



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**48TH EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

25th MARCH 2022

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE MEETING
(Ref: EAC/Ex CM/48/2022)

**EAC SECRETARIAT
ARUSHA, TANZANIA
MARCH , 2022**

1.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE 19th EXTRA ORDINARY SUMMIT

The Council recalled that Article 14(3) (h) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community enjoins the Council to among others; prepare the agenda for Meetings of the Summit.

The Council further recalled that the Summit of EAC Heads of State at their 18th Extraordinary Summit directed the EAC Council of Ministers to undertake negotiations with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) for its admission into the EAC.







The negotiations for the admission of the DRC were accordingly undertaken and the Report of the negotiations considered by the 46th Extra Ordinary Council of Ministers which among others, recommended to the Summit to admit the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) into the East African Community. The Report of the East African Community on the Negotiations with the DRC on its admission into the EAC and the Report of the Meeting of 46th Extra-ordinary Council are attached hereto as **Annex I** and **II** respectively.

The Council considered the provisional agenda of the 19th Extra-Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State which is to consider the Report of the Council of Ministers on the outcome of the negotiations between the EAC and the Democratic Republic of Congo into the EAC. The provisional agenda is attached hereto as **Annex III**.

The Council also considered the provisional programme of the 19th Extra-Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State and agreed that the Summit should commence at 11:00hrs East African Time. The provisional programme is attached hereto as **Annex IV**.

The Council approved the proposed Provisional Agenda and the Provisional Programme of the 19th Extra Ordinary Summit which is scheduled to take place on 29th March 2022. (EAC/Ex CM/Decision 1)

Signed by the Leaders of Delegation this 25th Day of March, 2022.

..... Ms Betty C. Maina Hon. Amb. Ezechiel Nibigira Hon. Prof. Nshuti Manasseh Hon. Deng Alor Kuol Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga Hon. Amb. Liberata Mulamula
Cabinet Secretary	Minister	Minister of State in-Charge of EAC Affairs	Minister	Minister	Minister
Ministry of East African Community and Regional Development	Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Ministry of East African Community Affairs	Ministry of East African Community Affairs	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA	THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI	THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA	THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN	THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA	THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
					

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE**



**19TH EXTRA- ORDINARY SUMMIT OF
EAC HEADS OF STATE**

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
29TH MARCH, 2022**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(REF: EAC/EX SHS 19/2022)

- 1) CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EAC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE DRC INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE



19TH EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF EAC HEADS OF STATE

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
29th MARCH, 2022

EAC@ 20: Deepening Integration, Widening Cooperation

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (REF: EAC/EX SHS 19/2022)

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY
TUESDAY 29 th MARCH, 2022 11:00 – 12:00 HRS (EAT)	CLOSED SESSION OF THE SUMMIT CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EAC AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO ON ADMISSION OF THE DRC INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
12.00 – 12.15 HRS (EAT)	BREAK
12:15– 13:00 HRS (EAT)	PLENARY SESSION OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing of the EAC Anthem• Constitution of the Bureau• Adoption of the Agenda and Programme• Statement by the Chairperson H.E. PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA• Welcoming Statement by the Hon. Secretary General

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY
	<p>Statement by the Hon. Chairperson of the Council of Ministers</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAC SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE. ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT ÉVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN ➤ CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 19TH EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT. ➤ STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT FELIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI ➤ SIGNING OF THE COMMUNIQUÉ. ➤ EAC ANTHEM.



