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7. THE SUMMIT DECIDED TO HAVE TWO ORDINARY SUMMITS EVERY YEAR ON 20TH APRIL AND 30TH NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.


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10. The summit designated Hon. Mr. Justice Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, new President of the East African Court of Justice and Hon. Mr. Justice Uboire Nkurunziza new Vice President of the Court.

11. The summit renewed the contract of Dr. Enos S. Bukuku, Deputy Secretary General for a final term of three years with effect from 19th April 2014.

12. Their Excellencies the EAC Heads of State unveiled a plaque in memory of the victims of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and all those who died opposing the genocide and expressed their commitment to ensuring that such genocide and other crimes against humanity do not re-occur in the East African region.

13. Their Excellencies the EAC Heads of State condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Nairobi and Mombasa in the Republic of Kenya. They reiterated their unwavering determination to collectively work together to combat terrorism in Eastern Africa and the Great Lakes Region. They called upon the security agencies to intensify their cooperation aimed at combating terrorism, insurgency, the al-Shabaab threats and all kinds of crime in the Eastern Africa and the Great Lakes Region.

14. The summit called upon the Council of Ministers to implement the counter-terrorism strategy as a matter of urgency and directed all security agencies and the population at large to intensify efforts aimed at combating terrorism, insurgency and transnational crime with the view to safeguard fundamental rights and freedom of the people of East Africa.

15. Their Excellencies President Uhuru Kenyatta of the Republic of Kenya, President Yoweri Museveni of the Republic of Uganda, First Vice President Prosper Bazombanza of the Republic of Burundi and Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Pierre Damien Habumuremyi of the Republic of Rwanda congratulated their host, His Excellency, President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania and the people of Tanzania upon the country's 50th celebration of the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar, noting that this union is an eloquent example and inspiration for African integration and unity.

16. Their Excellencies President Uhuru Kenyatta of the Republic of Kenya, President Yoweri Museveni of the Republic of Uganda, First Vice President Prosper Bazombanza of the Republic of Burundi and Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Pierre Damien Habumuremyi of the Republic of Rwanda thanked their host, His Excellency, President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the warm and cordial hospitality extended to them and their respective delegations during their stay in Arusha, Tanzania.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2014.
The Federal Republic of Germany on 16 April 2014, signed an intergovernmental agreement with the East African Community (EAC) in order to support vaccinations in the region. Germany makes available a financial contribution of 20 million Euros in support of an immunisation programme that will be implemented in collaboration with the GAVI Alliance.

The GAVI Alliance is a public-private global health partnership committed to saving children’s lives and protecting people’s health by increasing access to immunization in poor countries.

Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera, Secretary General of the EAC and Member of the GAVI Board, during the signing ceremony expressed his appreciation to the Federal Republic of Germany for its support in saving lives. “This is a very important and critical programme, and I am sure with such commitment, it will grow. There is need for immediate support in the coordination of cold chain logistics,” Amb. Sezibera said. The Secretary General stated the EAC Partner States are all introducing antigens simultaneously, making cold chain logistics support vital.

In his remarks, Hans Koeppel, Chargé d’Affaires at the German Embassy in Dar es Salaam, said, “The new commitments underline that Germany continues to be a strong partner for the EAC, contributing to an integration process that puts the people in the centre”.

Since 1998, Germany development cooperation, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ), has contributed to capacity development of the EAC Secretariat through various programmes and projects. Germany’s funding for Technical and Financial Cooperation with EAC amounts to approximately 125.9 million Euros. Germany also provides substantial support for the health sector in selected EAC member states.
The Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers and Cabinet Secretary for East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism in Kenya; Hon. Phyllis Kandie on 28 April 2014, officially launched the EAC Information Resource Centre.

Hon. Phyllis Kandie congratulated the EAC Secretariat for achieving this great milestone and emphasized the critical role the Resource Centre in sensitizing the EAC citizenry, noting that; “utilization of information and research data should be used not only to fuel growth and development within the region, but also to spark interest in the EAC integration agenda especially among the youth.

She urged the Centre to organize and package information on EAC integration in a way that is both understandable and user-friendly enough to the people of East Africa to have the intended impact.

The Chairperson of the Council applauded the development partners, specifically the European Union for their technical and financial support to the Resource Centre and assured that the Council of Ministers’ support to further develop the Centre.

