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**THE 13TH MEETING OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL**

**ON TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND METEOROLOGY**

**(27th – 30th June, 2016, at the EAC HQ, Arusha)**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**EAC SECRETARIAT**

**Arusha, Tanzania**

List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

|  |  |
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| AfDB | African Development Bank |
| AFI | Comprehensive Implementation Programme |
| AU | African Union |
| BICO | Bureau for Industrial Cooperation (of the University of Dar es Salaam) |
| CAAs | Civil Aviation Authorities |
| CASSOA | Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency |
| CAP | Corrective Action Plans |
| CCAs | Civil Aviation Authorities |
| COMESA | Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa |
| CNS/ATM | Navigation, Surveillance/Air Traffic Management |
| CTTFA | Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency |
| DFID | UK- Department for International Development |
| EAC | East African Community |
| EALA | East African Legislative Assembly |
| EARNP | East African Road Network Project |
| EATTFP | East African Trade and Transport Facilitation Project |
| EMS | European Meteorological Society |
| EU | European Union |
| EACO | East African Communications Organization |
| FA | Federal Aviation Authority |
| GoK | Government of Kenya |
| GoR | Government of Rwanda |
| GoT | Government of Tanzania |
| GoU | Government of Uganda |
| HLSC | High Level Standing Committee |
| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization |
| ICT | Information and Communications Technology |
| ICPAC | IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre |
| IGAD | Intergovernmental Authority on Development |
| IMO | International Maritime Organization |
| ISCOS | Inter-government Standing Committee on Shipping |
| ISO | International Standards Organization |
| JICA | Japan International Cooperation Agency |
| KeNHA | Kenya National Highways Authority |
| KMD | Kenya Meteorological Department |
| KPA | Kenya Ports Authority |
| KRC | Kenya Railways Cooperation |
| LAPSSET | Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Corridor |
| LVB-HyNEWS Consortium | Lake Victoria Basin - HydroClimate to Nowcasting for Early Warning Systems |
| LVBC | Lake Victoria Basin Commission |
| MASA | Multilateral Air Services Agreement |
| MCSLV | Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria |
| MoU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MRCC | Maritime rescue coordination centre |
| NMHSs | National Meteorological and Hydrological Services |
| NWP | Numerical Weather Prediction |
| OSBPs | One Stop Border Posts |
| PIDA | Project for Infrastructure development in Africa |
| PAPU | Pan-African Postal Union |
| PPSC | Project Policy Steering Committee |
| PMAESA | Port Management Authority for Eastern and Southern Africa |
| QMS | Quality Management System |
| RECs | Regional Economic Communities |
| RIC | Regional Instruments Centre |
| SADC | Southern African Development Community |
| SAR | Search and Rescue |
| SG | Secretary General |
| SOLAS | Safety of Life at Sea |
| TANROADS | Tanzania National Roads Agency |
| TCM | Transport, Communications and Meteorology |
| TTCA-NC | Transit Transport Coordination Authority – of the Northern Corridor |
| TTFA-CC | Transit Transport Facilitation Agency of the Central Corridor |
| TMA | Tanzania Meteorological Agency |
| TMEA | TradeMark East Africa |
| TPA | Tanzania Ports Authority |
| TORs | Terms of reference |
| TTCA | Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority |
| UFIR | Unified Upper Flight Information Region |
| UNMA | Uganda National Meteorological Authority |
| UPU | Universal Postal Union |
| UNCTAD | United nations Conference on Trade and Development |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |

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# INTRODUCTION

* 1. **Convening of the Meeting**

The 13th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communications and Meteorology (TCM) was convened in accordance with the EAC Calendar of Activities for the period January to June, 2016. The meeting was held back to back with the Ministerial Session of the 12th TCM which could not be convened in September, 2015 due to a lack of quorum.

The Meeting reviewed the status of implementation of previous policy organs decisions and recommendations respectively, and progress made in on-going projects and programmes.

This report presents a summary of previous Summit, Council and TCM directives and recommendations follow up actions in the intervening period. It also contains updates and progress on the implementation of projects and programmes in the sub-sectors under Transport, Communications and Meteorology, status of programmes under CASSOA and LVBC and implementation of agreements with cooperating partners.

* 1. **Participants**

The meeting was attended by Permanent/Principal Secretaries and Senior Officials of the Partner States, staff of the EAC Secretariat and the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency. Also in attendance as observers were representatives from the Secretariats of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Communications Organizations (EACO), the Inter-Governmental Standing Committee on shipping (ISCOS), the Ports Management Authority for Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Transit and Transport Coordinating Authority of the Northern Corridor (NC-TTCA), the Transit Transport Facilitation Agency of the Central Corridor (TTFA-CC), and the GSMA (on invitation of the Secretariat)

The list of Participants is attached hereto as ***Annex I.***

* 1. **Constitution of the Bureau**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for EAC Policy Organs meetings, the Meeting was chaired by, The United Republic of Tanzania. The Rapporteur was Mr. Geoffrey Okot, Ag. Director – Air Navigation Services, Civil Aviation Authority, Republic of Uganda.

