



EAC Secretariat's Commitment to abide by the Adaptation Fund's Environmental, Social and Gender Policy

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 111 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East Africa Community (Treaty), the East African Community Partner States recognize that development activities may have negative impacts on the environment leading to the degradation of the environment and depletion of natural resources and that a clean and healthy environment is a prerequisite for sustainable development.

In addition, on social welfare, Article 120 of the Treaty provides that the Partner States undertake to closely co-operate amongst themselves in the field of social welfare with respect to: the development and adoption of a common approach towards the disadvantaged and marginalised groups, including children, the youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities through rehabilitation and provision of, among others, foster homes, health, care education and training.

Finally, on gender issues, Article 121 of the Treaty recognizes the importance of enhancing the role of women in socio economic development. In this regard, the East African Community is committed to taking measures that shall eliminate prejudices against women and promote the equality of the female gender with that of the male gender in every respect.

I, the undersigned, on behalf of EAC Secretariat, hereby commit to abide by the Adaptation Fund's environmental, social and gender policies during the design and implementation of projects funded by the Fund, which is in line with EAC policies and principles.

Signed


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