In his welcoming remarks, the Secretary General of the East African Community Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera affirmed that digitization of all EAC information resources would improve accessibility of EAC information, preserve it in a digital format and also improve information sharing with EAC Organs and Institutions, Partner States, consultants, researchers, development partners and the general public.

The Secretary General reiterated that Article 71 of the Treaty for the Establishment of EAC mandates the EAC Secretariat to promote and disseminate information on the Community to the stakeholders, general public and the international community. “This Resource Centre therefore is part of that initiative”, said Amb. Sezibera.

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While guiding the guests on the Resource Centre tour, the EAC Principal Librarian and in charge of the Resource Centre; Mrs. Sarah Kagoda Batuwa said that the need for a robust library at the EAC Secretariat was identified way back in 1997 when a Communication needs study was conducted.

"Consequently, a library was established and housed on 5th Floor Kilimanjaro wing, AICC building in 1999", said Batuwa, adding in November 2012, the EAC library was moved to the new EAC headquarters and under the funding from the European Union Regional Integration support Program (RISP) last December, the Library was equipped, furnished and transformed into a one-stop Resource Centre.

The Principal Librarian said the transformation of the Resource Centre was being done in phases. Databases (Automated Library Catalogue) will be developed to capture details of the information resources within the Secretariat, EALA and EACJ as well as a Reports Database which is an online, full-text database of Summit, Council, Sectoral and Taskforce reports. The second phase entails digitization of all EAC Information Resources as generated in all integration processes and availing them online.

Various resources available at the Resource Centre include EAC documentation and publications, Partner States official publications, former EAC publications, general textbooks, publications on regional and international organizations, periodicals including professional journals, newspapers/articles, audio-visual collection and internet resources and databases.

Present at the occasion were also EAC Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and senior officials from the EAC Secretariat.
The Minister in the Ministry of State, 2nd Vice President's Office of Zanzibar, Hon. Mohamed Aboud Mohamed on 17 April 2014, officially opened the Ministerial Session of the 9th Ordinary meeting of the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health at the Zanzibar Beach Resort Hotel in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

The Guest of Honour called for more concerted efforts to support the health sector in the EAC given its central role in influencing the attainment of EAC's mission to widen and deepen economic, political, social and culture integration in order to improve the quality of life of the people of the region.

In this regard, Hon. Mohamed also called upon the Partner States to keep pace with the rapid changes in the health sector including changing needs and demands of the populations and innovations. This will go a long way in maintaining the region's momentum towards improved health outcomes.

"We may not build the perfect health systems as envisioned by the Alma Ata declaration of 1978 now, but all the efforts we are putting together will surely get us there. I am hopeful that the growing movement of Universal Health Coverage, supported by scale up of healthcare innovations will help us attain affordable and quality healthcare for all", he noted.

The EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Productive and Social Sectors Hon. Jesca Eriyo, reiterated the need to continue pursuing the spirit of the Alma-Ata declaration of 1978, which among others, agitates for increased access to quality and equitable health services for all.

"It is therefore our role to ensure healthcare is affordable and comprehensive for everyone and accessible where and when needed", she noted and urged the Partners States to take stock of achievements made in view of the fast approaching deadline for the MDGs, identification of gaps and challenges and called for development of innovative approaches to accelerate progress.

She commended the Coordination Committee for having endorsed the development of an EAC Health Scorecard to track implementation of commitments in line with Common Market Protocol and agreeing on the way forward for implementation of various strategic regional projects including the operationalization of the EAC Health Research Commission. In doing this, she called for Partners State led and private sector supported processes.

Hon. Eriyo pointed out that relevance and sustainability of regional health development programmes could only be guaranteed by Partner States' driven process and called upon all to strive to ensure that health is seen as being central to regional efforts to improve the quality of life of the people of the region and create wealth.

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Earlier, the Chairperson of the Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health, Hon. James Macharia, Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Health, called upon the region to embrace and make the necessary steps to realize the vision of universal health coverage for the people while appreciating the great strides that Partner States have made in this field. He encouraged the Partner States to share freely, their success stories, best practices and lessons learned in their progression, especially towards Universal Health Coverage.

"Access to health products, in particular essential medicines and anti-retroviral therapy, is of paramount importance to us in the African Continent", he noted. Adding that “the East African region had not been spared the high socio-economic burden caused by communicable diseases that include HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and other neglected tropical diseases while Non-Communicable diseases are the rise”.

