

BOOST | Member states set to sign memorandum of understanding on sharing of intelligence and joint patrols against poachers

# Tanzania backs EA single tourist visa pact

Claims by critics that the country was a stumbling block to initiative dismissed

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Tanzania will soon join three other East African countries in implementing the single tourist visa as part of efforts to boost tourism in the region.

Tanzanian Natural Resources and Tourism minister Lazaro Nyalandu attributed his country's delay in agreeing to the visa pact to issues related to lack of identity cards by Tanzanian citizens.

He rejected claims by

critics that Tanzania was a stumbling block to the single tourist visa initiative which was agreed upon and launched by Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda last year.

"Tanzania was unable to implement the single tourist visa since our citizens didn't have

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IDs whereas Kenyans have for a long time been having the IDs," he said.

"We are almost concluding the issuance of IDs to all Tanzanians and we will soon join our East African member states in implementing the single tourist visa initiative," he added.

On the other hand, Mr Nyalandu said Tanzania had joined forces with Kenya on the war against poaching within the Serengeti-Mara eco-system to contain the killing of elephants by poachers.

He noted that the joint antipoaching efforts between the two countries had helped protect elephants population in the Serengeti national park in Tanzania and the Maasai Mara game reserve in Kenya.

"We are happy to report that the number of elephants within the Serengeti-Mara eco-system has increased from 3,000 in 2006 to 7,000 this year due to anti-poaching efforts," he said.

#### Poaching down

He revealed that poaching of elephants in Tanzania had dropped by 75 per cent, adding that plans were underway to eliminate the menace.

Mr Nyalandu made the remarks at the Kenyan exhibition stand at World Travel Market in London during an East African Community event.

Mr Nyalandu said Tanzania will from today to Sunday host an Eastern Africa summit which will dwell on coming up with concrete strategies to contain the illicit ivory trade in the region.

The countries expected at the summit, he added, include Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan,



Tanzania Minister for Tourish and Natural Resources Lazaro Nyalandu.

Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi.

"The aim of the summt is for the member states to sign a memorandum of understanding on the sharing of intelligence and joint patrols to stem elephant poaching across the region," he explained.

Earlier, Kenya's East African

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#### countries alredy covered

Affairs and Tourism cabinet secretary Phyllis Kandie said Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda had successfully implemented the single tourist visa to make the region more competitive.

She added that since the three counties launched the visa last year, international holidaymakers are able to visa the countries after paying \$120 visa fee.

International tourists, she added, were now enjoying visiting the three states using the single visa, adding that the free movement of people would help attract more visitors to the region.

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## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

# RESULTS OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ELECTION BY SHAREHOLDERS OF LIBERTY KENYA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Further to the public notice issued on 4 August 2014, Liberty Kenya Holdings Limited ("Liberty" or the "Company") is pleased to announce for the information of its shareholders and the general public the results of the scrip dividend election.

At Liberty's annual general meeting held on 21 May 2014, the shareholders approved the board resolution recommending a final dividend of Kenya Shillings one (KES I) per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2013. Shareholders were given the right to elect to receive the dividends in cash or in the form of shares (credited as fully paid up) at a conversion price of Kenya Shillings fifteen and ninety cents (KES 15.90).

### Particulars of the results

Total number of shareholders who elected to receive their dividends in the form of cash

Total number of shares held by the shareholders who elected to receive their dividends in the form of cash

Total amount of cash paid out as dividends

KES 157.176.434.05

Total number of shareholders who elected to receive

their dividends as ordinary shares in Liberty credited as fully paid up

Total number of shares held by the shareholders who elected to receive their dividends as ordinary shares in