

## Uganda's Kidega elected new EALA Speaker

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UGANDAN Member of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA), Mr Daniel Kidega has been sworn-in as the new Speaker of EALA, replacing Dr Margaret Nantongo Zziwa, who was impeached three days ago for alleged incompetence, abuse of office, nepotism and intimidation.

Mr Kidega passed unopposed during voting after his rival Mr Chris Okumu Opoka also from Uganda withdrew from the race held at the East African Community (EAC) headquarters yesterday.

In his new position, Mr Kidega will be responsible for directing all activities of the House and its committees and also preside over the proceedings of the regional legislative body under the EALA Rules of Procedure.

Following last Wednesday's removal of

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**OUSTED Speaker, Dr Zziwa**

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Dr Zziwa from office, Uganda was given 48 hours to fill the position. The former speaker was not in the session that met to vote her out which saw 36 out of 39 members vote in favour of her impeachment.

The former Speaker had served in that position for three-and-a-half years and she took over from her successor, Mr Abdirahin Abdi from Kenya who had succeeded Mr Abdulrahman Kinana of Tanzania, five years earlier.

Dr Zziwa's impeachment means she remains an ordinary EALA member until 2017, when the term of the current assembly expires.

According to EALA's arrangement, the Speaker is responsible for opening, suspending and closing sitting, ensuring observance of the EALA Rules of Procedure, maintaining order in the House, calling upon members to participate in the proceedings, closing debates, putting matters to vote and announcing the results of votes and referring to committees any business that concerns them.