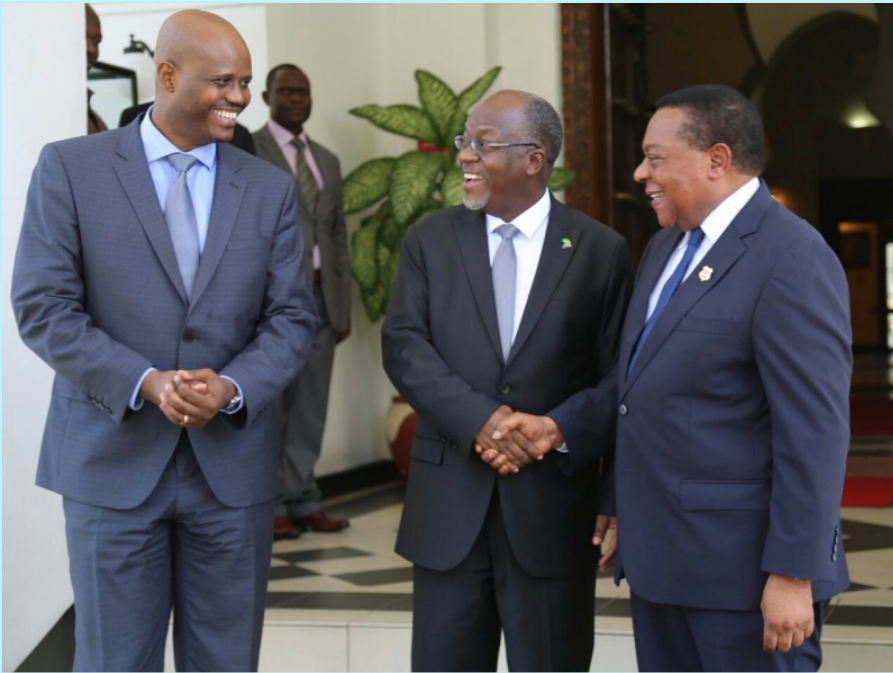




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## SECRETARY GENERAL MEETS THE CHAIRPERSON OF EAC HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT



The Secretary General Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko held a meeting at State House with the Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit HE John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, the President of United Republic of Tanzania. The Secretary General briefed the Chairperson of the Summit on the progress made so far on a number of things including implementation of the key protocols i.e. The Customs Union, Common Market Protocol and the Monetary Union.

The Secretary General and Chairperson of the Summit also discussed the upcoming 35th Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers and the 18th Summit of the EAC Heads of State Summit and noted that two of the EAC countries had indicated that they have other activities on the dates planned, they agreed to push the meetings to start on 30th March 2017 climaxing with the summit on 6th April, 2017.

The Chairperson of the Summit encouraged the Secretary General to ensure efficiency in the use of resources at EAC. He directed the Secretary General to ensure that there are reforms geared to cost savings at this era of financial difficulties.

He added that national governments were also taking of cutting costs and ensuring efficiency and value for money. During the meeting with His Excellency, the President, the Chairperson of the EAC Council of Minister, Amb. Dr. Augustine Mahiga also participated. 

## H.E Uhuru Kenyatta Reassures Support to EAC Integration Agenda



The Secretary General of the East African Community, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko on 24th February 2017 paid a courtesy visit to the President of the Republic of Kenya; H.E Uhuru Kenyatta at State House in Nairobi, accompanied by his Deputy in charge of Political Federation, Mr. Charles Njoroge.

Also present at the courtesy visit was Hon. Phyllis Kandie; the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Labour and Social Protection and Ms. Betty Maina; the Principal Secretary in the State Department of East African Affairs in the Republic of Kenya.

The Secretary General briefed H.E Uhuru Kenyatta on organizational changes at the Secretariat to ensure operational and financial efficiency, the integration of the Republic of South Sudan into the Community, increased confidence on the Secretariat by the international community, as well as a few challenges being encountered in the integration agenda.

Amb. Liberat took note of the upcoming General Elections in the Republics of Kenya and Rwanda, and informed H.E. Kenyatta that EAC is preparing to dispatch Election Observer Missions to the two Partner States. He also informed the President about the upcoming 18th Summit of the EAC Heads of State which is planned to take place on 6 April 2017 in Arusha, Tanzania.