The Chair of the Sectoral Council urged Partner States and the EAC Secretariat to move with speed to realize the vision of the East African Community Regional Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan of Action 2012-2016 in order to increase access of these essential commodities for the good of our people.

The Head of Uganda delegation, Hon. Dr. Elioda Tumwesigye, Minister of State for Health (General Duties), noted that despite achievements in the health sector, the community was still facing many challenges such as Human Resources for Health crisis; threats of emerging diseases and epidemic outbreaks; lack of sustainable Health care financing culminating in high out of pocket expenditures on health and inadequate access to appropriate technologies. “As a region we need to develop innovative and appropriate ways of overcoming these challenges”.

Dr. Tumwesiyi called for stronger support and monitoring and evaluation of these projects and reaffirmed his Country’s commitment to timely implementation of Council decisions and directives.

The Head of Tanzania delegation, Hon. Dr. Kebwe Stephen Kebwe, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, United Republic of Tanzania noted that the Health sector was important in the EAC integration process, particularly to a population that can afford and access health services. He further noted that the meeting was taking place at a time of the implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol where the harmonization of laws and policies was necessary to create a common health environment. He re-affirmed Tanzania’s commitment to the regional integration and development process.

On behalf of the Minister of Health Rwanda, Dr. Uzziel Ndagijimanana, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health reiterated that Regional Integration was not a choice. “It is a must if we want to progress together economically and politically; if we want to strengthen our position as a bloc in international relations; it is also a must if we want to improve our competitiveness in the globalized world economy” affirmed the Permanent Secretary.

He said in this journey of regional integration, cooperation in health was critical and “we have already made some good progress in this area as a region, although there is still a long way to go together”.

He noted that there were still many areas to harmonize in the health sector, and also the need to strengthen the health infrastructure, and address gaps in numbers and quality of the health personnel.

“We still have to strengthen our health financing systems and we still have gaps in the universal health coverage in the EAC. Our pharmaceutical industry is weak, not competitive, but also not promoted enough to benefit from the regional market. As a consequence we are over dependent on importation of health commodities from over seas” observed the leader of the Rwandan delegation.

The Head of Burundi delegation, Hon. Dr. Sabine Ntakarutimana, Minister of Health and Fight Against HIV/AIDS, called for equitable distribution of the advantages of the community, especially through the operationalization of the East African Health Research Commission and the conduct of HIV behavioral study in Burundi Universities like done in other Partner States.
His Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania on 11 April 2014, officiated at the 20th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda held at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

Addressing the huge audience that turned up for the commemoration at the EAC Headquarters, the former President saluted the Rwandan Government and Army for journeying on over the last two decades on the path of national reconciliation and nation building. He praised President Paul Kagame for having shown great vision and mobilized great contributions nationally and internationally in the project to recreate a single nation in which all citizens can live freely and securely.

"East Africans must stand by him and must continue to support the people of Rwanda to rebuild their lives and society" His Excellency Mkapa stated. He said the Rwanda Patriotic Front/Army single handedly put an end to the massive slaughter in Rwanda while the rest of the world did nothing to stop it.

The former President, who had earlier flagged-off Walk to Remember by the Commemorators around designated Arusha Streets, said within the region there was still great potential for people to become victims of ethnic and religiously motivated violence and hate. At the same time there were worrying signs of ethnic exclusion and oppression emerging in some parts of the region. "This trend must stop", stated the former President. He said to give meaning to the slogan "Never, Never Again", there was need to nurture national unity. "We must proclaim and practise equality of all citizens, indeed of all human beings. We must build nations on the strengthen of our diversity. We must promote regional interaction on the strength of mutual respect and mutual support".

His Excellency Mkapa said the admission of Rwanda to the East African Community in 2007, was intended to, among others, enable the country and its people build a future without fear and full of hope with the support and solidarity of the East African citizens.

"EAC is supposed to share with the people of Rwanda the peace, stability, security, progress, respect for human life and togetherness the region enjoys. These are the key tenets of our regional integration".

The former President urged the Partner States to enhance the region’s early warning systems for identifying and spotlighting Partner States in danger of genocidal violence, so that appropriate measures could be put in place to avert the threats.

