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SOUTH KOREA SEEKS TO BUILD AFRICA'S CAPACITY IN HEALTHCARE



The Republic of Korea (South Korea) is keen on helping Africa to improve its healthcare systems, a delegation of South Korean MPs who visited the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania, disclosed on 9th March 2018.

Jun Hye Sook, a Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, who led the delegation of three MPs who visited the EAC Secretariat, said that the country had put in place a programme to train African doctors, medical experts and nurses in South Korea.

"Korea is aiming at teaching doctors and medical experts who will return home to serve their people," she said.

"We also have Korean experts coming to Africa to build capacity among their African counterparts," adding that the country was also contributing towards the upgrading of health infrastructure on the continent.

Hon. Sook and her team who held talks with the EAC Secretary General, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko, and other EAC officials, said South Korea was currently assisting in the construction

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of additional facilities at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Hon. Sook said her country was particularly keen on assisting African families who can't afford to access quality healthcare due to abject poverty. The Legislator said that Korean medicines were of world class quality.

The delegation, however, informed the Secretary General that Korean experts coming to East Africa were facing challenges in acquiring visas and work permits which would enable them to volunteer their services in the region.

Hon. Sook disclosed that South Korea had consistently increased her development assistance to Africa over the years with total aid quadrupling from US\$107 million in 2008 to US\$421 million in 2016.

"Most of the Korean aid to African countries goes towards water, health, education, energy and infrastructure development projects," said the lawmaker.

In his remarks, EAC Secretary General Amb. Mfumukeko assured the Korean delegation that the Community would work closely with Partner States' governments to address the issue of visa and work permits being encountered by Korean experts coming to the region to build capacity among doctors and other health-care personnel.

He thanked South Korea for her generous assistance to the health sector, adding that the training of doctors, nurses and other medical specialists was crucial to the EAC.

"We have an ongoing programme for training of doctors, medical experts and nurses in Nairobi and Kampala. We also have programmes for strengthening the capacity of medical testing laboratories in the region. Also high on our agenda are vaccination programmes and manufacture of pharmaceuticals," said Amb. Mfumukeko.

The SG said that the Community was keen on decentralizing health facilities from the Partner States capitals to secondary cities.

The SG said that East Africa looks up to Korea as an inspiration for development particularly in industrialization. He urged Koreans to seek partnerships and invest in the region noting that East Africa was ready to work with Korea in skills development and technology transfer.

He informed the Korean delegation that the Community had unveiled its 5th Development Strategy two weeks ago, adding that among the highlights in the Strategy are industrial development through increased investment, skills and technology transfer, and the creation of employment for the youth. 

EALA Swears in Uganda's Deputy Prime Minister and Kenya's CS for EAC as Ex-Officio Members

Two senior Ministers in the region were on 13 March 2018 sworn in as ex-Officio Members of EALA. Uganda's 2nd Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, Republic of Uganda, Rt Hon Dr Ali Kirunda Kivejinja and the Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Northern Corridor Development in Kenya, Hon Peter Gatirau Munya, took the oath administered by the Clerk of EALA, before the EALA Speaker, Rt. Hon Ngoga K. Martin.

The Oaths of Allegiance to the House were administered in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The Rules of Procedure say in part that: "No Member can sit or participate in the proceedings of the House until the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Treaty is taken".

First to take the Oath of Allegiance was the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community and Northern Corridor Development in the Republic of Kenya, Hon Peter Gatirau Munya. The Cabinet Secretary was ushered into the House by Hon Mpuru Aburi and Hon Abdikadir Aden.

Hon Peter Gatirau Munya was sworn in as Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Northern Corridor in the Republic of Kenya on February 16th, 2018 following his appointment by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. Prior to his appointment as Cabinet Secretary, Hon Munya served as the first Governor of Meru County, where he was credited with many firsts among them, encouraging investment in sectors providing stable market to the local farming, creating employment and provision of vital services to the local business community.

As Governor, Hon Munya also served as the second Chairman of the Council of Governors. He previously served as a Member of Parliament for Tigania East Constituency in Meru County (2002-2007) and as Leader of the Party of National Unity (PNU). In December 2007 while serving in his second term as MP, Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya was appointed the Assistant Minister, East African Community, where he called for expansion of roads, improvement of existing harbours and building of new ports.

Hon Munya holds a Master's Degree in International Law (International Economic Integration Law) obtained from University of Brussels in 1995 and a second Master's Degree in Law (Public Law) obtained from the University of Georgia, USA. He is a holder of a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB Hons), from the University of Nairobi.