On his part, President Kenyatta assured the Secretary General of Kenya's commitment to the regional integration process and confirmed participation in the upcoming 18th Summit of the EAC Heads of State. H.E Uhuru Kenyatta also indicated that Kenya will present its budget proposal earlier than June as the country prepares for august elections. EAC Partner States have had a traditional of presenting their budget simultaneously in June to the national parliament.

The President also urged the Secretary General to ensure efficiency in the use of resources at the EAC and to ensure that reforms are geared towards saving costs. President Kenyatta once again congratulated the Secretary General upon his appointment and wished him success as he steers EAC for the next five years.

In another development, Amb. Mfumukeko met and discussed with Hon. Phyllis Kandie the current liquidity challenges facing the Community. Present at the meeting were the Deputy Secretary General in charge of Political Federation, Mr. Charles Njoroge and Ms. Betty Maina. At the meeting, the EAC Secretariat was tasked to propose mitigation measures aimed at addressing prevailing financial constraints and present to the Policy Organ, the Council of Ministers.





## Statement By The Facilitator, His Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa, at the End of the 3rd Inter-Burundi Dialogue Session

I convened the third session of the Inter-Burundi Dialogue in Arusha, Tanzania, from 16th to 19th February 2017.

The session was attended by Former Heads of State of Burundi, Ombudsman of Burundi, Representatives of registered political parties and other key political actors.

I also met with the Special Envoys to the region and Special Representatives of the United Nations and the African Union who reaffirmed their support to the East African Community-led facilitation. I am encouraged by the readiness of all stakeholders to engage and interact with each other.

During an opening plenary session, I presented the eight-point agenda items identified during the previous dialogue sessions which were endorsed by the 17th Extra-Ordinary Summit of Heads of State of the EAC held on 8 September, 2016 to form the basis for further discussions. I reduced the eight points for ease of consideration into four broad categories, each with appropriate sub-headings. These were:

Political Issues; Constitutional, legislative and Electoral conditions; Socio-Economic Situation and humanitarian issues; and Security

These were not of my invention; rather they were adduced from my discussions with parties during the previous consultations, with interested international organizations.

I also shared other documentation related to the dialogue. You examined the documents individually and in groups after which you made written submissions expressing your views and outlining your projection of the way forward. I commend you for the diligence and wide scope with which you addressed the issues and presented the written responses. They will serve to concretize the dialogue in the next phase.

From the submissions, I have noted the following:

- 1** - The participants acknowledged that notable progress had been made in setting the right conditions for a constructive dialogue, characterised by the willingness to own the ongoing process.
- 2** - They reaffirmed the principles and spirit of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi as the foundation for sustainable peace, stability and security, as well as the recognition of the political, economic and social rights of all Burundians.
- 3** - While reaffirming respect for the sovereignty of the Republic of Burundi, they emphasized the obligation of the State to provide security, stability and protection of Human Rights of the people of Burundi.
- 4** - The participants acknowledged that the current crisis which is rooted in political and electoral disagreement has resulted in substantial displacement of persons, exiled political actors, targeted violence and reduced international financial assistance.

**5** - The participants denounced all forms of violence as a means of settling political disputes and committed themselves to peaceful dialogue to achieve sustainable peace and economic prosperity.

**6** - They pledged to seek with great urgency consensus on the central pillars of the evolution towards the next elections in 2020 and on the need for a conducive environment for a peaceful and credible electoral process.

**7** - The participants took note of the proposed constitutional amendments assembled internally and while acknowledging Burundi's sovereign right to do so, emphasized that priority should be given to the consolidation of peace and stability of the country.

**8** - The participants drew attention to the famine being experienced in some parts of Burundi as a result of climate change. They therefore appealed to the international community to provide much needed relief.

**9** - The participants appreciated the progress made so far by the Facilitator and the Mediator. However, they urged for the earliest involvement of the EAC Summit to add impetus to the resolution of the crisis.

**10** - The participants looked forward to the participation of the Government of the Republic of Burundi in order to add value and advance the process.