* 1. **Adoption of the Agenda and Programme**

The adopted Agenda and Programme are attached herewith as ***Annex II.***

* 1. **Welcome remarks by the EAC Secretariat**

In a statement read on his behalf by Mr. Philip W Wambugu, Director Infrastructure, Dr. Enos S. Bukuku, Deputy Secretary General, Planning and Infrastructure, welcomed the leaders of delegations and the Partner States delegations and the invited international and regional organizations’ delegations to Arusha.

He extended his appreciation to the people and the Government of The United Republic of Tanzania for the hospitality and courtesies extended to the delegations. He also appreciated the work and the support of the Senior Officials of the Partner States and the Secretariat during the documents and logistics preparations for the 13th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on TCM.

Dr. Bukuku noted that the 13th meeting of the Sectoral Council was being held at a time when:

1. The region’s top political leadership is fully seized on the need for extensive renewal and upgrading of the railways, ports and energy infrastructure in the region to underpin the development of intra regional trade and services;
2. The EAC Common Market Protocol is entering a pivotal phase of its implementation characterized by the expectations of the EAC citizens on the emergence of a strong common market in the EAC that would support wealth creation, employment, value chains and an overall competitive environment for business anchored on efficient infrastructure;
3. The Republic of South Sudan has joined the Community implying an expanding market that also defines a wider area requiring efficient infrastructure to connect the land-linked country to the EAC ports on the Indian Ocean and to the other economic and commercial centers in the Partner States; and
4. An increasing interest from the private sector on investment opportunities in the priority infrastructure projects in the region.

He therefore called on the meeting to address the challenges impeding faster realization of infrastructure projects and programmes at both the regional and national levels to ensure that the region benefits from efficient and well connected infrastructure systems to make it the preferred investment destination and hoped that it will also address the matters in infrastructure that had taken a long time to be agreed upon.

He noted that the preparations of the 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing has commenced and requested the Partner States to continue supporting the Secretariat in these preparations.

He wished the meeting fruitful deliberations and officially launched it.

* 1. **Remarks by the Chairperson**

The Chairperson of the 13th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on TCM Amb. Ali Abeid Karume (MP), Minister for Works, Transport and Communications, Zanzibar, The United Republic of Tanzania welcomed the Hon. Ministers and the Partner States delegates to Arusha and in particular to the 13th TCM. He expressed his appreciation to the Permanent/Principal Secretaries, Partner States delegations the EAC Secretariat for the documentation preparations and organization of the meeting. He welcomed the cooperating organisations and EAC Institutions and appreciated their participation.

He congratulated Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko for being appointed by the EAC Heads of State on 2nd March, 2016 as the new Secretary General of the Community and promised that the Sectoral Council will work with him to realise efficient infrastructure and services in the region. He further appreciated the good work done by Amb. Richard Sezibera from Rwanda, during his tenure at EAC and wished him well in his new endeavours.

He promised that the Partner States will cooperate fully with the Secretariat in the preparation of the 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing to make it a resounding success.

The Chairperson noted that the development of infrastructure in the region will facilitate the realisation of a united East African Community where people and goods could move easily and hence improve on trade in the region. He invited the delegations to find time to enjoy the serene environment and touristic places around Arusha.

He officially opened the meeting and wished it fruitful deliberations.

# IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON TCM

The Matrix below reflects the status of implementation of the previous decisions and recommendations in various sub sectors as at June, 2016.