His Excellency Mkapa urged for the establishment of Rule of Law and a veritable, credible Justice System within the region; and (Continued on page 10)
both civilian and military must be held accountable in cases of human rights abuses.

The former President called for the strengthening and empowering of the East African Court of Justice to prosecute individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. Rather than refer cases to the International Criminal Court at the Hague, why not enable our Courts to handle these cases?"

He applauded the EAC Heads of State for spearheading the extension of the Jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice. At their 15th Ordinary Summit held on 30th November 2013 in Kampala, Uganda, the EAC Heads of State directed the Council of Ministers to work with the African Union on the matters regarding the extension of the Jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice to cover crime against humanity. He said this was a good step forward.

The Secretary General of the East African Community Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera told the audience that genocide was never a spontaneous outbreak of mindless violence - and that against the Tutsi was no exception.

He said it was meticulously planned and over decades, an ideological superstructure was constructed, aimed at dehumanizing and marginalizing the Tutsi as a dangerous alien in society. The Secretary General saluted the resilience of the Rwandan people for they have shown the whole world that it was possible to affirm humanity in the face of unimaginable horror.

"When they chose Unity and reconciliation over entrenched enmity and division, they affirmed our humanity. When they chose to reach into their rich culture to seek for restorative justice instead of revenge, they affirmed our humanity. When they chose to ask for forgiveness and to forgive, they affirmed our humanity" declared Amb. Sezibera.

Rwandese Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania His Excellency Amb. Dr. Ben Rugangazi lectured to the attentive audience on the Rwandese experience since the 1994 Genocide.

The theme EAC chose for the commemoration was; United for Solidarity and Peaceful co-existence. The choice of the theme was based on the EAC’s desire to show solidarity with the people of Rwanda during this period of grief and promote the fundamental principles of peaceful co-existence and good neighbourliness and peaceful settlements of disputes enshrined in the EAC Treaty and the Common Market Protocol.

At the commemoration, the International Crime Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) was represented by the Chief of Judicial and Legal Affairs Mr. Anees Ahmed. In attendance were also the Mayor of Arusha His Worship Gaudence Lyimo and the District Commissioner Mr. John Mongera.

Others were the Judge President of the East African Court of Justice Hon. Justice Harold Nsekela and Hon. Charles Makongoro Nyerere who represented the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, EAC staff of the Organs and Institutions; the Rwandan Community in Tanzania; Representatives of the African Court for Human and People’s Rights; African Union, University students and EAC Youth Ambassadors.
The 5th meeting of the EAC Forum of National Human Rights Commissions concluded 24 April 2014, at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

In his opening remarks, EAC Deputy Secretary General, in charge of Political Federation, Mr. Charles Njoroge noted that: “Promotion and protection of Human and Peoples Rights is one of the fundamental principles of the EAC Treaty which forms one of the pillars of the EAC Programme on Good governance as well as the Draft Protocol on Good Governance.”

He acknowledged the efforts undertaken by the respective Partner States in promotion and protection of human rights. “Lately, issues related to security threats, terrorism, moral issues and movement of persons within the EAC region have increased,” he added with the anticipation that the meeting would share information and perspectives in discerning a common position for the region. Mr. Njoroge challenged the meeting to develop a collective approach towards enhancing compliance to promoting and protecting human rights in the region.

The meeting reviewed the EAC Plan of Action on promotion and protection of human rights and development of regional projects as well as prospects to harmonize regional efforts on best initiatives of protecting and promoting human rights in the region.

The EAC Plan of Action on promotion and protection of human rights in East Africa provides for a framework of policies, strategies and activities that address promotion and protection of Human Rights. The framework is informed by the commitment of the EAC Partner States to international, regional and national instruments.

The meeting also looked into ways of addressing the divergent views regarding the compliance with the Paris Principles on Human Rights Institutions; development, operationalization and harmonization of National Action Plans; engagement with human rights actors through awareness workshops on the Paris principles and criteria for accreditation as well as lobbying for adoption and ratification of the EAC Bill of Rights.

Stakeholders present at the meeting included Commissioners and representatives from National Human Rights Commissions in the Partner States, Chief Legal Officers from the Offices of the Attorneys General, representatives from Ministries of East African Community Affairs within the Partner States and the EAC Secretariat.
3rd EALA NOT DISSOLVED:
The Correct Position of the Sine Die
Adjournment of the EALA Sitting on April 1, 2014

Following the Proceedings of the 55th Sitting of the East African Legislative Assembly held on Tuesday 1st April, 2014, the Rt. Hon. Speaker adjourned the House Sine Die (indefinitely). In some circles, this has been wrongly interpreted to mean that the Speaker rendered the Assembly non-functional.

