KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EAC SECRETARY GENERAL (SG) OFFICE IN THE WEEK

- EAC SG CEO RoundTable Breakfast Meeting with the private sector, Kenya Chapter

- EAC SG pays a courtesy call on the Chairperson, Council of EAC Ministers

- EAC SG tours the Centre Aviation Medicine (CAM)
Kenyan private sector players have expressed optimism in making steps towards the recovery of Covid-19, following a commitment by the East African Community Secretariat to prioritize strengthening public-private sector partnerships between the private sector in the region and EAC Partner States governments, to jointly invest in vaccine manufacturing in the region.

The EAC Secretary General, Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki, said that there was a need for a coordinated approach in handling COVID-19 in the region and emphasized the need for local production of vaccines.

“EAC is working on strengthening partnerships between the private sector and EAC Partner States’ governments, to jointly establish investment in vaccine manufacturing, to ensure the region can produce and avail vaccines to East Africans.

Truck drivers transporting goods across the region should also be included among the priority groups who need to be vaccinated,” Dr. Mathuki said.

Speaking on Friday, 6th August, 2021, during a CEO roundtable breakfast meeting organised by the East African Business Council (EABC), in Nairobi, Kenya, Dr. Mathuki also noted that the EAC Secretariat is working on reviewing the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC.

The EAC Treaty entered into force on 7th July, 2020 following its ratification by the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

“There is a need for a comprehensive review of the Treaty and other legal instruments to reflect current EAC membership and provide mechanisms of resolving ongoing challenges,” said Dr. Mathuki.
The Secretary General further disclosed that the Community was working on developing a harmonized framework for a collective response by Partner States to COVID-19 in the region through the EABC and EAC Technical Working Group (TWG) launched last month.

On his part, Hon. Adan Mohamed, the Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers and Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Regional Development, reaffirmed his commitment to improving the business climate in all EAC Partner States through stronger Public-Private Dialogues (PPD).

“We are also currently in the process of building a Ksh.5 billion cross border market at the Kenya-Uganda border which is set to increase cross border trade,” said Mr. Mohamed.

Dr. Kevit Desai, Principal Secretary, State Department of EAC said that there was need for strengthened coordination on infrastructure spending to speed up development in the region.

The East African Legislative Assembly Speaker, Hon. Martin Ngoga, urged the business community to avoid getting entangled in national politics and form a unified front.

“We should always look at intra-EAC challenges not through geo- political lenses but through the eyes of the collective private sector,” Hon. Ngoga said.

The EAC Director General for Customs and Trade, Mr. Kenneth Bagamuhunda, said that the EAC was developing an e-Commerce strategy and a centralized platform for trade facilitation agencies in order to ease intra-EAC trade.

EABC Chairman Mr. Nick Nesbitt said that the Private sector was in full support of the EAC Secretariat in its energized push of the comprehensive review of taxes in the region and adoption of the One Network Area to lower the cost of telecommunications.
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EAC Director General for Customs and Trade, Mr. Kenneth Bagamuhunda

Ms. Flora Mutai, Chair, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)

EABC Chairman Mr. Nick Nesbitt

EABC Chairman Mr. Nick Nesbitt and EAC SG Dr. Peter Mathuki
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East African Legislative Assembly Speaker, Hon. Martin Ngoga

East African Court of Justice President, Justice Nestor Kayobra
The Chair of the EAC Council of Ministers, Hon. Adan Mohamed held a consultative meeting with the East African Community Secretariat on ways of strengthening regional integration through close collaboration between organs and institutions of the community. This was when the EAC Secretariat team led by the Secretary General paid a courtesy call to him in Nairobi, Kenya.
EAC Secretary General, Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki tours the Regional Centre for Aviation Medicine (CAM) in Nairobi, Kenya. Currently under construction at a cost of US$2.2 million by the Republic of Kenya on behalf of EAC, the core function of the Centre is aeromedical safety oversight.

The Regional Centre for Aviation Medicine was borne of the need for civil aviation authorities of EAC Partner States to access an aviation medicine facility that complies with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Medical Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). The Secretary General was received at the facility by KCAA Board Chair Eng. Joseph Nkadaayo and Director General, Captain Gilbert Kibe.
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- Tanzania overtakes Kenya as Uganda’s largest imports source in EAC
- Kenyan SMEs land sponsorship for participation at EAC trade fair
- Plans to review East African Community treaty underway

UPCOMING EVENTS

- EAC SG 100 Days in Office Virtual Forum
- Meeting with EAC Trade department to discuss Tripartite matters
- Meeting with Regional Leadership of the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) sector
- Quarterly Consultative meeting with Partner States Ministries responsible for EAC Affairs and Trade
- Courtesy Call by Dr. Naim Bilal, Managing Director, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC)
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