

## **STUDENTS MOBILITY POLICY**

The Treaty for the Establishment of EAC clearly stipulates the commitment of the Partner States to harmonize their education and training systems in order to provide for, among others, concerted efforts in the development of human resources, and mobility of people, labour, and services. In that regard, the coming into force of the Protocol for the Establishment of the EAC Common Market in July 2010 required IUCEA to develop systems that, among others, would enhance students' mobility and labour across the Partner States, and hence transform the EAC region into a Common Higher Education Area.

IUCEA embarked on the development of the students' mobility policy to contribute to the implementation of the Common Market Protocol which provides for mobility of Human Resource and goods across the Community. An IUCEA-led team of experts from the EAC Partner States developed a draft Students Mobility Policy which was presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Scholarship, Students and Staff Mobility Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Dar es Salaam.

The team held a couple of meetings and developed a draft Policy which was considered by the Scholarship, Students and Staff Mobility Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and approved by the Executive Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Kigali, Rwanda.

It is expected that this policy will provide a framework for the promotion of students' mobility amongst the Partner States, as a way of facilitating regional integration as envisioned in the Common Market Protocol and transforming EAC region into a Common Higher Education Area.