- That the adjournment of the House Sine Die brought the Assembly to a close or would lead to a disruption of other business, until such a time when the Speaker rescinds that decision.

In light of the above, this is to clarify that the reference sine die, as time made by the Speaker, was for the adjournment of the Sittings of the House. It meant that the Sittings of the House have been put on a hold without assigning a specific day, time and place when the Sittings shall resume or when the House reconvenes/assembles again.

It did not therefore, in any way, dissolve or purport to dissolve the Assembly or to discontinue the Assembly’s Legislative Calendar. Its application will therefore be limited to the remainder of the Sittings of the 5th Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 3rd Assembly up to the time when the House is reconvened before the 6th meeting of the 2nd Session of the 3rd Assembly or when it shall formally be reconvened for the 6th Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 3rd Assembly.

Further, the ruling does not in any way stop the Assembly Committees and other EALA activities from functioning or being implemented as the case may be. These are expected to continue as per the EALA Legislative Calendar and the office of the Clerk is mandated to execute the Calendar.

In the circumstances, and prior to the 6th Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 3rd Assembly, unless formally convened under the provisions of the Rules, there shall be no sittings of the House for the remainder of the 5th Meeting.

-It has also been rumoured in some circles that the ruling of the Speaker has brought to an abrupt end the term of the 3rd Assembly. This is not true!

In light of the above, we clarify that Questions regarding the dissolution of the Assembly are premised under Rule 86 of the EALA Rules of Procedure and is invoked at the expiry of the 5 year term of the Assembly through a proclamation by the Heads of State or Governments of the Partner States. It is therefore, not true that the 3rd Assembly was dissolved by the adjournment Sine Die.

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The Court’s quarter sessions started 28 April 2014, with the Taxation ruling of Alcon International Limited (Appellant) versus the Standard Chartered Bank Uganda and Others (Respondents).

In the Ruling, the Court taxed a bill of costs Total to $22,884 to be paid by the Respondents to the Appellant as it was awarded in the judgement of the case as the costs incurred by the Appellant during the hearing process of the Appeal.

The Ruling was delivered by the Deputy Registrar East African Court Of Justice, Her Worship Ms. Geraldine Umugwaneza.

During this quarter a total of 25 matters will be handled of which 6 are in the Appellate Division and 19 in the First instance Division. The Appellate Division will have 1 Taxation, 1 hearing, 2 scheduling conferences, and 2 Judgements and the First Instance Division will have 14 hearings, 4 scheduling conferences and 1 Judgement. All matters will be in open Court.

All the matters will come before the Honourable Judges of both the Appellate and First Instance Divisions.
The Secretary General of the East African Community Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera on 22 April 2014, met officials from the Eastern Africa Federation of the Disabled (EAFOD), who called on him at the EAC Secretariat headquarters in Arusha.

The ten-man EAFOD delegation was in Arusha to discuss, broadly, avenues of enhancing collaboration with the EAC Secretariat. Specifically, the Persons with Disability representatives and the Secretary General discussed the EAC Disability Policy, the Federation’s desire to acquire observer status in the EAC, as well as mainstreaming of disability in the regional structures, among others.

The EAFOD Chairperson, Dr. Samuel Kabue, expressed his gratitude for being accorded the time for an interactive session with the Secretary General. “As a Federation, we are keen on being accorded observer status in the EAC” he said, adding that the Federation looks forward to “work closely with the EAC to include disability issues and concerns and develop common strategies for intervention during its high level meetings within its structures and systems.”

The views of the EAFOD Chairperson were echoed by the Secretary General of Shirikisho la Vyama vya Watu wenye Ulemavu Tanzania (SHIVYAWATA), Felician Mkude who also the noted that the challenges faced by Persons living with Disabilities within the region were similar, and therefore appropriate to voice these issues with one voice at the regional level.

The Secretary General welcomed EAFOD’s interest in the EAC and informed the federation’s representatives that the EAC People with Disabilities (PwD) Policy was in place. “There exist challenges in the implementation of this policy,” Amb. Sezibera said, noting that this will be addressed during the upcoming EAC Conference on People with Disability planned for June this year.