On his part, Hon Dr Ali Kirunda Kivejinja was led in by Hon George Odongo and Hon Rose Akol. He was appointed to cabinet by H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in November 2015 and then re-appointed in June 2016 following the elections in the country.

Rt Hon Kivejinja has served in several positions in the Government of the Republic of Uganda. In 1986, he was appointed Min-



The EALA Speaker, Hon Ngoga K. Martin congratulates Hon Peter Munya upon his swearing in as an ex-officio Member of EALA

ister of Relief and Social Rehabilitation. He has also since served as Minister of Internal Affairs. Rt. Hon Dr Kivejinja, who holds a MSc in Zoology has been Senior Presidential Advisor for Internal Affairs to President Museveni.

Rt Hon Dr Kivejinja, who has also served as the head of the Veterans' League of the ruling NRM, is also author of Uganda: The Crisis of Confidence, a book about Uganda's political history. The Minister of State for EAC, Uganda, is Hon Julius Wandera who according to Article 48 of the Treaty may participate in the Sitings in absence of Rt. Hon Dr Kivejinja.

EALA Speaker, Rt Hon Ngoga K. Martin, hailed the swearing in of both Ministers and said EALA and the region stood to benefit a great deal from their experiences. 🇪🇺



EALA Speaker, Rt Hon Ngoga K. Martin congratulates Rt Hon Dr Ali Kirunda Kivejinja moments after he took his Oath of Allegiance to the EAC and the Assembly

Intra-African Trade Extremely Low



Intra-African trade is extremely low and currently accounts for only 10% of all commerce on the continent, Uganda's Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Ruganda has said.

Dr. Ruganda called for concerted efforts between African governments and the private sector to enable the continent attain its development objectives.

Dr. Ruganda said that doing business as blocs was increasingly becoming the norm as evidenced by the signing in Kigali, Rwanda of the Continental Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) by the leaders of 44 African countries.

Dr. Ruganda said that the CFTA, which will come into force within six months, would increase prosperity for 1.2 billion Africans, adding that it was a true learning experience for businesses across the globe.

The Prime Minister was speaking during the official opening session of the East African Business Council (EABC) 20th anniversary celebrations in Nairobi, Kenya. The PM represented President Yoweri Museveni at the event.

Dr. Ruganda hailed EABC for striving to see to it that regional integration process is achieved with meaning and tangible results for the citizens of the East African Community (EAC).

"Since the inception of the EABC, there has been progress towards achieving the integration process through trade and policy reviews, tax harmonization, discussions on the Northern Corridor, stakeholder engagements to improve the free movement of goods and services within the region," he said.

Dr. Ruganda noted that the region still faces many challenges along the route to full integration including the need for full harmonization of policies and laws.

"This is a process that is taking time for all Partner States but a lot of progress has been made in this direction. We have to keep the momentum," said the PM.

In his remarks, Kenya's Minister for Cooperatives, Trade and Industry, Mr. Adan Mohammed, who represented President Uhuru Kenyatta, said that the private sector in East Africa had also contributed to the challenges to intra-regional trade including non-tariff barriers to trade.

Mr. Mohammed said that the private sector had brought about NTBs by pushing their respective home governments to push for national interests as opposed to the regional integration agenda for the sake of preserving their markets.

He described the EAC as the most integrated regional economic

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... CS calls for review of the Common External Tariff and efforts to make the EAC Single Customs Territory work better



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bloc in terms of trade and infrastructure development, adding that the Community needs to stick together when negotiating trade agreements with other regional economic communities because there is strength in numbers.

Speaking at the event, Kenya's Minister for EAC and Northern Corridor Development, Hon. Peter Munya, said the region faced a challenge in the implementation of agreed protocols.

"National laws need to be aligned to regional protocols. Partner States also need to push for law reforms back home. The other alternative is to pass overarching laws at the regional level to replace existing legislation. This has been done with success in the European Union," said Hon. Munya.

Hon. Munya called for a review of the Common External Tariff and efforts to make the EAC Single Customs Territory work better, adding that the Community may need to establish a regional institution to make this possible.

He said that the region was currently a net importer of various commodities and advised that governments should prioritize industrialization. He said that Kenya had prioritized industrialization under its Big Four Agenda and particularly singled out the manufacture of apparels and local motor vehicle assembly.

EABC Chairman Jim Kabehe emphasized the importance of local content especially in huge infrastructure projects being undertaken by governments in the region.

"The local business sector should be allowed to participate in major projects including at the inception. All materials for these projects like cement and steel should be sourced locally rather than abroad. China currently dominates the supply of construction materials. Sourcing materials locally will lead to expanded sales as well as capacity building for local businesses," said Kibehe.