1. **ROADS SUB-SECTOR**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Secretariat to:  Request Partner States to nominate members of the Joint Technical Committee (for finance and infrastructure) with Terms of Reference by end of September, 2015; and  Schedule the 1st Meeting of the JTC by March, 2016 before the 13th Meeting of the TCM Sectoral Council. | Letter to Partner States  Convening of the JTC meeting  Secretariat | The meeting was informed that the JTC was coordinated under the Sectoral Council of Finance and Economic Affairs (and that its meetings are planned by the Directorate of Planning at the Secretariat). The ToRs had been circulated to Partner States among them coordination in resource mobilisation and prioritisation of infrastructure projects and programmes.  The Session agreed that a meeting of the JTC be convened at the end of September, 2016 to review the resource mobilisation strategies and implementation prioritisation of the Heads of State Priority Projects before the documentation of the 4th Heads of Retreat were finalised. The session agreed that the representatives of the Ministries responsible for EAC Affairs and Energy be incorporated into the membership of the JTC. |  |
| Request the Sectoral Council to approve the proposed launch of Arusha-Holili/Taveta –Mwatate road on October 15, 2015. | Launch of construction  Secretariat, Kenya and Tanzania | The launch could not be conducted as directed due to the elections in Tanzania.  The Taveta - Mwatate section was launched at Taveta on 4th October, 2015 by H.E Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, then President of The United Republic of Tanzania and H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya. The regional launch of the Arusha – Holili/Taveta – Mwatate Road was later conducted on 3rd March, 2016 at Tengeru village by H.E. Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, H.E. the 2nd Vice President of Burundi, Dr. Joseph Butore, Honourable Valentine Rugwabiza, representing H.E Paul Kagame and H.E. James Wani Igga, the Vice President of South Sudan, H.E Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of Zanzibar, in the presence of the AfDB and JICA among other partners. |  |
| Secretariat to convene a meeting of the HLSC of the East African Road Network Project in the 1st quarter of 2016 to review the progress in the implementation of the agreed actions contained in the roadmap for the implementation of the Transport Facilitation Strategy. | Convening of the meeting  Secretariat | Meeting was not held due to budgetary constraints at the Secretariat. The little budget that was available at the Secretariat was exhausted when the Secretariat hosted the Joint Technical Committee of the EATTFP to consider the Draft curriculum for Heavy Gross Vehicles. This curriculum is part of the recommendations under the Transport Facilitation Strategy to improve Road Safety in the region.  The meeting of the HLSC has been included in the EAC Calendar of Activities for the period July to December, 2016.  The Secretariat has printed 150 copies of the BICO report which will be distributed to relevant stakeholders. |  |
| Secretariat to commence the internal process of legal drafting for the Draft EAC Vehicle Load Control Regulations | Meeting of legal draftspersons  Secretariat, Legal Draftspersons | The Regulations were drafted by legal draftspersons in April, 2016 and await approval by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs.  The EAC Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016 was published in the EAC Gazette on 15th April, 2016. The Act will come into force on a date appointed by Council and published in the Gazette.  The Office of the CTC will prepare the instruments of commencement and present to Council in August, 2016 for formal pronouncement.  It is proposed that the 13th TCM recommends to Council to appoint 1st October, 2016 as the date of commencement of application of the Law. |  |
| Secretariat to convene a meeting of the EATTFP experts in November, 2015; to review the Draft Final Regulations | Meeting of EATTFP experts  Secretariat | Meeting was not held due to time and budgetary constraints.  However, an extraordinary meeting of the TCM was held via Video Conference on 25th February, 2016 at which the Regulations were approved for submission to Council for adoption. All the Partner States participated at the VC Conference.  The report of the VC meeting shall be signed during the 13th TCM. |  |
| Secretariat to table the Draft Final Regulations (as amended) at the 33rd Meeting of the Council for approval before consideration by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs. | Secretariat | The 33rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 29th February, 2016 considered and adopted the Regulations and directed that they be forwarded to the SCLJA for legal inputs.  The Legal Drafters considered and approved the Draft Regulations and recommended that they be considered by the SCLJA. |  |
| Secretariat to:  Expedite the studies on the two roads linking Rwanda and Burundi to the Central Corridor to enable commencement of loan negotiations with the AfDB in April, 2016; | Completion of procurement of consultants  Secretariat | Contracts for consultancy services were signed on 1st April, 2016 with Egis International of France for the Burundi link and with HP Gauff of Germany for the Rwanda link. The Consultants have already commenced their work and have submitted the Inception Reports on the studies that will be considered by the Coordination Team for the projects in July, 2016. |  |
| Commence the preparations for the official launch of the Holili/Taveta OSBP and the Arusha – Voi Road; | Official opening of the OSBP.  Secretariat, Kenya and Tanzania | The Official opening was conducted on 27th February, 2016, by Hon. Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Minister for Foreign Affairs, East African, Regional and International Cooperation, The United Republic of Tanzania and Hon. Phyllis Kandie, Cabinet Secretary for Labour and East African Affairs, Republic of Kenya. |  |
