region plus a conducive policy regime; joining EAC government, UNIDO and ADA to support EACREEE to be fully operational; investment in solar water heating in the region, an opportunity that is still intact; and preparation of the renewable Energy Master Plan and Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan.

Presenting on the EAC Sustainable Climate Change Finance by 2020, the EAC Principal Environment and Natural Resource Officer (PENRO), Eng. Ladislaus K. Leonidas noted that climate change was one of the most pressing threats to development today and addressing it requires that countries transform their economies and grow in a different way.

He said development planning must integrate climate change issues so that policies and actions across multiple sectors and

scales lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce vulnerability to climate shocks and deliver poverty reduction gains.

He argued that countries have new and expanded opportunities to finance climate change actions and that in order to take advantage of these opportunities, however, the right institutional and financial mechanisms must be in place so that resources are directed efficiently toward national climate and development priorities.

On the EAC Climate Finance, Eng. Leonidas said financial resources to implement the Policy was a key element in the implementation of the Climate Change Policy and that substantial funds will be required to support mitigation and adaptation initiatives/programmes. "Sustainable funding shall be mobilized from the development partners including multilateral agencies, bilateral partners and intergovernmental agencies and the private sector. There will also be efforts by Partner States to provide supplementary resources".

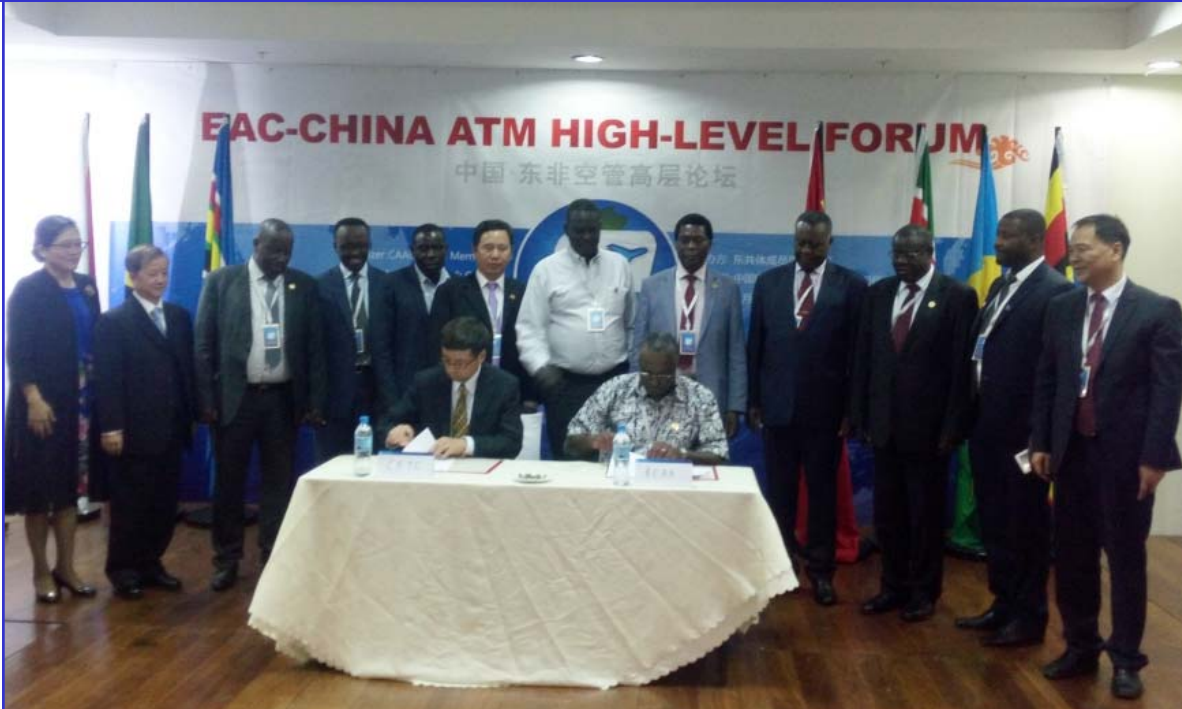
He disclosed that EAC's climate finance readiness activities includes; application to Adaptation Fund (AF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF) for accreditation as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE); setting and operationalization of the EAC Climate Change Fund and developing a climate change financing sustainability plan; and leading the climate change resource mobilization processes through project design, development and financing.