On agriculture, Mr. Kibehe said that though EAC Partner States' economies were agriculture-based this was not reflected in their budgets with minimal allocations going to the sector.

EAC Secretary General Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko disclosed that EAC and EABC had worked closely over the years with both institutions benefitting from the synergies of working together. Amb. Mfumukeko said that through this partnership, EAC and EABC had contributed towards the conclusion of several regional legal instruments such as the Customs Union, Common Market and Monetary Union Protocols, One Stop Border Posts Act, the Framework on the elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade, and development of trade standards.

Also present at the event was the Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja, who is also Uganda's 2nd Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs.



Nairobi Hosts 6th EAC Academia - Public - Private Partnership Forum and Exhibition



The 6th EAC Academia-Public-Private Partnership Forum (APPPF) and Exhibition 2018 concluded at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya on Thursday 22nd March 2018, with a commendation by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta to the management of Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for the outstanding achievements in the development of higher education and research systems that are responding to the regional social economic development needs, in particular transforming East Africa into a Common Higher Education Area. The aim of the APPPF is to provide a point of connection between knowledge and human resources produced by the academia on the one hand, and on the other hand, the dissemination and utilization of such knowledge by the private and public sectors, for eventual diffusion into the productive, social and service sectors in the Community. The theme of the 6th APPPF and Exhibition 2018 was the East African Common Higher Education Area: Opportunities for Industrialisation through Academia-Public-Private Partnerships.

Addressing the official opening ceremony, President Uhuru Kenya said that it is his conviction that once effectively operational, which IUCEA should work hard so that, the Common Higher Education Area will contribute significantly to the shaping of the landscape and impact of higher education of the East African Community.

President Uhuru Kenyatta, who was represented by Hon. Peter Munya, the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community and

Northern Corridor Development, urged the participants to come up with concrete proposals for policy and decision makers on how the region can shape-up and refine its industrialisation strategies for maximum utilisation of abundant natural resources for the industrialisation of the bloc.

The Guest of honour challenged the participants to consider leveraging the region's human resources and skills potentials to promote mobility of labour and services as provided for by the EAC Common Market Protocol, which calls for opening up education and training to the local environment and beyond through mobility by strengthening links with business and by developing education for enterprise.

"This should be one of the key milestones that the Common Higher Education Area and this partnership (Academia-Public-Private) should endeavour to achieve as building blocks for industrialisation of our region", noted the President.

President Kenyatta urged the forum participants to consider innovative ways in which the Academia-Public-Private Partnership could be strengthened in order to increase productivity of public and private investments and services in higher education as a focus for a new investment paradigm in education and training; maintaining universities as a public responsibility; promoting and consolidating research as an integral part of higher

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education for impact enhancement to society; furthering mobility and the social dimension; making access to learning easier and accessible and making it easier to move from one part of the education system to another, across and between programs and system, and across borders; and rethinking the definition of skills for the knowledge society.

He commended the management of the Inter-University Council for East Africa for the outstanding achievements in the development of higher education and research systems that are responding to the regional social economic development needs, in particular transforming East Africa into a Common Higher Education Area.

"It is my conviction that once effectively operational, which IUCEA should work hard to that, the Common Higher Education Area will contribute significantly to the shaping of the landscape and impact of higher education of the East African Community", affirmed H.E Uhuru Kenyatta.

At the Forum, Rt. Hon. Kirunda Kivejinje, the Chairperson, EAC Council of Ministers and Uganda's 2nd Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, noted that given the difficulties of entering into highly-competitive global markets, and the lack of prospects for a significant upsurge of foreign investments in the manufacturing sector, the only realistic option for the development of EAC industry was to focus on both 'recapturing domestic markets' and simultaneously exploiting better, the potential of regional markets and the resources at hand within the public and private sectors of which research and innovation were critical prerequisites.

The Chairperson of the Council observed that historically, the EAC economies had continued to be dominated by agriculture as the core economic sector employing 90% of the region's respective populations and accounting for 24% to 46% of gross domestic product (GDP). On the other hand, the contribution of manufacturing to the GDP in East Africa was estimated at 8.9%, which is considerably below the average target of about 25% that the EAC Partner States have set for themselves to achieve by 2032.

He said the industrial sector in the region had the potential to reverse this trend and transform significantly the EAC economies to create jobs and stimulate the development of other sectors, with research and innovation taking the centre stage. On his part, the Executive Secretary of the Inter- University Council for East Africa, Prof. Alexandre Lyambabaje disclosed that the Academia-Public-Private Partnership Forum had, in the short span of its existence, exhibited great potential for playing a critical and catalytic role in spurring socio-economic development in the Community through various interventions.