| Expedite the AfDB funded installation of furniture, fittings and ICT connectivity at the Namanga OSBP to ensure completion by December, 2015. | Completion of outstanding activities  Secretariat, Kenya and Tanzania | A joint technical team visited the site in March 2016 and agreed on strategies for completion. Procurement of furniture and ICT equipment under the AfDB funding to be completed by July, 2016 and operation of the OSBP is expected to commence in September, 2016.  The meeting noted that the ICT interconnectors will be financed by the two Partner States directly.  The external cabling for the ICT interconnections is ongoing and is expected to be ready by the time of commencement of operations.  Kenya reported that external works would be completed by October, 2016. However, Kenya confirmed that the ongoing external works would not affect the commencement of the OSBP operations. |  |
| Direct Partner States to present to the Secretariat projects that could benefit from the project preparation facilities of the NEPAD IPPF and the AfDB Multinational Funding Window by end of November, 2015 | Identification and presentation of projects that qualify for funding.  Partner States | Application for supporting two roads between Burundi and Tanzania and between Uganda and Tanzania which were identified during the meeting of the Steering Committee on EAC Multinational Roads held on 2nd – 6th February 2015 were submitted to AfDB/NEPAD-IPPF in June, 2016. The two roads are:   1. Uganda/Tanzania: Masaka – Mutukula / Bugene – Kasulo; (211 km) and 2. Burundi/Tanzania: Cankuzo – Gahumo / Murusagamba – Nyakahura (157 km)   Kenya presented the following roads as proposed new projects linking with Uganda and Tanzania:   1. Kitale – Endebess – Suam – Kapchorua (125 km) 2. Isebania – Kehancha – Osinoni – Kaboson – Mulot (130 km) 3. Utegi – Shirati – Muhuru Bay – Suna – Kehancha (102 km). 4. Marich Pass – Lodwar (195 km) (Linking to South Sudan) 5. Kisian – Busia (110 km) linking to Busia – Busitema - Bugiri.   The meeting agreed that the next meeting of the HLSC considers these projects as regional cross-border road projects. |  |
| Secretariat:  To commence the internal process of legal drafting for the Draft EAC OSBP Regulations; | Legal drafting of the Regulations.  Secretariat, PS legal draftspersons | The Regulations were drafted in April, 2016, together with those for the Vehicle Load Control  The EAC OSBPs Act, 2016 was published in the EAC Gazette on 15th April, 2016. The Act will come into force on a date appointed by Council and published in the Gazette. Like the VLC Act, it is proposed that the effective date be 1st October, 2016. |  |
| Convene a meeting of the EATTFP experts in mid-November, 2015; and | Final review of the Regulations.  Secretariat | The meeting of experts was not held. However, the extraordinary meeting of the TCM held via Video Conference in February, 2016 cleared the Regulations for submission to Council. |  |
| Table the drafted Regulations at the 33rd Meeting of the Council for approval, subject to assent of the Bill by Rwanda, before consideration by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs. | Inclusion of the item in the agenda of the 33rd Council.  Secretariat | The 33rd Council adopted the Regulations and directed that they be forwarded to the SCLJA for legal inputs. |  |
| Direct Tanzania to expedite the resolution of outstanding issues to enable the operationalization of the OSBP at Rusumo by end of November, 2015; | Completion of outstanding issues.  Tanzania | The OSBP operations commenced in January, 2016 and the facilities together with the Rusumo International Bridge were officially opened on 6th April, 2016 by HE Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of The United Republic of Tanzania and HE Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, in the presence of AfDB, JICA and other partners. |  |
| Direct Partner States to prepare proposals on successor programmes for the EATTFP for consideration by the Regional Steering Committee in November, 2015 | Identification and presentation of projects.  Secretariat, Partner States | Partner States undertook to provide the proposals by the end of July, 2016.  The following topics were identified as possibilities, among others:   * Up-scale the modernization of weighbridges and introduction of High speed Weigh-in-Motion systems at all regional weighing stations. * Construction of Road-Side stations (RSS) and One Stop Inspection Stations (OSIS). * Road Safety improvement – targeting accident black spots and highway safety facilities; * Vehicle registration and licensing databases * Green Transport and Logistics Initiatives on Regional Corridors * Development of a Growth hub ( Rwanda). |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to convene a joint meeting of the HLSC of the EARNP and the RTC of the EATTFP to consider the training curriculum for drivers of commercial in November, 2015. | Approval of the curriculum.  Secretariat | The meeting was held on 10th – 11th March, 2016 in Kampala and the curriculum was approved for presentation to the 13th TCM for adoption.  The curriculum has since been shared with Partner States and is attached to this report as ***Annex III.*** |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to prepare a programme for opening of completed OSBPs and share it with Partner States by end of November, 2015. | Programme for opening of OSBPs  Secretariat, Partner States | The preparation of the Programme was held up by the fact that the many of the nearly completed borders lacked important facilities like water, furniture, and internet connections among others.  Recent analysis shows that the following OSBPs are fairly ready for official opening and operational piloting is ongoing on some of them:   1. Kagitumba / Mirama Hills (100% complete); 2. Horohoro / Lunga Lunga;(100%) – All Civil Works complete. 3. Mutukula completed and handed over.; 4. Isebania (97%) / Sirari; (100% and handed over) – Completion of the Kenyan side expected in August, 2016 5. Malaba (Uganda) is completed and handed over / Malaba (Kenya) is 85% – Addendum for outbound road to Uganda has been signed. Completion expected in September, 2016. 6. Busia (Uganda complete and handed over) /Busia (Kenya) (97%) – Completion expected in August, 2016 7. Namanga: 100% on the Tanzanian side and 88% on the Kenyan side – External and Electrical works in Kenya are ongoing. Projected completion is scheduled for October, 2016. 8. Horohoro (completed and handed over) / Lunga Lunga (completed) 9. Kabanga (Tanzania) is completed / Kobero (Burundi)   Integrated Border Post Management (IBM) platform for Malaba, Taveta, Busia and Isebania are complete. IBM for Lungalunga is being finalised.  The Secretariat will conduct verification missions in July/August 2016 to the borders to ascertain the status and thereafter, in consultation with the adjoining Partner States and propose a programme for possible opening dates. |  |