ROADMAP FOR THE ADMISSION OF DRC INTO THE EAC

NO	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
1	Receive nominees from Partner States	25th May 2021
2	The Virtual Planning Meeting,	2nd - 3rd June 2021
3	Letter sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of DRC communicating the dates of the VM and transmitting the Questionnaire. Copy to the Embassy in Dar Es Salaam.	4th June 2021
4	Submission of the Verification Team to the Sectoral Council on EAC Affairs for approval and mandate to conduct the exercise.	11th June 2021
5	Deployment of the Verification Team to the DRC	28th June - 12th July 2021
6	Report of the Verification Mission to be ready by August 2021 for submission to Council of Ministers for approval.	By November 2021
7	Submission of the findings of the Verification Mission to Summit	By 30th Nov 2021
8	Negotiations at Senior, PS and Ministerial levels	By Jan- Feb 2022
9	Consideration of the Negotiations Report by the Extra Ordinary Council	By March 2022
10	Consideration of the recommendations of Council and decision on admission of DRC into the EAC by 19th Extra Ordinary Summit	By 11th April 2022

Approved by the Council



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

PROPOSED ROADMAP OF INTEGRATING DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Timelines	Activity	Action By
By 29 March 2022	Admission of DRC into the EAC	Summit
By 14 th April 2022	Signing of the Accession Treaty between the Chair of the Summit and DRC	Chair Summit/DRC
By 29 th September 2022 or earlier	Depositing the Instrument of Ratification with the EAC Secretary General	EAC Secretary General
From 29 th September 2022	Participation of DRC into EAC Projects and Programmes as full members upon depositing the instruments of ratification with the EAC Secretary General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonisation of the infrastructure programmes • Finalisation of the trade in services and trade policies • Integration of the customs management system 	EAC Secretariat/DRC
After Depositing Instruments of Ratification (continuous)	Technical Support for DRC to undertake Institutional Building/strengthening	EAC Secretariat/DRC

By the EAC Secretariat



TREATY OF ACCESSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:

UNITED in their desire to pursue the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (“the Treaty”);

DETERMINED in the spirit of the Treaty to strengthen the economic, social, cultural, political, technological and other ties for the accelerated, balanced and sustainable development of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi, Republic of South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the establishment of an East African Customs Union and a Common

Market as transitional stages to and integral parts thereof, subsequently a Monetary Union and ultimately a Political Federation;

CONSIDERING that, Article 3 of the Treaty affords countries other than the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of South Sudan the opportunity of becoming members of the East African Community;

RECALLING that the 19th Extra- Ordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State held on 29th March 2022 by virtual means, the Summit of the East African Community Heads of State decided to admit the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a full member of the East African Community effective from 29th September 2022;

AWARE that membership of the Democratic Republic of the Congo into the East African Community entails the conclusion of a Treaty of Accession;

HAVE DECIDED to establish by common agreement the conditions of accession and to this end, have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE;

HIS EXCELLENCY FELIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO;

WHO having exercised their full powers in good and due form

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Interpretation

In this Treaty, except where the context otherwise requires,

“Accession” means an act by which one Country becomes party to engagements already in force among other Countries;

“Acquis Communautaire” means a body of East African Community legislation, policies, protocols, agreements, projects, programmes, agreed positions and actions;

“Community” has the same meaning assigned to it under Article 1 of the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;

“Partner States” has the same meaning assigned to it under Article 1 of the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;

“Plenipotentiary” means a person fully authorized to represent his or her Government or inter-Governmental authority;

“The Treaty” means the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;

“This Treaty” means the Treaty of Accession of the Democratic Republic of the Congo into the East African Community.

Article 2

Accession

1. The Democratic Republic of the Congo hereby becomes a member of the East African Community and a party to the Treaty, all Protocols to the Treaty, Tripartite Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding by which the Treaty is supplemented.
2. The conditions of admission, levels of co-operation, accession to the *acquis communautaire* of the East African Community entailed by such admission are set out in the Annex to this Treaty. The provisions of this Annex shall form an integral part of this Treaty.
3. The provisions concerning the rights and obligations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the powers and jurisdiction of the Institutions of the East African Community as set out in the Treaty shall apply in respect of this Treaty.

4. The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall within twelve months from the date of signing this Treaty secure the enactment and the effective implementation of such legislation as is necessary to give effect to this Treaty in particular:

- (a) to confer upon the Community the legal capacity and personality required for the performance of its functions; and
- (b) to confer upon the legislation, regulations and directives of the Community and its institutions the force of law within her territory.