"The partnership is expected to exploit the available political commitment and enabling legal framework at the national and regional levels to drum-up and consolidate views of stake-

holders, for the outcome of the Forum and Exhibitions to spearhead the implementation of the socio-economic developmental agenda of the Community for achieving the region's short- and long-term goals".

Resolutions and Way Forward of the 6th EAC APPPF and Exhibition 2018

- IUCEA should strengthen the administrative arrangements for coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the process of transforming EAC into a Common Higher Education Area
- IUCEA should create a system that can document best practices from the Centres of Excellence to facilitate sharing of knowledge to promote industrialization. IUCEA should also recommend more centres of excellence in other areas.
- IUCEA should continue to facilitate networking among research institutions, academia and industry for best practice sharing, and building partnerships for collaborative R&D, technology and innovation within the region. In this regard, IUCEA should come up with a policy framework for university-industry collaboration.
- IUCEA should support new VCs with training on leadership and management to enable them transform their universities.
- Universities should Strengthen collaborations and networks amongst regional institutions including CoE to enhance capabilities for industrial policy design and management.
- Universities should Institutionalize Research & Research Uptake to create an enabling platform for industrialization.
- Universities should review their policies to require graduates to produce a research uptake component before they graduate.
- Universities should build their relationships with industry on a gradual and structured way by involving the industry in curriculum development, its delivery as guest lecturers, joint supervision and internships.
- Universities should fully embrace the use of ICT in teaching, research and administration. Available opportunities with German universities to set up virtual classrooms for collaborative teaching is worth considering.
- Partner States should establish/increase national research and innovations fund to promote sustainability of externally funded projects.
- Partner States should establish Regional Awards as a means to catalyse innovation and entrepreneurial efforts and support collaborative science technology and innovation initiatives.



Court Drops Burundi's Application Seeking to Stay Recognition of EALA Speaker



The First Instance Division resumed its March sessions and struck out the Application filed by the Republic of Burundi, seeking Court's order to stay recognition of the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). The Court in its Ruling said that the Application has been overtaken by events and that the real dispute will be conversed in the substantive Reference.

The Court added that though Counsel for the Applicant (Burundi) did understand that an order for none recognition of the Speaker entail suspension of the Assembly, that it was neither argued nor the Assembly was an issue in the matter, that it is the view of the Court that the office of the Speaker is the issue in the Application and that the holder thereof has since duly commenced his functions.

The Court therefore struck out the Application and ordered that the Reference (main case) challenging the entire elections process of Speaker of the Assembly be heard expeditiously.

Before the ruling was delivered, Court also had disallowed the Application filed by Hon. Mukasa Fred Mbidde, seeking to amend his application to join the matter as an intervener opposing the Applicant instead of joining as amicus curiae (friend of the Court). Hon. Mbidde before had applied to join the matter an amicus curiae, however he was changing the position from amicus curiae to intervener because he has interest in case him being an EALA Member which the Court declined to allow and he later withdrew because he would not proceed without amendments.

This case is the 1st one being filed by a Partner State against the Community, under Article 28 which provides mandate to Partner

States to file a case to Court. All the cases the Court has handled are matters brought by Individuals or None Governmental Organizations (NGOs) or the Bar Associations under Article 30 of the Treaty (Natural or Legal person).

The Republic of Burundi in the Reference is challenging the election of the Speaker of EALA, arguing that, the Assembly did not follow Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, which requires the quorum of one third (1/3) of the elected Members from each Partner State, yet Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania did not participate in the elections. Burundi is therefore asking court to declare that the election violated rule 12 (1) of EALA Rules of Procedure and order for re-election of the Speaker in accordance with the Rules of procedure.

The matter was brought before Honorable Judges Lady Justice Monica Mugenyi (Principal Judge), Justice Isaac Lenaola (Deputy Principal Judge), and Justice Fakihi A .Jundu.



Rt. Hon Martin Ngoga (current Speaker) from the Republic of Rwanda who was elected Speaker of EALA on 19th December 2017. Rt Hon Ngoga polled 33 votes in the second round of voting against Hon. Leontine Nzeyimana of Burundi who amassed 3 votes and Hon Adam Kimbisa of the United Republic of Tanzania did not receive any vote. Rt. Hon. Ngoga replaced Hon. Daniel Kidega from the Republic of Uganda whose term expired. According to the Treaty, the position of the Speaker of EALA is rotational.

