



...H.E. President Kibaki expected to address Special Sitting of the Assembly on September 4, 2012

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ARUSHA, August 28, 2012: The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) resumes business next week holding its Plenary in Nairobi, Kenya. The sitting which takes place from Monday, September 3

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2012, through to Friday, September 14

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The Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit and President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, is expected to address a Special Sitting on Tuesday, September 4^t

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The 3rd Assembly which was inaugurated on June 5, 2012, is to be presided over by the Speaker, Rt. Hon Margaret Nantongo Zziwa.

The Assembly expects to transact the following business over the two week period:

- receive Reports of the following Committees of EALA:

- 1) Committee on Accounts
- 2) Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources
- 3) Committee on General Purpose, Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment
- 4) Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution
- 5) Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges

- Report of the Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment on Consultation between Inter-Parliamentary bodies on Trade related policies. The Consultation took place last week in Kigali, Rwanda

- Pose questions to the Council of Ministers
- Move Bills and resolutions key to the integration process.

NOTE TO EDITORS ABOUT EALA

The East African Legislative Assembly is the legislative organ of the East African Community. Its Membership consists of a total of 52, of whom 45 are elected Members (9 from each Partner State) and seven ex-officio members (the Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs from the Partner States, the Secretary General of the Community and the Counsel to the Community).

The East African Legislative Assembly has legislative functions as well as oversight of all East African Community matters. The enactment of legislation of the Community is effected by means of Bills passed by the Assembly and assented to by the Heads of State, and every Bill that has been duly passed and assented to become an Act of the Community and takes precedent over similar legislations in the Partner States.

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