Article 3

Co-operation in Legal and Political Affairs

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take over and implement the *acquis communautaire* under this area of co-operation as from the date of accession and in particular be bound by the provisions of the Treaty on the;

- (a) objectives of the Community as provided for under Article 5 of the Treaty;
- (b) fundamental principles of the Community as provided for under Article 6 of the Treaty; and
- (c) Operational principles of the Community as provided for under Article 7 of the Treaty.

Article 4

Co-operation in Trade, Finance, Investment, Monetary and Fiscal Affairs

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take over and implement the *acquis communautaire* under the areas of co-operation as from the date of accession, subject to the specific arrangements as stipulated in the Annex hereto including

according the same preferential trade treatment to the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of South Sudan on a reciprocal basis.

Article 5

Co-operation in Infrastructure and Services

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take over and implement the *acquis communautaire* under these areas of co-operation as from the date of accession, subject to the specific arrangements as stipulated in the Annex hereto.

Article 6

Co-operation in Productive Sectors

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take over and implement the *acquis communautaire* under this area of co-operation as from the date of accession, subject to the specific arrangements as stipulated in the Annex hereto.

Article 7

Co-operation in the Social Sector

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall take over and implement the *acquis communautaire* under this area of co-operation as from the date of accession, subject to the specific arrangements as stipulated in the Annex hereto.

Article 8

Participation in the Institutions, Projects and Programmes

Subject to the obligations and requirements that apply to the Partner States of the East African Community, the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall upon accession, be entitled to participate in the:

- (1) Institutional framework as provided for under Article 9 of the Treaty;

- (2) projects and programmes of the East African Community as provided for in the East African Community Development Strategy (2021/22 – 2025/26) and in particular the following:
- (a) Co-operation in Trade Liberalization and Development;
 - (b) Co-operation in Investment and Industrial Development;
 - (c) Co-operation in Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing;
 - (d) Monetary and Financial Co-operation;
 - (e) Co-operation in Infrastructure and Services;
 - (f) Co-operation in the Development of Human Resources, Science and Technology;
 - (g) Co-operation in adopting measures to achieve the Free Movement of Persons, Labour, Services and Right of Establishment and Residence;
 - (h) Co-operation in Agriculture and Food Security;
 - (i) Co-operation in Environment and Natural Resources Management;
 - (j) Co-operation in Tourism and Wildlife;
 - (k) Co-operation in Health, Social and Cultural Activities and Gender Development;
 - (l) Co-operation in Political Matters;
 - (m) Co-operation in Legal and Judicial Affairs; and
 - (n) Co-operation in the involvement and development of the Private Sector and Civil Society.

Article 9

Financial Obligations

The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall upon accession be subject to the financial and budgetary obligations and requirements of the Treaty on the Partner States.

Article 10
Ratification and Depository

This Treaty shall be ratified by the Democratic Republic of the Congo in accordance with her constitutional requirements. The Democratic Republic of the Congo shall deposit her instruments of ratification with the Secretary General of the East African Community.

Article 11
Entry into Force

This Treaty shall enter into force on the 29th day of September 2022 provided that the instruments of ratification have been deposited before that date.

Article 12
Registration

This Treaty shall be registered with the African Union, the United Nations and such other organizations as the East African Community Council of Ministers may determine.

DONE at **NAIROBI** in the **Republic of Kenya** on the day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned have appended their signatures hereto:

For The East African Community

**For The Democratic Republic of the
Congo**

.....
UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA

.....
**FELIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI
TSHILOMBO**

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE
EAC SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE**

PRESIDENT

ANNEX

ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE

1.0 TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

1.1. East African Community Legislation

1. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2002
2. The Community Emblems Act, 2003
3. The Acts of the East African Community Act, 2003
4. The Laws of the Community (Interpretation) Act, 2003
5. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2003
6. The East African Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2003
7. The East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004
8. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2004
9. The East African Community Immunities and Privileges Act, 2004
10. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2005
11. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2005
12. The East African Community Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing Act, 2006
13. The East African Community Competition Act, 2006 as amended.
14. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2006
15. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2007
16. The Summit (Delegation of Powers and Functions) Act, 2007
17. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2007
18. The Lake Victoria Transport Act, 2007

19. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2007
20. The East African Community Joint Trade Negotiations Act, 2008
21. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2008
22. The East African Community Budget Act, 2008
23. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2008
24. The East African Community (Supplementary) Appropriation Act, 2008
25. The Inter-University Council for East Africa Act, 2008
26. The Acts of the East African Community (Amendment) Act, 2009
27. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2009
28. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2009
29. The Community Emblems (Amendment) Act, 2008
30. The Administration of the East African Legislative Assembly Act, 2011
31. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2010
32. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2010
33. The East African Community Competition (Amendment) Act, 2010
34. The East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act, 2011
35. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2011
36. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2011
37. The East African Parliamentary Institute Act, 2011
38. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2011
39. The East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency Act, 2009
40. The Community Emblems (Amendment) Act, 2012
41. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2012
42. The East African Community HIV & AIDS Prevention and Management Act, 2012
43. The East African Community Conflict Management Act, 2012

44. The East African Community Elections Act, 2012
45. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2012
46. The East African Community One Stop Border Post (OSBP) Act, 2013
47. The East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2013
48. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2013
49. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 2012
50. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2013
51. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2013
52. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, (No. 2) 2014
53. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2014
54. The East African Community Civic Education for Integration Act, 2015
55. The East African Community Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers Act, 2015
56. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2015
57. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2015
58. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2015
59. The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2016
60. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2016
61. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2016
62. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2017
63. The East African Community Appropriation Act, 2017
64. The East African Community Oaths Act, 2019
65. The East African Community Monetary Institute Act, 2018
66. The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2018

1.2. EAC Protocols and Other Tripartite Instruments

1. Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income
2. Protocol on Decision-Making by the Council
3. Protocol on Combating Drug Trafficking in the East African Region
4. Protocol on Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing
5. Tripartite Agreement on Road Transport
6. Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement
7. Tripartite Agreement on Inland Waterway Transport
8. Protocol on the Establishment of the Inter-University Council for East Africa
9. East African Community Search and Rescue Agreement
10. Protocol for the Sustainable Development of Lake Victoria Basin
11. Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Customs Union
12. Protocol on Environment and Natural Resources
13. Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Science and Technology Commission
14. Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency
15. Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Kiswahili Commission
16. Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Health Research Commission
17. Protocol on the Establishment the East African Community Common Market
18. Protocol on the Establishment the East African Community Monetary Union
19. Protocol on Cooperation in ICT Networks
20. Protocol on Cooperation in Defense
21. Protocol on Cooperation on Peace and Security
22. Protocol on Foreign Policy Coordination.
23. Protocol on Cooperation in Meteorological Services
24. Protocol to Operationalize Extended Jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice
25. Protocol on Sanitary and Phyto sanitary Measures
26. Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the East African Community.

1.3. Memoranda of Understanding:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding on Enhancement of Civil Aviation Safety
- 2) Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation in Defence;
- 3) Memorandum of Understanding of Foreign Policy Co-ordination; and
- 4) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between EAC and the East African Communications Organization.

2.0 EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2021/22 – 2025/26)

3.0 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- 1) EAC Agricultural And Rural Development Policy
- 2) EAC Agricultural And Rural Development Strategy
- 3) EAC Strategy On Control And Prevention Of Transboundary Animal Diseases
- 4) EAC Food Security Action Plan
- 5) EAC Climate Change Policy, Strategy And Master Plan
- 6) EAC Summit Declaration On Food Security And Climate Change;
- 7) All Instruments/ Strategic Documents Covering EAC Energy Sector.

4.0 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2005 – 2030)

5.0 EAST AFRICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

6.0 JOINT EXPORT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION STRATEGY

7.0 EDUCATION

- 1) Report on the Harmonization of the EA Education Systems and Training Curricula.
- 2) The EAC Pre-Primary Education Strategic Plan.
- 3) The EAC Primary Education Strategic Plan.
- 4) The EAC Secondary Education Strategic Plan.