CALL FOR ACTION

Adopted at

The First Sustainable Energy Forum for East Africa

19-21 March 2018, Kigali, Rwanda

We, the Participants at the First Sustainable Energy Forum for East Africa held in Kigali, Rwanda from the 19th to 21st March 2018:

- 1. EXPRESS** our profound gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for hosting this First Sustainable Energy Forum for East Africa, and sincerely thank all the organizations and persons who were involved in organizing the Forum.
- 2. CALL UPON** the governments of the EAC Partner States to strengthen individual and collective national commitments toward addressing the special energy and climate resilience needs of the East African region in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change,
- 3. RECOGNIZE** the need for the EAC Partner States to enhance their cooperation and coordination, to have a greater regional voice in energy-related international forums and participate actively in regional and global decision-making processes aimed at addressing the global challenges facing our region in particular and mankind in general;
- 4. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States and Development Partners to strengthen the capacity of EACREEE to be the lead institution in the EAC region in promoting equitable universal access to modern, efficient, reliable, affordable, renewable energy to all households, businesses, industries and institutions in order to stimulate sustainable socio-economic development of the region;
- 5. URGE** the EAC Partner States, in consultation with private and civil society organizations, to develop and implement a coherent regional renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy access policies, including integrated regional and national energy access strategies, which are aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, and seize this opportunity and leave no one behind.
- 6. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States to put in place an enabling environment to enhance public private partnerships for investments in grid extension, decentralized and distributed generation systems to increase rural electrification, energy efficiency and sustainable and inclusive industrialization.
- 7. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States to put in place mechanisms to reward good innovations in renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- 8. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector to promote use of low carbon and clean fuels and technologies for clean cooking, including LPG as a transition fuel.
- 9. CALL UPON** all development partners to facilitate transfer and adaptation/adoption innovative technologies to leap frog EAC partners states to achieve SDG goal 7.
- 10. CALL UPON** all relevant stakeholders to set up a Working Group on Sustainable Energy Financing (WG-SEF) that would provide an ongoing and open platform for exchange of information, best practices and solutions between EAC partner states to strengthen and coordinate pre-investment activities and financing solutions for SE initiatives and projects in the region.
- 11. CALL UPON** Development Partners to support capacity building of local financial institutions on assessing renewable energy business plans and project risks, and sensitizing potential investors/entrepreneurs on conducting feasibility studies and preparation of bankable project documents.
- 12. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States and Development Partners to support gender-inclusive programmes specifically those aimed at empowering women, youth and the disadvantaged in sustainable energy entrepreneurship, productive uses of energy and strengthening their involvement in sustainable energy development leadership and workforce.
- 13. CALL UPON** the EAC Partner States, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector to pursue initiatives such as energy efficiency, solar photovoltaic and thermal systems, waste-to-energy programmes and alternative transportation, geared toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal #11 (Sustainable Cities);
- 14. RECOGNIZE** the great potentials of geothermal energy resources in the EAC region and CALL UPON EAC Partner States, Development Partners and the Private Sector to develop programmes to enhance capacity for exploitation of these resources; and
- 15. RESOLVE** to establish the Sustainable Energy Forum for East Africa as a high level biennial event, to be hosted in any of the East African cities, with the objective of providing a platform for discussion on practical solutions to energy challenges in the EAC region and reviewing progress made. ●

Building Environment and Natural Resources Management Resilience in East Africa



The East African Community (EAC) Secretariat in collaboration with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), held Regional Learning Event and Investors Forum/Donors Roundtable on Environment and Natural Resources Management under the theme: Building Resilience in East Africa: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

The forum showcased the EAC's regional priority programs in environment and natural resources management including climate change adaptation; biodiversity conservation; water, sanitation and hygiene; and transboundary water resources management.

The forum brought together regional and national practitioners, policy makers, researchers, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, regional intergovernmental organizations, private sector representatives and development partners from the EAC region. Participants explored these themes with objective of stimulating concrete and practical actions that will impact the most vulnerable ecosystems and societies.

Addressing the forum Forum/Donors Roundtable the EAC Secretary General Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko commended the fundamental support from USAID extended towards different sectors including Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Energy, Health and institutional strengthening.

He said for the last 5 years EAC has been collaborating with USAID through different projects and programs including the Planning for Resilience in East Africa through Policy, Adaptation, Research and Economic Development (PREPARED).

"I would wish to emphasize that sustainability and scaling up of PREPARED achievements is very key and is one of the reasons why we are gathered here today".

On his part, Mr. Brad Arsenault, Deputy Chief, USAID Kenya and East Africa said the U.S. Government, through USAID, focuses on the sustainable management of the region's rich natural resources as a driver for socio-economic growth and sustainable development. Our joint commitment to managing natural resources is critical," explained USAID's Acting Director.