From the foregoing, I wish to make the following observations:

- a)** - there is an imperative need to hold an EAC Extra-Ordinary Summit to address the impediment to the process; I will make this representation speedily to the Mediator and to the Chairman of the EAC Summit of the Heads of State.
- b)** - From the written responses to the proposals, I have developed an impression that there is a general agreement on the substantive issues. There are disagreements on the modalities of the implementation. Therefore, I am persuaded that the four thematic areas remain the basis for the next dialogue session;
- c)** - I wish to thank all the participants who honoured my invitation. Your presence here is a testimony of your commitment to engage to end the suffering of the people of Burundi. I also wish to thank the Special Envoys and Special representatives for the expression of their total support to the process.

You will shortly hear from the Facilitation the date and venue of the next encounter. Meanwhile, travel safely back to your destinations and keep the spirit of unity and reconciliation alive.

**God Bless Burundi, God Bless Africa!**

*Done at Arusha, Tanzania on the 19th day of February 2017*

## Court Decides on Hon. Zziwa's Case over Her Impeachment from EALA Speakership



The First Instance Division on 3 February 2017, delivered a judgement in the case filed by Hon. Margaret Nantongo Zziwa versus the Secretary General of the East African Community.

The Court in its judgement declined to grant the orders to reinstate Hon. Margaret Nantongo Zziwa to the position of the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA).

The Court said that, its mandate is to interpret and apply the Treaty as it is stated under Article 23 and 27 of the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC within the Principles set out in Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Treaty. Further that one of the principles in Article 6 (d) which is that of democracy and rule of law, which necessarily include the principle of separation of powers and therefore it cannot be seen directing EALA on how it should conduct its business hence it was unable to grant the order.

Also the Court declined to grant orders on special and general damages to the Applicant, it found out that the Applicant have contravened Rule 9(6) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, which action might have triggered other actions, some patently unlawful. Still that she (Hon. Zziwa) cannot then be seen to benefit from her role in the procedural impasse that dogged the Assembly. Rule 9 (6) states that; "The Speaker in respect of whom proceedings for removal have commenced shall not preside over the proceeding"

The Court added that given the interpretative jurisdiction of the Court as depicted in Article 23 and 27 of the Treaty. That it found no legal provision in this Court's Rules of Procedure for the award of damages as a remedy. The Applicant had asked Court an award of special damages in form of loss of earnings of a salary of USD 6,700 per month and housing allowance of USD 3,000 per month, plus other allowances and financial benefits.

The Court further declined to grant an award of costs in the matter, that the Applicant's flout of Rule 9(6) of the Assembly by presiding a matter in her own cause and that her conduct as the steward of the Assembly, could have triggered the unfortunate series of the events of her removal. Court ordered each party to bear its own costs.

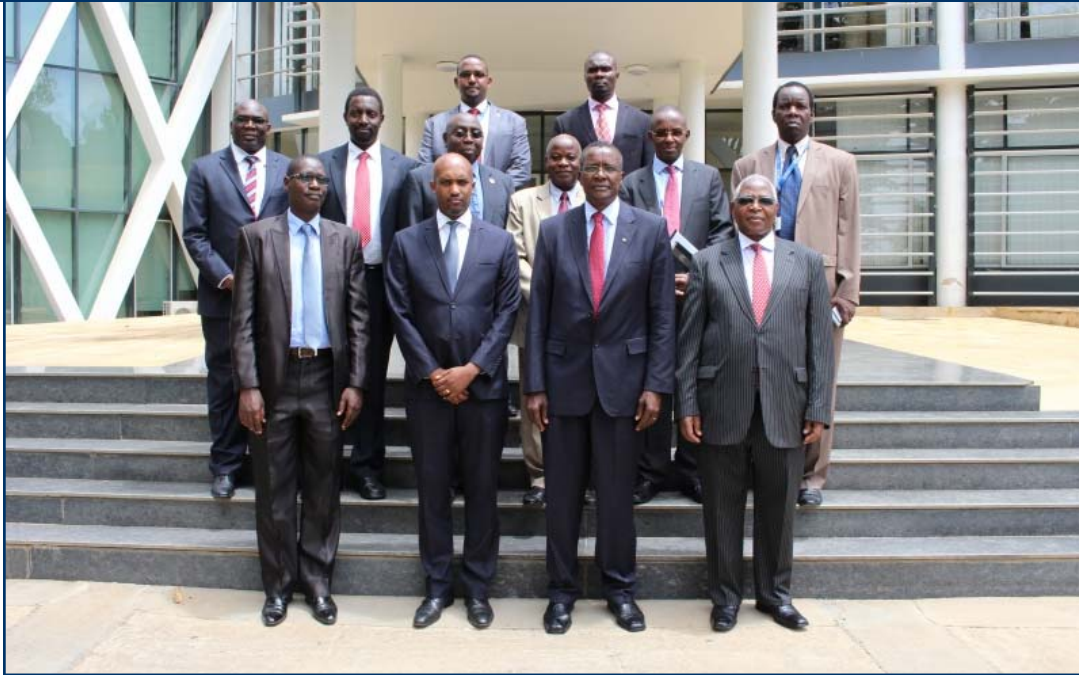
However, on the other hand the Court also declared that the sitting of the Assembly on 26th November 2014 presided over by a temporary Speaker, an entity and office unknown to the Treaty and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly was unlawful and violated Article 56 of the Treaty. Article 56 states that; "Presiding in the Assembly; a) the Speaker of the Assembly; or b) in the absence of the Speaker of the Assembly, such elected member of the Assembly as the elected members may elect for the sitting"