**Briefs on priority programmes under the Roads sub sector**

**a) PIDA Infrastructure Development and Capacity Building Programme:**

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) provides a common framework for African stakeholders to build the infrastructure necessary for more integrated transport, energy, ICT and trans-boundary water networks to boost trade, spark growth and create jobs. The PIDA Priority Plan of Action (PAP) embodies the short-term objectives of PIDA, spanning up to 2020. The PAP emphasizes quick-win and early-start projects. PIDA was endorsed by the African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government in January 2012.

EAC and NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) Secretariats signed in April 2015 a performance MoU aiming to set out the work flow, the funds flow, the coordination, and the working relationship arrangements for the implementation of agreed PIDA Projects in EAC. The overall development objective of the program is to enhance the resource capacity of EAC in coordinating and facilitating the implementation of priority regional infrastructure projects, thus accelerating the drive for economic integration for the African Continent.

The program would also support analytical work to help inform the Private Sector actors on their responsibilities to engage governments to initiate policies and regulatory frameworks necessary for delivering a physically connected and socio-economically integrated Africa in line with the Abuja Treaty of 1991.

Accordingly, NPCA has seconded to EAC a consultant, Infrastructure Technical Expert, to assist the EAC in identifying PIDA implementation bottlenecks and formulating and applying remedial measures to alleviate them so as to accelerate the implementation of the PIDA Priority Action Plan. The expert is meant to jointly work with EAC Infrastructure, Energy and Partner States counterparts to:

1. enhance project preparation and bankability, as well as financing of EAC PIDA Priority Action Programme (PIDA PAP) priority projects, agreed with NEPAD Agency as executing agency for the PIDA PAP;
2. ensure regular data collection, and updating of the PIDA PAP project profiles/files domiciled in the Africa Infrastructure Database, AID-VPIC portal located at NEPAD Agency; and
3. ensure regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the PIDA PAP projects in line with the PIDA M&E framework and templates.

NPCA has allocated $139,100 to support above activities in this fiscal year (FY 16/17), and so far a financing agreement has been prepared and will soon be signed between the EAC and NPCA to enable the formulation, by EAC, Partner States, partners and the private sector, of sequenced priorities and clear planning as well as coordinating objectives and accelerating progress towards the PIDA PAP implementation.

After the signing of the financial agreement, it is expected that as from August 2016, technical meetings will be convened to update the implementation status of EAC PIDA PAP Projects, and trainings would follow afterward to enhance EAC capacity in the areas of how to carry out infrastructure projects preparation towards bankability.

**b) The EAC Harmonized Training Curriculum for Commercial Drivers of Commercial Vehicles**

The Study for Preparation of a Transport Facilitation Strategy for the East African Community as informed by the BICO Report, 2013 among others identified harmonization of drivers training and testing as a key intervention for curbing acute shortage of professionally trained drivers for large commercial vehicles in the EAC region. The need for harmonised training for drivers of large commercial vehicles had also been identified in the Training Needs Assessment Study for Transport Operators which was commissioned by TMEA in 2012 as well as through other initiatives by the Partner States, Central Corridor and Northern Corridor Authorities.

Cognisant of the need for the harmonised curriculum, the EAC Secretariat through the support from TMEA and in close collaboration with the Corridor Authorities (CCTTFA, NCTTCA and LAPSSET) commissioned a study to prepare a standardised curriculum for drivers of large commercial vehicles in the EAC. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) were jointly developed by the EAC Secretariat and TMEA and were approved during the 1st Meeting of the Technical Committee of the East Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (EATTFP) on development of the EAC standardized curriculum for drivers of large commercial vehicles (freight and passengers) which was held in Dar es Salaam on 10th July 2014.