Mr. Brad pledged USAID's commitment to support the strong strategic leadership by the EAC and maintaining the collaborative management structures to ensure the management and conservation of transboundary natural resources. 

Court Strikes Out an Application Seeking Court to Hear a Case Challenging the Union of Tanzania, in Zanzibar



The First Instance Division of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) today struck out an Application filed by one Rashid Salum Adiy and 39,999 others Zanzibar Citizens versus the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Chief Secretary of Revolutionary Council of Zanzibar and United Republic of Tanzania others.

The Application was seeking the EACJ to allow the case challenging the legality of the Union of Tanzania, to be heard in Zanzibar. This meant that the EACJ would shift its base from its headquarters in Arusha to Zanzibar for the hearing of the case.

Rashid Salum Adiy and 39,999 others Zanzibar Citizens had earlier filed the case before the First Instance Division challenging the Union of Zanzibar with the mainland under the United Republic of Tanzania. The Respondents to the case were the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, the Chief Secretary Revolutionary Council of Zanzibar, the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Court in its ruling read by the Principal Judge, Justice Monica Mugenyi, said that, "We have carefully listened to both parties, we are concerned by the lacklustre and unprofessional manner in which the Applicants have approached so serious the matter."

Further the Court said that, the Applicants purported to file a notice of appointment of an agent while knowing that it was premised on unregistered and therefore defective Power of Attorney.

"We find this not to be only the waste of the Court's time and occasioning undue delay of the hearing of the matter, but also find it to be abuse of the Court's process," said Justice Mugenyi,

for the bench. The Court therefore ruled that under Rule 47 (1) (a) and (c) of the Court Rules of Procedure, it had dismissed the application with no costs.

Before the ruling, there were arguments by the Representatives of the Attorney General of Zanzibar and URT, submitting that the Applicants have shown lack of seriousness in this important case which is of a public interest and that it shows disrespect of the Court and waste of its time.

Mr. Rashid Salum Adiy (Applicant) who appeared in person with other few Applicants in court had earlier filed with the Court a notice of appointment of an Agent which Court rejected because it was not supported by the valid Power of Attorney. The Applicant also attempted to use Swahili language in Court which court interpreted as against Article 46 of the Treaty which provides for English as the official language of the Community.

The other Applicants present in Court were Suleyman Mustafa, Khamis Hassan Hamad with the Purported Agent by the name Japhet Chidzipha Chigumba. While the representatives of the Respondents were Mzee Ali Haji, Deputy Attorney General of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Alesia A. Mbuya Principal State Attorney & Asst. Director Attorney General and Constitutional Affairs, Mark Mwambo, Principal State Attorney and others.

All appeared before Hon. Justices: Monica Mugenyi (Principal Judge), Fakihi Jundu and Dr Charles Oyo Nyawello all of the First Instance Division.



Arusha Regional Commissioner Calls for more Sensitization on OSBP to the Border Communities

The Arusha Regional Commissioner, Mr Mrisho Gambo, has called for more sensitization on One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs) to border communities in the East African Community in order to create awareness on cross-border procedures under the OSBPs.

Mr. Gambo commended the establishment of the OSBPs, which he said have made a big difference for citizens crossing national borders within the EAC by simplifying customs and immigration processes.

The Regional Commissioner made these remarks when he addressed thousands of border residents during a sensitization meeting on the OSBPs at Namanga town along the joint border of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Kenya. The sensitization forum, organised by the EAC Secretariat with the support of the African Development Bank, drew the participation of residents from Arusha Region in Tanzania and Kajiado County in Kenya.

"The establishment of OSBP has tremendously promoted the movement of goods and services across borders and spurred intra-EAC Trade," added Hon Gambo.

On his part, the Kajiado County Commissioner, Mr. David Kipkemei, said one of the major non-tariff barriers impeding trade across the region was the lack of information, adding that traders struggle to find information regarding the goods and services allowed for trade in other Partner States.

Kipkemei said lack of information had left big loopholes for corruption to the detriment of traders as they endeavour to move their goods from one Partner State to the other.

The County Commissioner also commended the EAC Secretariat for conducting sensitization fora at the borders and called on *Wananchi* to embrace the education presented to them on the operations of OSBPs to spur intra-EAC Trade.

The two leaders also took advantage of the gathering to respond to the various border issues between Tanzania and Kenya.

The decision to engaged *wananchi* at the Namanga border on the challenges facing the two countries came after the agreement between Kenyan President H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta and his Tanzanian counterpart H.E. John Magufuli when they met in Kampala,



Uganda in February 2018 and agreed that it was in the interest of both countries to solve the ongoing problems at the Namanga border.