On matters relating to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) by the Republic of Burundi, Amb. Sezibera reassured the delegation that the EAC was working closely with the government of Burundi to ensure the convention is ratified in a timely manner. “The government of Burundi is committed to ratify the Convention and is currently finalizing its administrative requirements,” affirmed Amb. Sezibera.

To enhance the inclusion of people with disability in the EAC integration agenda, the Secretary General has urged EAFOD to submit their application for observer status with the EAC. “Issues of People with Disability are high on our agenda and with observer status, the federation will have a stronger footing in the structure of the Community”, added Amb. Sezibera.

EAC Counsel to the Community, Hon. Wilbert Kaahwa noted that the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC has a principle that governs the integration process. Hon. Kaahwa noted that, “the integration process is people centered, with Article 120 of the Treaty providing for the full participation of people with disability in the integration process.” “The EAC welcomes your applications and will support EAFOD towards attaining observer status,” he said.

During the visit, it was agreed that there is a need for EAFOD, with support from EAC, to work towards the establishment of a Disability Council that will amplify inclusion issues on the EAC agenda.

In conclusion, EAC Principal Education Officer, Mr. Aloysius Chebet noted that the EAC is in the process of harmonizing education and training curriculum, putting a special emphasis on special needs education.
The EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Political Federation Mr. Charles Njoroge has called for the region to invest in youth education, empowerment and effective civil participation.

Mr. Charles Njoroge made his remarks on 10 April 2014, at the closing session of the four-day conference of the Tanzania Model United Nations (TMUN), an authentic simulation of the UN General Assembly hosted by East African Community Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

He said in this era of regional integration and rapid globalization; the need to take proactive measures that harness the potential and competitiveness of our young people to ensure they fit in the global economy is even more critical than we care to imagine.

The EAC Deputy Secretary informed the youth that in the Community, Article 120 (c) of the EAC Treaty provides for adoption of common approach when dealing with the youth and calls for their involvement in the integration process through education, training and mainstreaming of youth issues into the EAC policies, projects and programs.

Mr. Charles Njoroge noted that the EAC-Youth Ambassador’s Platform was among many other programs where the youth in East Africa had an opportunity to participate in the regional consultation processes and indeed developed an EAC position paper on “Constitutionalism and Rule of Law” that was submitted to the African Union.

“I would like to encourage the youth to take this opportunity to engage in the integration process through our programs and nurture the East African identity among yourselves”

The EAC official reiterated that, EAC integration process was people centered and the main beneficiaries of the Community were the East African citizens. “Let us all ensure that aspects of sustainable development remain integral to our collective efforts to attain it”, affirmed Mr. Njoroge.

The TMUN is the forum that gives a good example of how the voices of youth can be garnered for incorporation into national dialogues, consultations and it opens doors for youth to brainstorm fresh ideas which will lead to the adoption of clear and focused goals with the World Youth want for the post 2015.

The 7 to 10 April 2014 Tanzania Model United Nations conference under the theme “Young People on Post 2015 Agenda: Time for Collective Action” brought together more than 200 youth participants from East African region and other countries to discuss on major issues evolving around the globe.
The East African Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA), in partnership with the EAC Partner States’ Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs – BCAA; KCAA; RCAA; TCAA and CAAU) will host the 2014 edition of the EAC Aviation Symposium on 9th May 2014 at the Serena Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda.

Themed: “Addressing Today’s Challenges: Aviation Safety and Security through Regional Integration, Regulatory Compliance and Stakeholder Participation”, the 3rd EAC Aviation Symposium aims at providing an updated picture of the new regulatory framework to be implemented for the aviation industry at large.

An outlook into the challenges posed for the sustainable development of civil aviation will also be addressed in relation to specific areas such as regional integration, regulatory compliance as well as stakeholder participation.

It is expected that the outcome of the interactive symposium will provide valuable views from civil aviation stakeholders and aid in the implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as provided for in the Chicago Convention and its 19 Annexes.

The 3rd EAC Aviation Symposium is expected to bring together aviation sector regulators, air operators and service providers, trainee inspectors and security, air transport policy makers and academia among others.

Kigali to Host 3rd EAC Aviation Symposium

~ Symposium to look into sustainable development of civil aviation in the region

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