- 5) The EAC Teacher Education Strategic Plan.
- 6) The EAC Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Strategic Plan.
- 7) The EAC Non-Formal, Adult and Continuing Education Strategic Plan;
- 8) The EAC Special Needs Education Strategic Plan.
- 9) The EAC Pre-Primary Education Harmonization Structures and Frameworks.
- 10) The EAC Primary Education Harmonization Structures and Frameworks.
- 11) The EAC Secondary Education Harmonization Structures and Frameworks.
- 12) The EAC Primary Teacher Education Harmonization Structures and Frameworks.
- 13) The EAC Secondary Teacher Education Harmonization Structures and Frameworks.
- 14) EAC ICT Integration in Education (E-Learning) Strategic Plan 2015-2020.
- 15) Criteria for identifying prospective Centres of Excellence.
- 16) Education Sector response to HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan.
- 17) Education Sector response to HIV and AIDS Implementation Plan.
- 18) Education Sector response to HIV and AIDS Resource Mobilization Strategy.

8.0 GENDER AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. SECOND EAC Strategic Plan on Gender, Youth, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Social Protection and Community Development (2012-2017) as an operational plan for the EAC Gender and Community Development framework, 2006 and the 5th Development Strategy – 3rd Strategic Plan under development
2. EAC Policy on Persons with Disabilities, 2012
3. The Consultative Dialogue Framework for Private Sector and Civil Society participation in the EAC integration process, 2012
4. EAC Social Development Policy Framework, 2013
5. EAC Framework for Gender and Social Development Outcome Indicators for EAC Development Strategy (2011-2016) – to be updated in line with the 6th Development Strategy
6. EAC Youth Policy, 2013
7. EAC Youth Peace and Security Strategy and Implementation Plan
8. EAC Youth Peace and Security Platform

9. EAC Child Policy, 2016
10. Minimum Standards for Comprehensive for Children and Young People in the EAC
11. Framework for Strengthening Child Protection Systems and Community Mechanisms in the EAC
12. EAC Gender Policy, 2018
13. Simplified Guide for Micro and Small-Scale Women Cross Border Traders and Service Providers within the East African Community & Training Manual
14. Gender Mainstreaming Tools
15. Guidelines and Checklists for Gender Mainstreaming in EAC Organs and Institutions
16. Gender Mainstreaming Strategy for EAC Organs and Institutions, 2013.
17. Gender Mainstreaming Handbook
18. Participatory Gender Audit Report for EAC Organs and Institutions, 2013 and 2018.
19. EAC Gender and Community Development Framework.
20. Bujumbura Declaration on Child Rights and Wellbeing in the East African Community.
21. East African Community Youth Policy.
22. EAC Social Development Policy Framework.
23. EAC Policy on Persons with Disabilities.
24. Consultative Dialogue Framework for the Private Sector, Civil Society and Other Interest Groups in the EAC Integration Process

9.0 HEALTH SYSTEMS, POLICY & RESEARCH

- 1) EAC Regional Health Sector Strategic Plan
- 2) EAC Regional Integrated Population & Environment (PHE) Project.
- 3) East African Community Regional Centres of Excellence (CoE) for Skills and Tertiary Education in Higher Medical and Health Sciences Education; and for Health, Vaccines and Immunization Logistics.

A. Medicines & Food Safety

- 1) EAC Regional Pharmaceutical Policy & Strategic Plan
- 2) EAC Regional Food Safety and Quality Policy
- 3) EAC Regional Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan of Action
- 4) EAC Harmonized Regulatory Framework for Medicines Regulatory Authorities

B. Disease Prevention & Control

- 1) EAC Regional Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Strategy
- 2) EAC Open Health Initiative to Improve Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child Health

C. HIV/AIDS AND Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's)

- 1) East African Public Health Laboratory Networking Project (EAPHLNP)
- 2) East African Integrated Disease Surveillance Network (EAIDSNet)
- 3) EAC Regional HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan of Action

10.0 IMMIGRATION:

The Regional Strategic Framework for e-Immigration.