The main objective of OSBPs is to facilitate trade and travel by reducing the number of stops made a border crossing thereby reducing the time required for clearance at the border.

To date, out of the 15 borders earmarked to operate as OSBPs, 12 have been completed and 10 are now operational. The completed OSBPs are: Gasenyi/Nemba, Ruhwa, Rusumo, Lunga Lunga/ Horohoro, Holili/Taveta, Kagitumba/Mirama Hills, Mutukula, Kabanga/Kobero, Malaba, Isebania/ Sirari, Busia and Namanga. Construction is on-going for the Katuna/Gatuna OSBP. The 10 operational OSBPs are: Gasenyi/Nemba, Ruhwa, Rusumo, Holili/Taveta, Kagitumba/Mirama Hills, Mutukula, Kabanga/Kobero, Malaba, Busia and Namanga. However, OSBP operations at Ruhwa have been temporarily suspended.

Sensitization in Namanga and Kajiado County was attended by among others: Customs, Trade and Immigration border officials from both Tanzania and Kenya, District Commissioners from Longido, United Republic of Tanzania and Kajiado, Republic of Kenya, Members of Parliaments from Longido and Kajiado County and OSBP coordinators from Ministries of EAC, Tanzania and Kenya.



EAC Keen on Promoting Intra- and Inter-Regional Trade



The East African Community is working overdrive to enhance market access to regional and international markets through a comprehensive export promotion strategy.

The EAC Director General, Customs and Trade, Mr. Kenneth Bagamuhunda, said the Community is implementing programmes aimed at promoting and strengthening intra- and inter-regional trade including the implementation of trade facilitation programmes particularly the removal of Non-tariff Barriers (NTBs) to trade.

The DG said that the EAC had prioritized growth in its exports through value addition and capacity building for exporters to enable them know about export requirements especially in the EU.

Mr. Bagamuhunda further said that the Community had put in place mechanisms for the dissemination of applicable trade requirements and trade statistics.

Other measures to promote trade include the harmonization of regional standards and strengthening the performance of exports through the implementation of the EAC Export Promotion Strategy.

Mr. Bagamuhunda said that while the Community had developed a number of key strategies and policies aimed at boosting trade, the biggest challenge was how to implement them.

“The elimination of tariffs is not a problem. The biggest problem is removing Non-tariff Barriers which keep on changing and coming up in different forms,” he said.

On the recently signed African Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA), Mr. Bagamuhunda said now was the time to push for the

full implementation of the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) bringing together EAC, COMESA and SADC.

“The TFTA is the stepping stone to the CFTA because what remains in TFTA is its implementation. The Tripartite constitutes more than 60% of the Africa’s GDP and over half of the continent’s population,” said the DG.

The DG was speaking during the official opening session of a three day workshop convened by the TradeComII Programme at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

The stakeholder workshop which has drawn participants from EAC Partner States, the private sector, youth and women’s organisations, and development partners will discuss presentation on the: Draft EAC Export Promotion Strategy 2017-2022; EAC Framework of Non-Tariff Barriers, and; EAC Simplified Trade Regime for Women and Youth Traders.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Fabio di Stefano, Head of the Infrastructure and Regional Integration Sectors at the European Union Delegation in Tanzania, said the EU’s main focus in working with the EAC was on trade and economic growth in the region.

Mr. Stefano said that political goodwill from EAC leaders will be critical if East Africa was to become integrated economically, adding that reforms to national laws and policies would also be required for the full implementation of protocols and agreements made at the regional level.

Mr. Stefano said some of the key drivers of regional integration in East Africa as has been the case elsewhere were peace and security, and infrastructure development. 

EAC Secretariat Establishes a Projects Coordination Unit



The EAC Secretariat has established a Projects Coordination Unit (PCU) with the objective to map, coordinate and align all donor-funded projects to the EAC Development Strategy.

While the EAC Secretariat has maintained a close monitoring mechanism of the profile of donor funding to different projects, there remained room for consolidating this function into a central unit that would augment the Secretariat's coordination of donor funds.

It is envisioned that the exchange of best practices amongst the various projects under implementation by the EAC shall promote cohesion which is pertinent to their success.

The PCU became effective in November 2017 with funding support from TradeMark East Africa. The operations of the Unit are currently at the Secretariat level.

WHO ARE THE KEY PLAYERS?

- Secretary General
- EAC Executives (Deputy Secretaries General)
- EAC Management (Directors)
- Executive and Steering Committees of each Project
- Project Managers and Project Implementation Teams
- Development Partners

WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF THE PCU?