The study for development of the curriculum was commissioned to Transaid of United Kingdom on 19th January 2015. The Draft Report for the study was validated during the 2nd meeting of the Technical Committee which was held in Nairobi on 7th May 2015. The Final Draft Report was validated during the 3rd meeting of the Technical Committee which was held on 22nd of July 2015 in Kigali. The Final Report was validated by joint meeting of the HLSC of the EARNP and the RTC of the EATTFP which was held in Kampala on 10th – 11th March 2016. Through this initiative, the following documents were successfully produced:

1. EAC Standardised Curriculum for Drivers of Large Commercial Vehicles (Freight)
2. EAC Standardised Curriculum for Drivers of Large Commercial Vehicles (Passengers);
3. The Instructor’s Manual and Training Materials for HGV and PSV
4. Assessment Forms and Assessment Guidelines; and

The Joint Technical Committee recommended that the Curriculum be approved by the TCM and forwarded to the Council for adoption.

The Content of the curriculum is indicated in the table below:

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| **Modules for HGV Curriculum** | | **Modules for PSV Curriculum** | |
| **Code** | **Name** | **Code** | **Name** |
| HGV T1 | Driving Philosophy | PSV T1 | Driving Philosophy |
| HGV T2 | Drivers’ Welfare & Fitness to Drive | PSV T2 | Drivers’ Welfare & Fitness to Drive |
| HGV T3 | Traffic laws, rules, regulations and other relevant laws | PSV T3 | Traffic laws, rules, regulations and other relevant laws |
| HGV T4 | Road signs, signals & markings | PSV T4 | Road signs, signals & markings |
| HGV T5 | Basic Mechanical Principles | PSV T5 | Basic Mechanical Principles |
| HGV T6 | Defensive driving | PSV T6 | Defensive driving |
| HGV T7 | HIV/AIDS awareness | PSV T7 | HIV/AIDS awareness |
| HGV T8 | Customer Care | PSV T8 | Customer Care |
| HGV T9 | Managing Incidents | PSV T9 | Managing Incidents |
| HGV T10 | First Aid | PSV T10 | First Aid |
| HGV T11 | Transport Documentation | PSV T11 | Transport Documentation |
| HGV T12 | Environment & Transport | PSV T12 | Environment & Transport |
| HGV T13 | Carrying a Load | PSV P1 | Basics of Driving |
| HGV P1 | Basics of Driving | PSV P2 | Reversing |
| HGV P2 | Reversing | PSV P3 | Negotiating the road safely |
| HGV P3 | Negotiating the road safely | PSV P4 | Vehicle Checks PSV |
| HGV P4 | Vehicle Checks |  |  |
| HGV P5 | Coupling & Uncoupling the trailer |  |  |

**c) Integration of the Republic of South Sudan (RSS) to the EAC**

Following the successful negotiations between the EAC and RSS on the latter’s accession to the Community RSS was formally admitted to the Community on 2nd March, 2016 during the 17th Summit of the EAC Heads of State. RSS signed the Accession Treaty in Dar es Salaam on 15th April 2016. Full accession of RSS into the EAC awaits the ratification and depositing with the Secretary General of the instruments of ratification of the Accession Treaty (latest by 1st October, 2016).

At the signing of the Accession Treaty, H.E. Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chairperson of the Heads of State Summit directed the Council and the Secretariat to develop priority projects and programme to fast track the integration of RSS into the EAC and report progress at the Summit in November, 2016.

The Infrastructure sub sectors in the region are, therefore, required to develop priority projects and programmes (including extensions of the existing projects and programmes) linking RSS as directed by the Chairperson of the Summit for approval by the 14th TCM in November, 2016.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

