East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania, 27 March 2015: A National Workshop to Review the Schedule of Commitments on Trade in Services under the EAC Common Market Protocol (CMP) for the Republic of Burundi is scheduled for 30 March to 2 April 2015 in Bujumbura, Burundi.

The National Workshop is being held pursuant to the Directive of the 29th Meeting of the Council of Ministers held in September, 2014 in Arusha, Tanzania that the Partner States should review their commitments on Mode Four (4) under Annex V of the EAC Common Market Protocol in order for the Partner States to provide specific commitments on temporary movement of natural persons.

The National workshop will also provide a platform for public-private sector dialogue in the seven services where commitments were made under the EAC CMP, namely, business services; tourism and travel related services; communication services; financial services; transport services; educational services; and distribution services.

The expected outputs of the National Workshop are a revised schedule of commitments on trade in services for the Republic of Burundi.

The EAC Secretariat will convene National workshops in all the remaining four Partner States by December 2015. The outputs from the five National Workshops will form the basis for Partner States’ engagement during a regional meeting to revise their Common Market Protocol Schedules of Commitments on Trade in services to be held at a later stage.

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