In addition to the above, the Court also found that the Committee on Legal Rules and Privileges, in allowing Members of the Assembly who initiated the motion for removal of the Applicant to sit and determine whether she should in fact be removed, violated the basic rules of natural Justice that an accuser cannot also be the judge in proceedings against the accused. Further that any real or perceived bias on the part of the Committee invalidated its proceedings. The Court added that having made the findings regarding the composition of the Committee and its proceedings, it follows that its report, whatever the merit thereof, was rendered invalid.

The judgement was delivered by the Honourable Judges of the First Instance Division, these include; Hon Lady Justice Monica Mugenyi (Principal Judge), Justice Isaac Lenaola (Deputy Principal Judge), Dr. Justice Faustin Ntezilyayo, Justice Fakihi A. Jundu and Justice Audace Ngiye.



# Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya Benchmarks EACJ Case Management and Recording System



The Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kenya yesterday visited the Court to study the operation of the Case Management and Recording System (CMRS). His Lordship, Justice David Maraga appreciated the invitation by the EACJ President Justice Emmanuel Ugirashebuja to visit the Court and especially to learn and know how the Regional Court is becoming a digital and paperless Court.

Chief Justice Maraga commended the technology advancement of the EACJ which he observed will increase the efficiency in the judiciary thus rendering justice timely and reducing the backlog of cases. He noted that the Judiciary of Kenya have been trying to introduce the same but has not yet reached to the level required and that with experience from EACJ, they will be able to introduce the similar system too.

His Lordship, the EACJ President, Hon. Justice Ugirashebuja welcomed the Chief Justice and expressed gratitude to him for accepting his invitation to visit the Regional premises in Arusha. He also commended him for being the first Chief Justice in the Region to visit the Court.

His Lordship Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, Judge of the Appellate Division who heads the EACJ Information Technology Committee, presented a rich and detailed paper on the establishment and operations of the case management and recording system at the EACJ as well as in his National Court that is the Court of Appeal of the Republic of Uganda where he also serves as a Judge.

Justice Kiryabwire thanked the Chief Justice for having thought about benchmarking with the EACJ on how CMRS works. He also explained the importance of CMRS as an enabler for an efficient

and faster running the Court businesses. Justice Kiryabwire said that the case management and recording system through electronic filing system addresses the common mistakes of litigants files going missing in the Registries, hence promotes transparency and safety record keeping. He also added that the system supports recording and transcription of proceedings which have replaced handwritten practices that are time consuming and increases paper work.

His Lordship further stated that, the system improves good public perception of the Court and is cost effective because it cuts costs of transporting pleadings from Partner States. That, it is a user friendly system and easy to understand and navigate. Justice Kiryabwire further recommended that, CMRS requires training of the stakeholders and continuous practice until they are used to it. He also pointed that, for any ICT system in a judiciary to be effective, it needs the following; a vision bearer/ good leadership, attitude change from analog to digital thinking, investment cost, functional / motivated ICT department and staff, working with the Bar and incorporation of the use of ICT in Rules of procedure/ ICT Policy.