11.0 INFRASTRUCTURE:

- 1) 10 Years Priority Infrastructure Investment Strategy (Adopted by the Heads of State at their Retreat);
- 2) Intermodal Transport Strategy;
- 3) Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement for the EAC Corridors
- 4) EAC Transport Strategy and Regional Road Sector Development Program;
- 5) EAC Transport Facilitation Strategy – 7 Volumes;
- 6) EAC Vehicle Load Control Act ;
- 7) EAC One-Stop-Border-Post Act
- 8) Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the EAC, the Northern Corridor Transit Transport Authority (NC-TTCA); the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA), and the Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia (LAPSSSET) Corridor Authority.

12.0 PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

13.0 REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) FOR ITS ADMISSION INTO EAC AND ALL ITS ANEXTURES AS AGREED UPON AT NAIROBI, DATED 24TH JANUARY 2022



REPORT ON THE ADMISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO JOIN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

1. Preamble

The Summit at its 21st Ordinary Summit held on 27th February, 2021, considered a request for admission to the East African Community from the Democratic Republic of The Congo and directed the EAC Council of Ministers to expeditiously undertake a Verification Mission in accordance with the EAC Procedures for admission of new Members into the EAC.

2. Procedure for Admission

The procedure for admission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo entails the following stages:

- (i) A Verification Exercise;
- (ii) Negotiations with the DRC on their admission to the EAC directed by Summit;
- (iii) Admission of the DRC; and
- (iv) Deposition of the instrument of acceptance of the terms of admission by the DRC within six (6) Months of her admission to the Community.

2.2 Verification Exercise

The verification exercise was launched by President Felix Tshisekedi of the DRC on 25th, June 2021 in Goma, DRC and following the launch, the verification team undertook the verification exercise in Kinshasa, DRC from 26th June – 5th July, 2021 with the overall objective of establishing DRC's level of conformity with the Criteria for Admission of Foreign States into the EAC and in accordance with Article 3(2) of the EAC Treaty.

The EAC Verification Team presented the findings from the verification mission to the 44th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers adopted the Report of the Verification Mission and presented their recommendations to the 18th Extraordinary Meeting of the EAC Summit of Heads of State on 22nd December 2021. Consequently, the Heads of State directed the Council to expeditiously commence and conclude negotiations with the DRC.



2.3 The Negotiation Process

The negotiations between the EAC and the DRC were conducted from 15th to 24th January, 2022 in Nairobi in the Republic of Kenya.

The role of the negotiations with the DRC were to establish DRC's readiness to comply with the following criteria as stipulated under the Treaty and the EAC Procedure for admission to the Community:

- (a) acceptance of the Community as set out in the Treaty;
- (b) adherence to universally acceptable principles of good governance, democracy, the rule of law, observance of human rights and social justice;
- (c) potential contribution to the strengthening of integration within the East African region;
- (d) geographical proximity to and inter-dependence between it (the foreign country) and the EAC Partner States;
- (e) establishment and maintenance of a market driven economy; and
- (f) Social and economic policies being compatible with those of the Community and wishing to Co-operate with the Community may be granted membership, association or right of participation in the activities of the Community.

In addition the negotiations took into account the country profile of the DRC and established the following.-

- (a) DRC's position *vis - a - vis* the *acquis communautaire* of the East African Community; and
- (b) DRC's level of compatibility with the East African Community's stages of development in trade liberalization and development; co-operation in investment and industrial development; co-ordination in monetary and financial matters; the development of infrastructure and services; the development of human resources; and the development of agriculture and natural resources.

2.3 The Admission Process

The 46th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council considered the Report of the Negotiations between the EAC and the DRC for the admission of the DRC into the EAC and **recommended to the Summit to consider admitting the Democratic Republic of the Congo into the EAC in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Treaty.**

The Summit is expected admit the Democratic Republic of the Congo into the East African Community in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Treaty.