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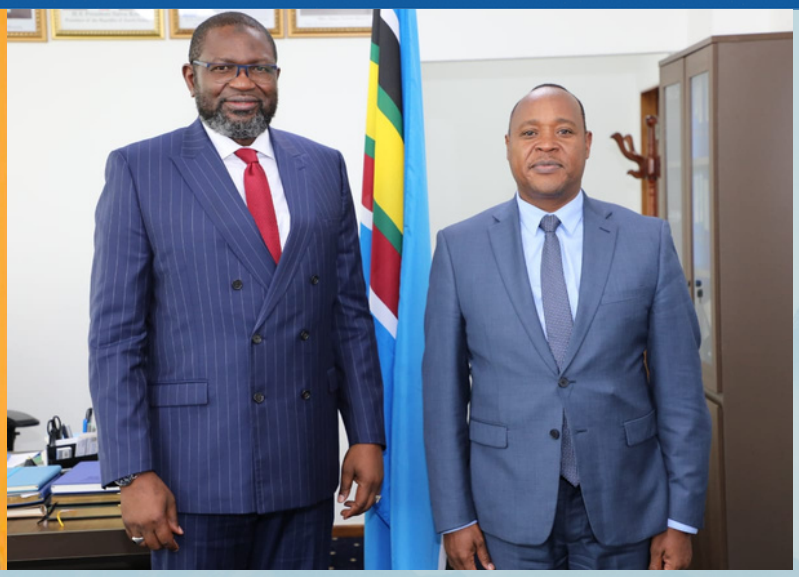
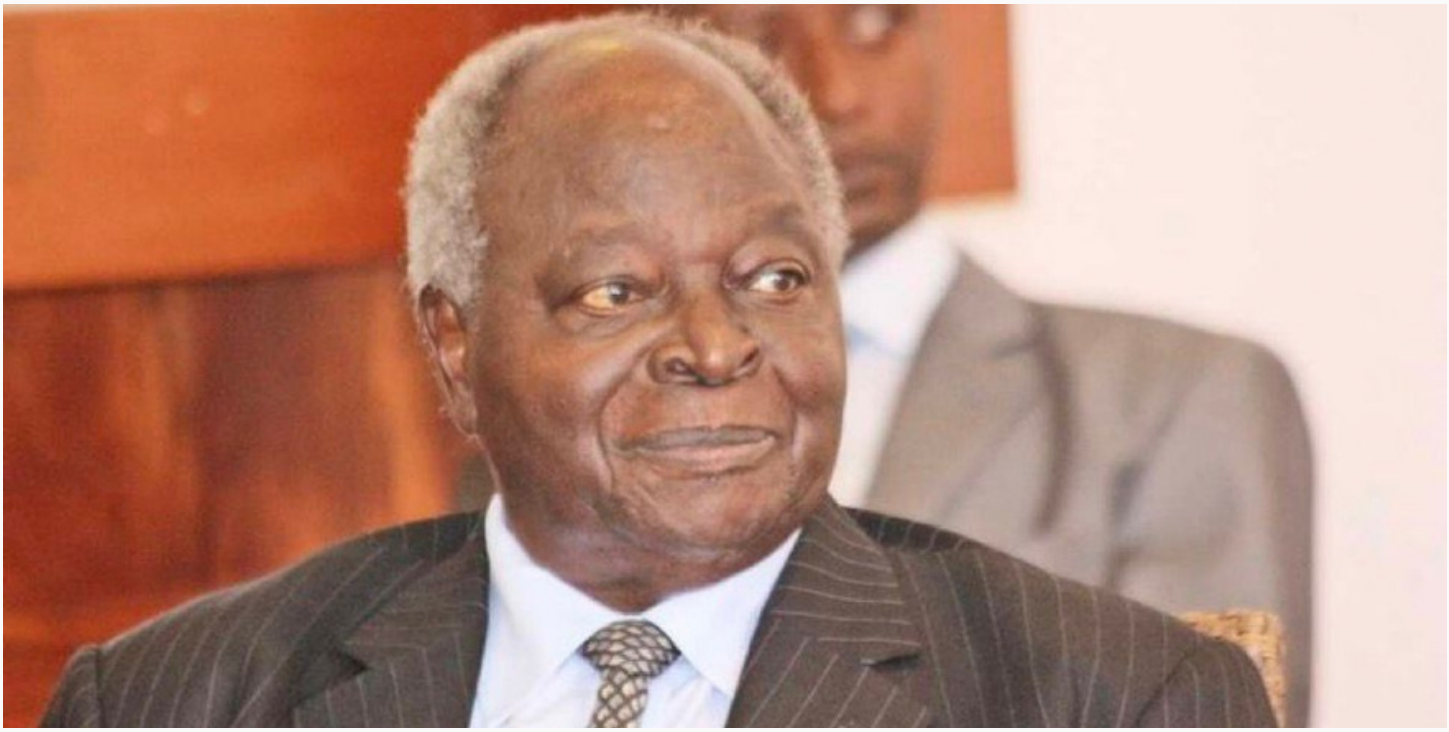


KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EAC SECRETARY GENERAL's OFFICE

- EAC mourns the demise of H.E. Mwai Kibaki, Former President of the Republic of Kenya
- EAC appoints staff to various vacant positions
- EAC holds an induction workshop for the 2nd Cohort of the EAC Scholarship programme

EAC MOURNS THE DEMISE OF H.E. MWAI KIBAKI, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA



The East African Community received with great shock and sadness the news of the demise of H.E. Mwai Kibaki, former President of the Republic of Kenya, on Friday, 22nd April, 2022.

As Kenya's third President, H.E. Kibaki was instrumental in steering the agenda of the re-establishment of the EAC, signing the Customs Union Protocol in 2005 and the Common Market Protocol in 2009.

The Kibaki administration did a lot of preparatory negotiations for the the East African Monetary Union Protocol that was signed in 2013.

The former President believed in the dream of a Political Federation of East Africa with a bigger market that would ensure prosperity for all East Africans.

A key legacy of the departed President is massive infrastructure development including highways linking the Republic of Kenya to her EAC neighbours specifically for purposes of promoting trade and industrialisation.

During his tenure as President, H.E. Kibaki also pushed for policies that had ramifications in the region and beyond. He oversaw the revitalization of the civil service, spurred both local and foreign direct, investment and rejuvenated economic growth through increased tax revenues.

Aware of the importance of political stability for economic growth and prosperity in Kenya and the African continent at large, President Kibaki midwifed the birth of the new Constitution for Kenya in 2010 to secure the countries gains in all sectors.

With the demise of H.E. Kibaki, the Community has lost an illustrious son who believed in and always upheld the ideals of regional integration.

The EAC conveys heartfelt condolences to the immediate family, relatives and friends of the late President and to the Government of the Republic of Kenya. May he Rest in Peace.

EAC APPOINTS STAFF TO VARIOUS VACANT POSITIONS

The East African Community made appointments for staff to fill various vacant positions in its Organs and Institutions.

The EAC Council of Ministers during its 47th Extra-Ordinary Meeting held from 4th to 6th April, 2022, and chaired by Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Regional Development, Hon. Betty Maina, appointed 35 eligible candidates to various positions in the EAC Organs and Institutions.

Among the key appointees are; Mr. Alex Obatre appointed as the Clerk at the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), Mr. John Mutega Njoroge, Deputy Clerk at EALA and Ms. Christine Mutimura-Wekesa, Deputy Registrar at the East African Court of Justice.

Ms. Irene Charles Isaka (Director Social Sectors), Mr. Arthemon Ndizeye (Director Customs), Mr. Aime Uwase (Director Planning) and Mr. Julius Muthwii Mbati as the Police Liaison Officer.

On financial matters, the 47th Extra-Ordinary Council adopted the Budget Estimates amounting to US$91 million to enable the EAC Organs and Institutions to discharge their mandate during the 2022/2023 Financial Year and forwarded the same to the East African Legislative Assembly for appropriation.

Also in attendance at the Council meeting were Hon. Amb. Ezechiel Nibigira (Minister EAC Affairs, Burundi), Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja (Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Rwanda) Hon. Deng Alor Kuol (Minister for EAC Affairs, South Sudan), Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga (1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, Uganda), Hon. Deogratius Ndekembi (Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Tanzania) and EAC Secretary General Hon. (Dr.) Peter Mathuki and other Executives.

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The induction workshop for the 2nd Cohort of the EAC Scholarship programme was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The meeting officiated virtually by EAC Secretary General Dr. Peter Mathuki focuses on empowering young leaders to foster regional integration.