In his conclusion Justice Kiryabwire said that, in EACJ the system is not yet open to the Lawyers as modalities are still being put in place for this. Electronic filing can however be done at the Court Sub-registries in the Member States.

The Chief was accompanied by Hon. Justice Stephen Kairu of the Court of Appeal of Kenya and other senior officials from the Judiciary, while the EACJ President with the Judges of the Appellate Division, Registrar of the Court Hon. Yufnalis Okubo and other staff of the Court.

## Canada Accredits Envoy to EAC Bloc



The Canadian High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Ian Myles, on 14 February 2017, presented accreditation letter to the East African Community Secretary General, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko appointing him as his country's representatives to the EAC bloc.

While receiving the Canadian envoy, Amb. Mfumukeko hailed the existing cordial relations between the EAC and Canada. The Secretary General welcomed support from the Canadian government geared towards enabling the Community to achieve its ambitious agenda.

The Secretary General briefed H.E. Myles on the current achievements in the pillars of the regional integration and development process. He said the Community had expanded tremendously within a short spell of time which has necessitated a review of its institutional set-up and work on a sustainable financing mechanism.

Amb. Mfumukeko and the Canadian envoy discussed several issues including the status of the EAC-EU Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and the Inter-Burundi Dialogue. They also explored areas of collaboration in trade, investment and agro-processing.

The Secretary General also informed the High Commissioner on his priorities over the next four years which include: increasing investment for job creation, and; improving agriculture to ensure food security and job creation for the youth in East Africa.

On his part his, H.E. Myles told the Secretary General that his government attaches great importance to regional economic groupings such as the EAC. He commended the Secretariat for the role it is playing in promoting regional integration.



## UK to Strengthen Ties with East African Community

The United Kingdom will strengthen trade and investment links with the East African Community Partner States for mutual benefit.

UK High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania and the EAC, Her Excellency Sarah Cooke, said that her country would remain an outward-focused trade-based economy with strong partnerships with other countries and regional economic blocs even in the wake of Brexit.

Ms. Cooke said the UK would create new partnerships with the EAC aimed at promoting private sector-led economic growth for employment creation and poverty reduction in the East African region.

The envoy disclosed that the UK was the biggest contributor to TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), adding that the funding to TMEA was being utilised to finance technical assistance to the EAC in sectors such as customs, trade, investment and video conferencing.

The High Commissioner made the remarks when she presented her credentials to the EAC Secretary General, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko, at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania on 14 February 2017.

Ms. Cooke hailed Amb. Mfumukeko for his efforts in strengthening efficiency and reforming public expenditure within the EAC.

In his remarks, Amb. Mfumukeko thanked the UK for its generous support to the EAC over the years singling out the TMEA funding which he said had resulted in numerous benefits to the Partner States especially in revenue collection and investment promotion.

Amb. Mfumukeko said his priorities over the next four years would be to: promote the free movement of persons and labour as enshrined in the EAC Common Market Protocol; increase investment for job creation, and; improve agriculture to ensure food security and create employment for the youth in East Africa.

Accompanying the High Commissioner to the function was Mr. Tim Lamont, Senior Growth, Trade and Investment Advisor (East Africa) at the Department for International Development Office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

TMEA is an East African not-for-profit company established in 2010 to support the growth of trade – both regional and international – in East Africa. TMEA is focused on ensuring that gains from trade result in tangible gains for East Africans.



# Registrar of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals Pays Courtesy to EACJ

The Registrar of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), His Worship Olufemi Elias, accompanied by Mr. Samuel Akorimo, Head of Office MICT Registry Arusha Branch and Mr. Ousman Njikam, External Relations Officer, Arusha Branch on 17 February 2017, paid courtesy call on the Judge President of the EACJ.

His Lordship Justice Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, President of the Court welcomed the Registrar to the East African Court of Justice and wished him the best in his new office as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Registrar of the Mechanism.