As a key unit in the office of the EAC Secretary General, the Unit serves as;

- A platform for coordination between all EAC donor-funded projects and their respective donors by aligning projects progress with EAC's overall integration agenda.
- A focal point to promote discussions on development assistance in order to ensure that donor support is aligned with the EAC Development Strategy.

KEY INITIATIVES

Since its inception, the interim Projects Coordination Unit has been able to deliver the following outputs:-

- A comprehensive database of all EAC donor-funded projects;
- A framework for the preparation of quarterly programmatic and expenditure reports;
- A Projects Communication Plan aimed at sharing information and liaising with both internal and external stakeholders;
- Mechanisms designed to ensure compliance and best practice by all EAC projects; 

EAC Partnership Fund Priorities and Interventions

The EAC Partnership Fund was established in 2006 with an overall objective of enhancing regional integration and socio-economic development of the EAC and facilitate the harmonization and alignment of Development Partners' support to EAC thereby reducing transactional costs in line with Paris Declaration Principles.

As at 30 June 2014, the membership of EAC Partnership Fund was comprised of ten (10) contributing and three (3) non-contributing members. The contributing members were: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. While the European Union (EU), USA and the World Bank were non-contributing members due policy and regulatory limitations, but supporting EAC through Sector Programme Support. Majority of the contributions were pegged on multi-year financing agreements that ended in 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years. For the last two financial years (2016/17, 2017/18) only four development partners contributed to the Fund i.e. Germany, Norway, Denmark and Finland, due to the delay and non-renewal of multiyear financing agreements.

As part of the implementation of the recommendations of 2016 external review of the Partnership Fund and the decision of the 25th Steering Committee, on strengthening the Fund management, a fairly independent Partnership Fund Management Unit has been established under the Office of the Secretary General responsible for overall financial and operational supervision of the Fund, including but not limited to, guiding the planning & budgeting of all activities, cash flow management, monitoring of costs and expenditure, and reporting on the implementation of projects and programs supported by the Fund. The PFMU comprises of a Fund Manager, Fund Accountant and Program Officer who work closely with the directorate of Finance and Human Resources and Administration.

The new Fund Management Unit will ensure that the priorities and interventions to be funded are in line with the 5th EAC Development Strategy and are focusing on delivery of tangible results. Apart from ensuring that the priorities are aligned to regional strategy and other policy documents, guidelines and criteria for access and accountability under the Basket Fund have been developed.

Priorities and interventions for 2017/18

The 27th EAC Partnership Fund Steering Committee held on 5th December 2017 in line with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the MOU between the EAC and Development Partners approved the 2017/18 Annual Work Plan and Budget to the tune of **USD 2,716,949**. To fund interventions under the four priority areas as listed below.

Priority 1: Support the Implementation of EAC Common Market and Customs Union Protocols.

- Support to coordination and reporting on the implementation of EAC Common Market Protocol and Customs Union
- Support to EAC Policy Research Unit to undertake policy related research and evaluation studies to support the

integration process

- Support enhanced road connectivity and transport operations across the region.
- Strengthen the immigration capacities to enhance free movement of persons, workers and services
- Support to small and medium enterprises' goods in the EAC Single Market
- Support to alignment of Partner States Curricula and Examination guidelines with the approved EAC structures and frameworks
- Support to establishment of the EAC Culture Trust Fund

Priority 2: Support to the Implementation of the East African Monetary Union

- Support to development and harmonization of Statistics in the Region for implementation of East African Monetary Union (EAMU)
- Coordination of fiscal policies necessary for operation of Monetary Union
- Support to development of EAMU Institutions Legal Instruments
- Development Regional Statistical Framework for Capturing of data on Trade in Culture and Creative goods and services in the region
- Support to harmonization of regional regulatory// guidelines for production and trade in hides & skins, leather products in the region.
- Development of legal instruments for the EAMU Institutions

Priority 3: Sensitization and Public Awareness on EAC Regional Integration.

- Printing and distribution publications and documents to showcase EAC achievements.
- Design and distribution visibility/promotional items to sensitize stakeholders about EAC Participation of the East African Citizenry in the EAC integration process
- Develop and distribute harmonised sensitisation informationals and public education programmes for dissemination on radio, TV and digital media platforms
- Organise media briefings and coverage of the Summit and other key EAC established vents (Investment for, cultural invents, petroleum and investment conferences

Priority 4: Capacity Strengthening of EAC Organs and Institutions

- Internal Audit
- Procurement
- Resources Mobilisation
- EALA
- CASSOA
- LVFO
- EACJ

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