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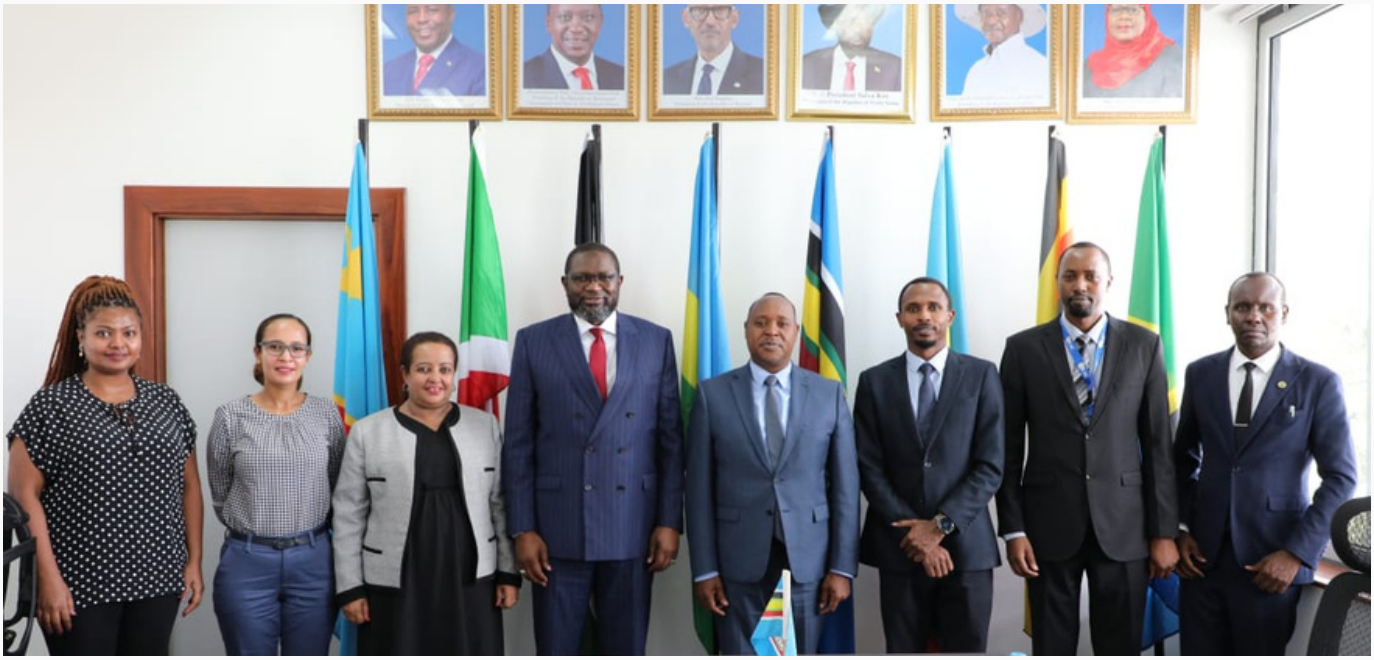

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) team paid a courtesy call on EAC Secretary General Dr. Peter Mathuki at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania. They discussed areas of cooperation in enhancing pandemic preparedness in the region, access and uptake of Covid-19 vaccination as well as the establishment of a pool of rapidly deployable health experts.

EAC Tourism Ambassador Sharon Ringo paid a courtesy call on EAC Secretary General, Dr. Peter Mathuki and held discussions on among others; her plans to market the EAC region as a preferred tourist destination.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- EAC eulogises President Kibaki as a true East African, pan-Africanist
- EAC Leaders Set Roadmap For DRC Pacification Process, Agree To Establish Joint Forces
- EAC takes over 25% of investment attracted at Africa Investment Forum
- Uganda seeks fixed fuel quota from Kenya to address shortage
- Kenya delays talks on 15pc cut in power bills
- Tanzania, US sign investment agreements worth Sh11.7 trillion
- Jambojet, Taifa Gas reap big in new Dar-Nairobi trade agreement
- Rwanda in talks with private firms to set up $6m phytomedicines plant
- South Sudan's President Kiir travels to UAE for bilateral talks
- Burundi's motorbike ban dilemma: To protect livelihoods or save lives?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Commemoration of the 58th Anniversary of the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar
- All-Africa Virtual Launch of the Continental Scoping Study Report on AfCFTA Youth Advisory Council on the AFCFTA (ICOYACA)
- 10th Swedish East African Chamber of Commerce - Business &Investment Forum

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