Meanwhile, addressing the official opening session of the 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 12th Meeting of Parties to Kyoto Protocol (CMP12), Morocco's Foreign Minister and newly elected COP22 President Salaheddine Mezouar underscored his country's willingness to host the conference as a demonstration of Africa's commitment as a whole to contribute to global efforts to tackle climate change. "It emphasizes Africa's desire to take its destiny in hand, to reduce its vulnerability and strengthen its resilience," he said. The Conference took off just three days after the Paris Climate Change Agreement entered into force.

Addressing the same occasion, the Executive Secretary of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, Ms. Patricia Espinosa underlined 5 key areas in which work needs to be taken forward, namely; finance to allow developing countries to green their economies and build resilience; nationally determined contributions (national climate action plans), which need to be integrated into national policies and investment plans; support for adaptation which needs to be given higher priority; capacity building needs of developing countries, which should be tailored and specific to their needs; and lastly; full engagement of non-party stakeholders from the North and South, as they are central to the global action agenda for transformational change.



## Arusha Hosts EAC - China Forum on Air Traffic Management



The Secretary General of the East African Community, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko has commended the People's Republic of China for the extensive support extended to the EAC not only in Civil Aviation sector but also in many other areas critical to the Community's integration at the bilateral and regional levels.

The Secretary General, in particular, hailed the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and China Electronic Technology Group Corporation (CETC) for organizing and facilitating a three-day EAC-China High Level Forum on Air Traffic Management (ATM), which concluded on 27th November, 2016 in Arusha, Tanzania.

The Secretary General, who was represented by the EAC Director for Infrastructure, Mr. Philip Wambugu, disclosed that the EAC is currently the leading Regional Economic Community in matters of Civil Aviation, thanks to the many collaborative projects and programmes supported and implemented by the Partner States.

"Collaboration with China at the regional level has been growing and the Secretariat, on behalf of the Partner States, wishes to acknowledge the great support by the China Civil Aviation Administration during the MA 60 Aircraft Type Certificate Acceptance Procedures and the continued support to Burundi CAA in meeting its Safety and Air-worthiness obligations to allow the commencement of MA 60 Operations in the region," said Amb. Mfumukeko.

"The type, acceptance and certification of the MA 60 aircraft opens the doors for EAC and China to expand their cooperation in the avia-

tion sector through various avenues including technology transfer, purchase/lease and operations of Chinese aircraft and parts among others. This is a critical milestone achieved by both parties and is also in line with the signed EAC-China Economic, Trade and Investment Cooperation Agreement," added the Secretary General.

The Political Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Mr. Yang Tong, underscored the readiness of the People's Republic of China to support the development of a robust aviation sector in the EAC region. He also pledged to take forward with the Chinese government the implementation of the proposals arising out of the Forum.

The Forum was characterised by various presentations including on the status of the China Civil ATM; a glimpse of EAC Integrated ATM by China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC); status of ATM in EAC by Kenya Civil Aviation Authority; and on the Establishment of the EAC Upper Flight Information Region (EAC-UFIR) Project. The main objective of the EAC-UFIR Project is the creation of a single bloc of upper airspace (above flight level 24,500 feet above sea level) to ensure efficient levels of safety and advantages in capacity, efficiency and performance over the present scheme in the Regional Air Navigation services provision.

The EAC-China Forum on ATM was also attended by the Chairpersons of the Partner States' Civil Aviation Authorities; Representatives of CAAC and CETC; Director Generals of Partner States' Civil Aviation Authorities; the Executive Director, Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency.





## EAC Develops Road Map for Implementation of Paris Agreement Resolution on Climate Change



The EAC Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, Mr. Dismas Mwikila has said that all the EAC Partner States have signed the Paris Agreement and that they were at different stages in the ratification processes. He said what was needed now was to review climate change policy documents to accommodate the outcomes of the ongoing 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) taking place in Bab Ighli in Marrakech, Morocco.

The Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, who was making a presentation on EAC Road Map for Implementation of the key Resolution of the Paris Agreement (PA) at a side event organized by the EAC and Partners at the Climate Change Conference, said there was need to make adequate preparations for effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Mr. Mwikila disclosed that the EAC Secretariat had developed a road map to implement key resolution of the Paris Agreement and that the road map had several elements that include; showing how to approach the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) implementation; and translation of the Paris Agreement into concrete steps for the Partner States; and how to take the work forward.

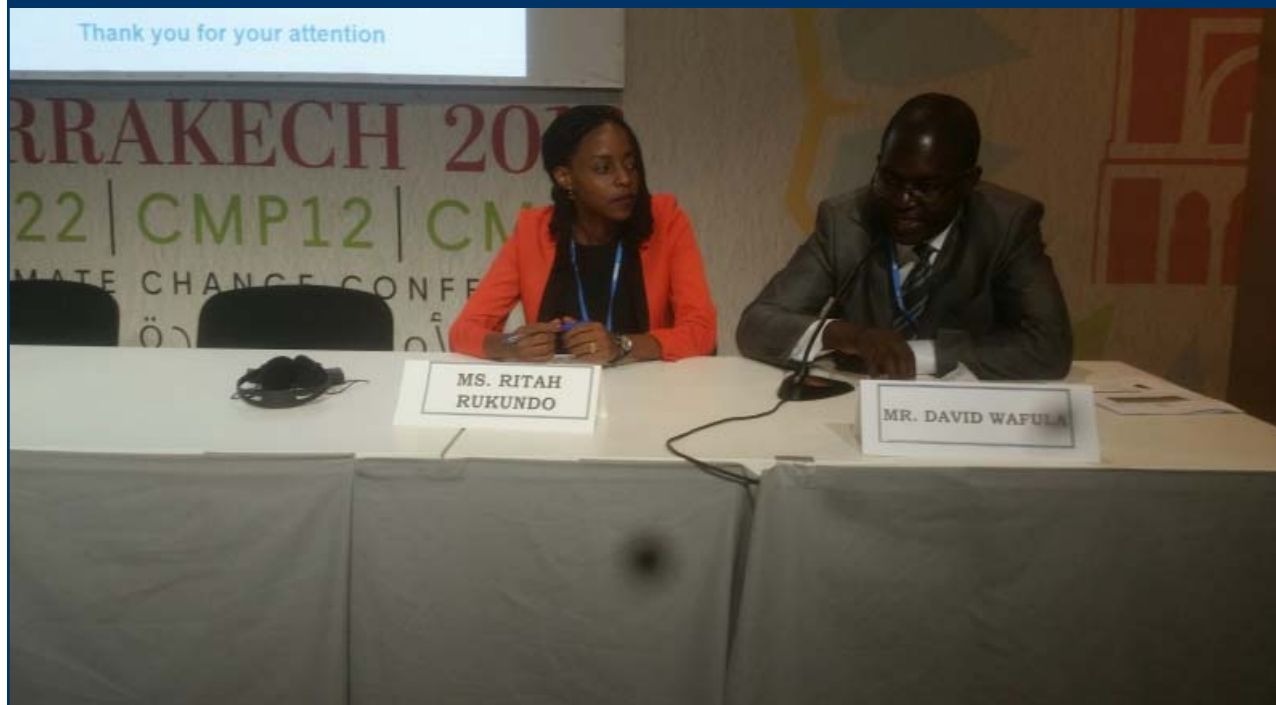
He said the implementation of the road map would involve several interventions, including, among others, identification of the

resolutions of the Paris Agreement which are more relevant to the EAC Partner States; assisting policy makers in Partner States dealing with climate change in internalizing the Paris Agreement to come up with country specific implementation framework; identification of common actions across NDCs and develop NDCs Implementation Plans; review of the EAC's existing Regional Climate Change Policy (2011), Climate Change Strategy (2011/12-2015/16) and Climate Change Master Plan (2013-2033) to mainstream the Paris Agreement.

He noted that there will be need to support the capitalization of the EAC Climate Change Funds through pioneering the accreditation as Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Adaptation Fund (AF); and support Partner States to develop capacities for accreditation of their NIE; as well as support Partner States to develop credible projects that may attract funds from AF and GCF.