The Registrar of the Mechanism expressed his gratitude to visit the EACJ and called upon the Judges and staff of the Court to have access to the records of the MICT for several purposes. His Worship explained that, the Mechanism has two branches: one in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, which covers functions inherited from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha Branch, and the other in the Hague, the Netherlands, which covers functions inherited from the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia (ICTY), the Hague Branch. The Arusha Branch additionally has a satellite field office located in Kigali, Rwanda ("Kigali Office").

His Worship also told the meeting that he heads the Registry of the Mechanism, which is responsible for the institution's administration. That the Registry also assists the Chambers, and the Office of the Prosecutor, in the performance of their responsibilities through the provision of support services.

Mr. Samuel Akorimo, Head of Office MICT Registry Arusha Branch, said that the functions of the Mechanisms include; assistance to national jurisdictions. That with the completion of the ICTR's mandate at the end of 2015, and the expected completion of the ICTY's mandate at the end of 2017, further cases related to crimes committed in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia are now being tried within national jurisdictions.

Consequently, the number of requests for assistance from courts, prosecutors, and defence lawyers in relation to national investigations and prosecutions has been growing. That the Mechanism responds to requests for assistance from national authorities and others by providing evidence, facilitating the collection of information, and offering other technical support at their request.

He further said that cases referred to national jurisdictions, Pursuant to Article 6(5) of its Statute, the Mechanism is responsible for monitoring cases referred by the ICTR and the ICTY to national courts, with the assistance of international and regional organizations and bodies. That the Mechanism currently monitors five cases referred by the ICTR to national courts.

In addition his Worship said that, the Mechanism is responsible for the preservation, including the management and access, of the ICTR, the ICTY, and the Mechanism archives. These archives document investigations, indictments, and court proceedings, the protection of witnesses, work relating to the detention of accused persons, the enforcement of sentences, and the Tribunals' relationships with States, other law enforcement authorities, international and non-governmental organizations, and the general public. The Registrar added that also the Mechanism facilitates the tracking and prosecution of remaining fugitives. He said that eight individuals indicted by the ICTR for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war



crimes are still at large, three individuals are expected to be tried by the Mechanism, and the cases of the remaining five individuals are expected to be tried in Rwanda. That locating and arresting the remaining ICTR fugitives is a top priority for the Mechanism's Office of the Prosecutor.

He further said that among other functions of the Mechanism is protection of victims and witnesses, that over 10,000 witnesses, many of whom are also victims, gave evidence before the ICTR and the ICTY. In total, 46 per cent of those witnesses were granted protective measures by the Tribunals. He further said that the Mechanism continues to ensure that witnesses receive protection and support both for ongoing cases before the Mechanism and completed cases from the two Tribunals and the Mechanism.

Registrar also added that supervision of enforcement of sentences is a key function of the Mechanisms. Those persons convicted by the ICTR, the ICTY, and the Mechanism serve their sentences in one of the States that have signed an agreement on the enforcement of sentences. That these sentences are enforced in accordance with international standards on detention and the applicable law of the enforcing State, subject to the supervision of the Mechanism. He also said that the President of the Mechanism is responsible for designating the State of enforcement, supervising the enforcement of sentences, and deciding on requests for pardon, commutation of sentence, or early release.

That the Mechanism also is responsible for conducting the appeals proceedings, review of the judgements pronounced by the tribunals or Mechanism, retrial of the tribunals or mechanism as well as trials for contempt and false testimony. His Worship called on EACJ for the good cooperation and working relations to render justice.

His Lordship, the President of the Court thanked the Registrar of the Mechanism and his team for sparing their time to visit the Court and he pledged continuous working relations between the Court and the Mechanism. The President was accompanied by the Two Judges of the Appellate Justice Liboire Nkurunziza, Vice President and Justice Edward Rutakangwa, who are in Arusha for the sessions as well as the Deputy Registrar, Her Worship Geraldine Umugwaneza and other Staff of the Court.





## FAO and EAC to Address Youth Employment

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the East Africa Community (EAC) have signed a Grant Agreement intended to promote urban and rural agriculture and agribusiness to improve youth employment in the region. The total budget of the Grant is US\$ 440,000 for one year.