1. **took note of:**
2. **the progress on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations under the Roads Sub Sector;**
3. **the cooperation between the Secretariat and NEPAD in the implementation of the EAC PIDA PAP Projects components.**
4. **directed:**
5. **the Secretariat to expedite the AfDB financed procurement of furniture and ICT equipment for the Namanga OSBP to enable commencement of operations by September, 2016;**
6. **Kenya and Tanzania to expedite the ICT interconnectivity in Namanga OSBP facilities;**
7. **the Secretariat to develop priority projects and programmes under infrastructure linking with RSS for consideration at the 14th meeting of the TCM.**
8. **Reiterated its earlier directives to:**
9. **Partner States to prepare proposals for successor programmes (in addition to the Regional proposals submitted during the 13th TCM) for the EATTFP for consideration by the Regional Steering Committee and avail the same to the Secretariat by end of July, 2016; and**
10. **the Secretariat to prepare a programme of opening the completed OSBPs by end of August, 2016.**
11. **Recommended to the Council:**
12. **to adopt for implementation the EAC Standardized Curriculum for Drivers of Large Commercial Vehicles (Passenger and Freight);**
13. **to declare 1st October, 2016 as the Commencement Date for the EAC OSBPs Act, 2016 and the EAC Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016;**
14. **Further directed the Secretariat:**
15. **in collaboration with Partner States, to prepare the draft legal instrument to anchor the implementation of the EAC Harmonized Driver Training Curriculum across EAC;**
16. **to prepare the Instruments of Commencement of the Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016 and the One Stop Border Posts Act, 2016 by end of July, 2016.**
17. **RAILWAYS SUB-SECTOR**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
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| Partner States to instruct the Consultants undertaking railway regulatory and institutional framework study in Kenya and Uganda to take into account or Review the Tanzania Study by Canarail-Gibb Africa to work jointly/collaborate under a Joint Steering Committee and CPCS pre-Feasibility study to develop harmonized railway regulations. | Consultants working in Kenya and Uganda on railway regulatory and institutional framework to engage with other consultants in Tanzania and Burundi to develop harmonized regulations  Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania | Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to report. Work initiated by Secretariat to develop harmonised regulations on safety and interoperability but this is being expanded to include developing appropriate railway policies and primary law to anchor the regulations. |  |
| **Partner** States **and the Secretariat to mobilize additional funding that may be required to coordinate the harmonization of the regional railway regulation, and undertaking a study on market structure, tariff setting and access management.** | Funding request put to AfDB under AfDB Regional Integration Strategy And Policy 2017 – 2022 and to EU under Regional Indicative Programme for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa & Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) 2014-2020  Partner States and Secretariat | 1. A meeting between the EAC and the AfDB on the preparation of the next funding cycle was held on 9th to 10th May 2016. The Secretariat made proposals on priority railways projects for funding consideration. A response from the Bank will be communicated in August, 2016. The Aide Memoir is attached as ***Annex IV.***   ii) EU under EA-SA-IO 2014-2020 has proposed that EAC enhances the scope of the proposed study to take into consideration railway market structure, institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks in the wider region EAC, SADC, IGAD, COMESA and takes lead in developing a pipeline of projects on soft issues required in order to strengthen railway connectivity, interoperability and increase railway modal share. |  |
| Secretariat to request the AfDB to consider extending the Railways Expert support for a further period of 12 months. | AfDB extends funding for Railways expert in EAC  EAC Secretariat | EAC put a formal request for extension of the Grant to AfDB but formal approval has not yet been received to facilitate extension of contract. A reminder has been sent to the Bank on this matter. |  |

**Brief on the Africa High Speed Railway Project**

The EAC has been co-opted as a Sub Regional Member of the Africa High Speed Railway Project.

Under Africa Union Agenda 2063, Africa Union Commission (AUC) identified a Continental Integrated High-Speed Train Initiative as one of the flagship projects whose main goal is to transform the face of Africa in the next fifty (50) years. The initiative subscribes to the spirit of the 1991 Abuja Treaty which envisages acceleration of continental integration and which determined the Vision of the Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) of ***An integrated Africa where transport infrastructure and services serve free movement of goods and passengers by providing options for safe, reliable and seamless transport; with reduced costs in support of sustainable regional economic development and protection of the environment.***

In January 2015, The AUC and China National Development Reform Commission (NDRC), of the Government of China, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on Promoting China-Africa Cooperation in Continental Transport, High Speed Railway, Aviation, Roads Highways, and Industrialization Infrastructure.

The Africa Continental Integrated High Speed Train Initiative is to provide *Africa’s transport network**with a modern**high speed**railway,**able to develop**efficient, smart and**fast connections**to link capital cities and major commercial hubs to support socio-economic growth and regional integration.*

The AUC is negotiating a financial grant to undertake a feasibility study for selection of suitable and appropriate railway technology(ies) for the Africa High Speed Railway with the objective of ensuring regional and continental connectivity and interoperability and also identify and prioritize international transport corridors that are technically and financially viable. The preparatory works for this study are being undertaken by AUC with a multi-disciplinary team of experts from AUC, Regional Economic Communities, The Government of China, the Academia and Private Sector representatives.