Other interventions include; promoting the continental climate resilient and low carbon development initiatives such as the Climate Smart Agriculture; promoting the African Adaptation and Loss and Damage Initiative; and lastly; promoting renewable energy and other sustainable development initiatives in a bid to attain global goal of reducing Green House Gas Emissions (GHGs).

## ... limited resources, technical support; population increase by human, wildlife, and livestock key challenges in adaptation to climate change in EAC



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The EAC Climate Change Adaptation Specialist affirmed that implementation of the Paris Agreement must be guided by the principles and objectives of the Convention and that Developed countries should provide adequate, direct and predictable funding to enable Least Developed and Developing Countries to implement their NDCs. There is also the need for Partner States to ensure adequate stakeholders involvement in the implementation of Paris Agreement.

At the same side-event, the Programme Manager, Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Mr. Ali Raza Rizvi highlighted key issues on Ecosystem management and affirmed that IUCN promotes the use of diversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall climate adaptation strategy both at the policy and practice level. He said ecosystem-based adaptation involves a wide range of ecosystem management activities to increase resilience and reduce the vulnerability of people and the environment to climate change.

Addressing climate change impact on water in the EAC region, the Environment and Natural Resources Officer at the Lake Victoria Basin Commission, Mr. Fredrick Mngube outlined some of the water climate change adaptation initiatives that have been put in place in the region. They include water catchments management, water allocation plans, wastewater management, sanitation and hygiene management.

Mr. Mngube reiterated that limited resources and technical support; and population increase by human, wildlife, and livestock were the key challenges the region was facing in addressing

adaptation to climate change.

In another side-event organized by the EAC and Partners on Tuesday, 15 November 2016, themed Climate Smart Agriculture, Disaster Risk Management and Mitigation Actions in the EAC Region, the East African Community showcased Climate Change Initiatives sharing with participants, achievements and lessons learnt from Climate Smart Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives.

At the side-event, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Finance and Administration, Hon. Jesca Eriyo highlighted the region's Disaster Risk Reduction Management, while the EAC Agricultural Specialist, Mr. David Wafula, discussed the Climate Smart Agriculture in the context of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Agenda. Ms Ritah Rukundo, the Technical Officer at the Regional Collaboration Centre of the GiZ, UNFCCC and EADB based in Kampala, Uganda, addressed the Green House Gas Emissions and the EAC.

Meanwhile, the official opening of the high-level segment of the United Nations Climate Conference in Marrakech, Morocco, (COP 22) took place on 15th November 2016 officiated by the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. Ban Ki-moon, during which world leaders showed strong support for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Mr. Ban said that the United Nations will help countries implement the Paris Agreement and he called on developed countries to honour their commitment to mobilize climate finance – \$100 billion by 2020 to help developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate vulnerability.



# EAC at the 6th Africa Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Mauritius

The 6th Africa Regional Platform (AfRP) on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) concluded on 25 November 2016, in Mauritius. It was organized by the African Union and United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and co-hosted by the SADC and the Government of Mauritius. The East African Community was represented both at the Experts segment and in the High Level Ministerial Session by Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, the Director for Productive Sectors.


The AfRP is a biennial forum that brings together African Member States, intergovernmental organizations and development partners to review progress in the implementation of the continental and global disaster risk reduction frameworks.

The 6th AfRP on DRR is the first continental meeting on DRR organized after the adoption of the Sendai framework on DRR by UN member states in Sendai, Japan in March 2015. The Framework provides a critical strategy for building resilience and addressing the impact of disasters representing a serious threat to millions of people in Africa and across the world. The 6th AfRP was a concrete opportunity for Africa to set up a functional path to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable communities in Africa. The Platform also enabled delegates sharing of good practices, success stories and lessons learnt with a view to enhancing coordination, increasing awareness, and mobilizing commitments to disaster risk reduction across Africa.

The outcome of the 6th Africa Platform on DRR is an Africa Statement of DRR, the Mauritius Declaration on continental commitment and a revised Programme of Action on DRR for Africa.