The agreement, which took place on the margins of the 28th African Union Summit themed "*Harnessing Africa's Demographic Dividend by Investing in Youth*", was signed by Amb Liberat Mfumukeko, the Secretary General for EAC and Dr. Patrick Kormawa, the Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and FAO Representative to the AU and UN Economic Commission for Africa. The EAC Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, Mr. Charles Njoroge accompanied Amb. Mfumukeko during the brief ceremony held at the AU Headquarters.

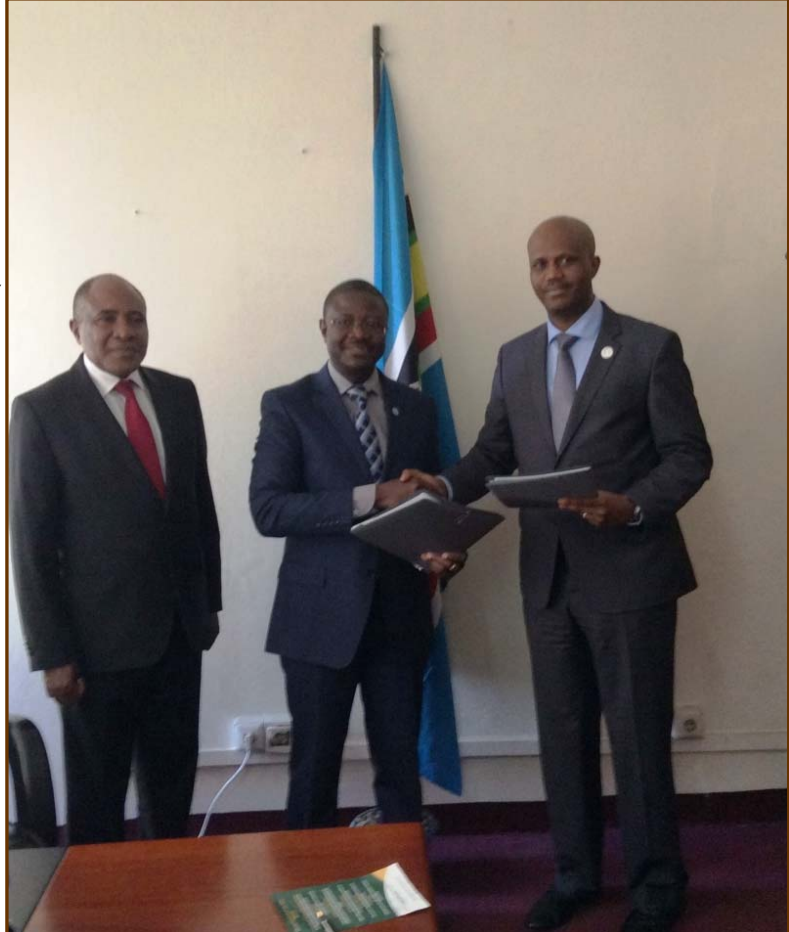
The agreement allows FAO and EAC to find a path for young people to secure decent work opportunities, as well as explore innovative e-business models in the agricultural sector.

Amb. Mfumukeko in his remarks highlighted the positive impact of the agreement by saying "the cooperation with FAO was long overdue, and the current support will go a long way in addressing pertinent issues in East Africa where agriculture is the way of life."


Despite relatively high economic growth in the Partner States of the East African Community (EAC), youth unemployment remains a great concern for the region, as it slows down economies and causes social problems.

The two institutions have the tools to respond to unemployment in the EAC region. FAO has developed the expertise on youth, agriculture, livelihoods and migration. EAC, on its part, has prepared its Youth Policy, a corner stone for many emerging public and private initiatives.

Dr. Kormawa, in his address, emphasized the role of the partnership on youth "This Technical cooperation project (TCP) addresses one of the most pressing issues of job creation for youth in the sub region, we at FAO believe that youth employment in agriculture and agribusiness is a way of lifting a significant number of youth out of unemployment and poverty", he stated.



The agreement aims to enhance the capacity of the target countries and the EAC Secretariat to develop and implement youth-in-agriculture initiatives and to improve the East African youth's access to information, resources and employment opportunities in the agricultural sector.

