Membership of the Council
The Council consists of the Ministers/Cabinet Secretary responsible for regional co-operation of each Partner State and such other Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries of the Partner States as each Partner State may determine.

Meetings of the Council

1. The Council meets twice in each year, one meeting of which is held immediately preceding a meeting of the Summit. Extraordinary meetings of the Council may be held at the request of a Partner State or the Chairperson of the Council.

2. The Council determines its own procedure including that for convening its meetings, for the conduct of business thereat and at other times, and for the rotation of the office of Chairperson among its members who are Ministers/Cabinet Secretary responsible for regional co-operation in the Partner States.

3. A member of the Council who is the leader of his or her Partner State's delegation to a meeting of the Council, may record his or her objection to a proposal submitted for the decision of the Council and, if any such objection is recorded, the Council does not proceed with the proposal and, unless the objection is withdrawn refers the matter to the Summit for decision.

4. Subject to a Protocol on Decision-Making, the decisions of the Council shall be by consensus.

Effects of regulations, directives, decisions and recommendations of the Council
Subject to the provisions of the Treaty, the regulations, directives and decisions of the Council taken or given in pursuance of the provisions of the Treaty are binding on the Partner States, on all organs and institutions of the Community other than the Summit, the Court and the Assembly within their jurisdictions, and on those to whom they may under the Treaty be addressed.

Functions of the Council
- Make policy decisions for the efficient and harmonious functioning and development of the Community;
- Initiate and submit Bills to the Assembly;
- Subject to the Treaty, give directions to the Partner States and to all other organs and institutions of the Community other than the Summit, Court and the Assembly;
- Make regulations, issue directives, take decisions, make recommendations and give opinions in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty;
- Consider the budget of the Community;
- Consider measures that should be taken by Partner States in order to promote the attainment of the objectives of the Community;
- Make staff rules and regulations and financial rules and regulations of the Community;
- Submit annual progress reports to the Summit and prepare the agenda for the meetings of
the Summit;
- Establish from among its members, Sectoral Councils to deal with such matters that arise under the Treaty as the Council may delegate or assign to them and the decisions of such Sectoral Councils shall be deemed to be decisions of the Council;
- Establish the Sectoral Committees provided for under the Treaty; and
- Implement the decisions and directives of the Summit as may be addressed to it

LIST OF APPROVED EAC SECTORAL COUNCILS

• Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology
• Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance And Investment
• Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security
• Sectoral Council on Education, Science And Technology, Culture And Sport
• Sectoral Council on Energy
• Sectoral Council on Tourism and Wildlife Management
• Sectoral Council on Health
• Sectoral Council on Legal And Judicial Affairs
• Sectoral Council on EAC Affairs
• Sectoral Council on Inter State Security

• Sectoral Council on Foreign Policy Coordination

• Sectoral Council on Gender, Youth and Community Development

• Sectoral Council on Monetary Union

• Sectoral Council on Defence

• Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources

• Sectoral Council on Finance and Economic Affairs