During the Experts segment, Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana was a panelist under the theme: "Risk governance to showcase the status of EAC in implementing the Sendai Framework and the role of the DRR Act in achieving priority two of the Sendai Framework - Enhancing Risk governance". Mr. Havugimana further presented during the Ministerial Session the EAC Position Paper and Commitment in the implementation of the Sendai Framework

The EAC reiterated its commitment to create the necessary conducive and enabling environment to strengthen resilience of communities to disasters to ensure sustainable development and poverty eradication, and to integrate, as appropriate both disaster risk reduction and building of resilience into policies, plans and programmes.

Therefore, the East African Community calls upon the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Office for disaster Reduction, the World Bank and all our partners, to join EAC in walking the talk in order to have more actions to support the communities that have entrusted us to serve them. 





# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 1st EAKC Kiswahili International Conference

**Theme: TRANSFORMING THE EAST AFRICAN  
COMMUNITY THROUGH KISWAHILI**

**Sub-Themes:**

Include, but not limited to, the following:  
Kiswahili, Regional Integration and Development.  
Kiswahili and access to resources.  
Kiswahili, Literacy and Health.  
Kiswahili, Trade and Business.  
Kiswahili, Education and Change.  
Kiswahili, Politics and Democracy.  
Kiswahili, Science, Technology and Innovation.  
Kiswahili, Environment and Climate Change.  
Kiswahili, Media and Public Spaces.  
Kiswahili, Globalization and Partnerships.

**Venue:**

Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania.

**Conference Dates:**

6th-8th September, 2017.

**Excursion:**

9th September, 2017.

**Synopsis:**

The First EAKC International Conference will mobilize policy makers and practitioners, development partners, the media, scholars and other Kiswahili stakeholders into creative thinking on how the East African Community (EAC) can grow and change by adopting and implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) so as to survive and thrive in an ever- changing environment characterized by innovation and transformation.

Creative, innovative and transformative development and use of Kiswahili have the potential for enhancing relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to tackle the challenges that come with SDGs.

The SDGs provide Kiswahili with a huge opportunity to help in solving development challenges facing the EAC. The Conference is premised in the logic that the post-2015 development agenda is going to shape policies, programmes and projects worldwide for the next 15 years.

Each and every SDG and target provides an opportunity for Kiswahili support communication. The goals and targets present great avenues for Kiswahili to demonstrate shared value while contributing towards local, national and regional sustainable growth.

The goal of the Conference is to discuss how the development and use of Kiswahili can stimulate new ideas, solve problems, and implement solutions to challenges of sustainable development in the EAC.

It is hoped that Conference participants will redefine the challenges and opportunities that come with SDGs, come up with new, innovative responses and solutions, and take action.

The Conference will not only help Partner States create better solutions to SDGs, but will engender a positive experience that will help speed up their adoption.

**Important Dates:**

November, 2016: Call for Abstracts

February, 2017: Deadline for Abstracts

March, 2017: Notification of selected Abstracts.

End of August, 2017: Draft Papers received.

**Registration Fees:**

i) East Africans: USD100 (Students: USD50)

ii) Non-East Africans: USD 200 (Students: USD100)

Excursion Fee (Optional): USD 50 per person

**Conference Languages:**

Kiswahili and English

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# CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS: The East African Health Research Journal (EAHRJ)



The East African Health Research Journal (EAHRJ) established under the East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC) of the East African Community (EAC) seeks manuscripts that addresses health issues that are relevant to the East African region.

The EAHRJ will promote and facilitate:

- Application of knowledge from research to strengthen national and regional health policy and practice;
- Development of human resource capacities and skills;
- Exchange and dissemination of health research information; and
- Advocacy of evidences generated from health research

We invite manuscripts on all topics on health. The articles can be original, review, or commentaries from experts.

Currently the EAHRC staff are working with Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (USA) to administer the journal, whereby staff from the K4Health Project which publishes the [Global Health: Science and Practice Journal](#) (GHSP) provide technical assistance and the use of its systems.

Please submit your manuscripts, and upload your submission through <http://www.eac.int/about/institutions/eahrc> using the [GHSP manuscript submission system](#). Please follow the [GHSP Instructions for Authors](#). Make a note in the Author Comments field that you are submitting your article to the EAHRJ.

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