Key activities of the new intervention would include the development of a sub-regional strategy and country action plans for promoting decent employment for youth in the agricultural sector; the elaboration of a framework for sustainable youth employment initiatives, the dissemination of best practices, business models and opportunities for youth, and the support to scaling e-business models in agriculture. 

## EAC-USAID Discuss Operationalization of the Regional Development Objective Agreement




A one-day meeting between the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat and the United States Agency for Development (USAID) on the operationalization of the five-year Regional Development Objectives Grant Agreement (RDOAG) was held at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania on 2 February 2017.

USAID granted EAC US\$194 million under the RDOAG which was launched in November last year, monies that will be spent on shared development goals over the next five years.

Speaking during the opening session of the meeting, USAID Deputy Mission Director for Kenya and East Africa, Ms. Candace Buzzard, said the RDOAG provides for: changes in the way USAID will do its business; strengthen USAID-EAC Partnership; stronger collaboration, coordination and communication, and; institutional strengthening.

Ms. Buzzard said USAID will coordinate more closely with the EAC to ensure better delivery of project goals. In his remarks, EAC Secretary General Amb. Libérat Mfumukeko noted that USAID's gesture had sent a strong signal of its desire to support the Community attain its goals.

Amb. Mfumukeko said the USAID contribution would enable the Community to achieve many things. Out of the US\$194 million, about US\$30 million will finance 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.

Among the sectors to be funded under the RDOAG include health, environment and natural resources, climate change, trade, security of populations and energy. 

# Kigali to Host 2nd EAC High-Level Manufacturing Business Summit and Exhibition



The 2nd high-level East African Manufacturing Business Summit and Exhibition (EAMBS) organized by the East African Community (EAC) is scheduled to take place 23rd - 25th May, 2017 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The three-day conference themed "Harnessing the Manufacturing Potential for Sustainable Economic Growth" will bring together top executives in the manufacturing and agri-business sectors, policy and decision makers, as well as key financial institutions from Africa and beyond to dialogue and explore opportunities for investment in manufacturing and agri-business in the EAC region.

The EAMBS will include an exhibition where investors, enterprises, researchers and academia will collectively showcase new products and services as well as exhibit the latest advances in manufacturing technology and innovation, particularly those with relevance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

The official opening of the Summit is expected to be presided over by the President of the Republic Rwanda, H.E Paul Kagame

Speaking ahead of the Manufacturing Summit, the Director of Productive Sectors at the EAC Secretariat, Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, said the Summit which is co-organized by the EAC Secretariat, the East African Business Council (EABC) and Government of Rwanda, will provide a strategic platform for an extensive and intensive dialogue on opportunities and challenges of industrialisation in the region.

Mr. Havugimana noted that Summit is a platform borne out of the recognition that sustainable economic growth and development in East Africa is unattainable without creating a vibrant and diversified manufacturing sector.

"The Manufacturing Business Summit marks an important turning point for the future of manufacturing in the region," he added.

The 2nd EAMBS is expected to create greater awareness about the opportunities and challenges arising from the Common Market Protocol for the regional manufacturing sector. It is supposed to serve as a platform not only for initial business contacts, but also for exchange of ideas on how to address the existing challenges in the regional integration process.



The 2nd high-level Manufacturing Business Summit and Exhibition is the follow up of the 1st Manufacturing Business Summit and Exhibition which took place at the Speke Resort Hotel, Munyonyo in Kampala, Uganda in 2015.

The biannual East African Manufacturing and Business Summit is being organized against a backdrop of economic resurgence and high political commitment to pursue development driven by industrialization. The forum therefore stands to offer an important platform for governments in the region to engage the private sector on critical steps needed to leverage higher levels of investment in manufacturing.

The expected outcome is significant impact on broader socio economic development objectives such as employment creation, technology transfer and wealth creation. The forum seeks to create an avenue for the private sector to advocate and campaign for the acceleration of industrial reforms aimed at improvement of investment conditions in the EAC strategic sectors.

The EAC region has already identified strategic areas for industrial development in the region that bear comparative advantages and where significant private sector investment is needed to unlock potentials. These strategic sectors include: agro-processing and agri-business; mineral processing; pharmaceuticals; construction materials; fertilizers & agro-chemicals as well as the strengthened leather & textiles and automotive sector.



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