The tender process is expected to commence in the FY 2016/2017 with invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for undertaking the feasibility study.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

1. **took note of**
2. **the progress of implementation of the decisions and recommendations under the Railways sub sector;**
3. **the progress of the development of the Africa High Speed Railways Project.**
4. **directed the Secretariat to fast track the execution of the study on the harmonization of the regional railways regulations, market structures, tariff setting and access management;**
5. **CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
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| **Partner States and the Secretariat to expedite the preparation of projects under the integrated corridor programme to facilitate the mobilization of funds to support its implementation** | A meeting between EAC, World Bank and DFID to review progress of the EAC Integrated Corridor Development Initiative and implementation of the Lake Victoria Transport Program was held at EAC Headquarters in Arusha on 11th April 2016.  Partner States and Secretariat | An updated project status for the Integrated Corridor Development Program is annexed to this matrix as ***Annex V.*** |  |
| **Council to establish a Working Group of experts to assist the Secretariat in coordinating the implementation of the infrastructure projects under the Heads of State Priorities, Tripartite programmes and the Integrated Corridor Programme** | Sending of a letter requesting nominations from Partner  States Secretariat | The establishment of a Technical Working Group would require a Council Decision as it has budgetary implications. This matter will, therefore, be implemented after the Sectoral Council pronounces itself on it. |  |
| **Secretariat to request the Partner States to nominate experts and schedule the 1st meeting of the Working Group above before the 13th TCM Sectoral Council** | Convening of the TWG meeting  Partner States and Secretariat | Meeting awaits nomination of experts to the TWG |  |
| LVBC Secretariat to coordinate with Partner **States** and the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with **the** Lake Tanganyika Development Authority in the development and implementation of the Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika Transport Projects components. | A meeting between EAC, World Bank and DFID to review progress of the EAC Integrated Corridor Development Initiative and implementation of the Lake Victoria Transport Program was held at EAC Headquarters in Arusha on 11th April 2016.  LVBC, Partner States and Secretariat | Lake Tanganyika Transport Project will be implemented under Phase II of the EAC Integrated Corridor Development Initiative. Financial Resources (£7.0 million ≈ US$10.2 million) for project preparation are expected to availed by DFID in July 2016 for execution by the WB. This is expected to fund preparatory works on Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika transport and other key corridor programs. Projects earmarked for support are indicated in updated project status for integrated corridor development program. Coordination meeting will commence after the project preparation phase. |  |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

**a) took note of the progress of implementation of the decisions and recommendations on the Corridors development projects under the Inter Modal Transport Strategy; and**

**b) established a Technical Working Group of Partner States experts to assist the Secretariat in the implementation of the Heads of State Priority Infrastructure Projects including the Intermodal Transport Strategy projects.**

1. **CIVIL AVIATION AND AIRPORTS**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
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| Stay of the adoption of the revised Article 8(g) on eligibility criteria to read as follows: “*is effectively controlled by a Partner State or its nationals and commits to progressively increase the ownership by State Parties or Nationals of EAC”* and await the consultations by Kenya on this matter. | Follow up the completion of consultations by Kenya  Partner States | Directive stayed. |  |
| Stay of the adoption of the revised Regulations on Air Transport Liberalization | Wait for the consideration of the regulations by the 13th  TCM Secretariat | The final regulations will be adopted once Kenya has availed its position on the revised Article 8(g). Meanwhile EABC has undertaken the study to assess the cost and benefits of Air Transport Liberalization in EAC with main focus on the Regional Air operators. The Study is funded by DFID and it will be completed in August/September, 2016. |  |
| Kenya to submit the outcomes of the consultations on the revised Article 8(g) on Eligibility Criteria for regional air operations by mid-October, 2015 | Follow up with Kenya to conclude its National consultations  Secretariat | Kenya forwarded her comments on the revised Article 8(g) on the Eligibility Criteria as directed by the Sectoral Council by October, 2015.  The position of Kenya at that time was presented at the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities held at EAC Secretariat HQ on 9th February 2016. The position was not accepted and Kenya agreed to report on its final position about the revised Article 8(g) on eligibility criteria of air operators at the 13th TCM.  **Positions at the 13th TCM session of PSs:**  Following consideration of the Report of the Senior Officials Session:  Four Partner States (Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) maintained that Article 8(g) should read “*that an eligible air operator is effectively controlled by a Partner State or its nationals and commits to progressively increase the ownership by State Parties or Nationals of EAC*”.  The position of Kenya on Article 8(g) is “*that an eligible air operator be at least 51% owned and effectively controlled by a State Party or its Nationals or both, and/or State Parties or their Nationals or both”*  Pursuant to the foregoing positions, Kenya requested to be given a period of two months to further consult her stakeholders on the proposed text which inter-alia reads “*that an eligible air operator is effectively controlled by a Partner State or its nationals and commits to progressively increase the ownership by State Parties or Nationals of EAC*”  Kenya agreed to submit its position by end of August, 2016.  The Meeting agreed that after Kenya’s position is received, the Secretariat convenes a joint meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities and the relevant officials from the Ministries responsible for Transport and for East African Affairs to consider the Kenya’s position and reports the outcome at the 14th TCM. |  |
| Adoption of the updated roadmap for the operationalization of the EAC Search and Rescue Agreement | Coordinate the implementation of the updated roadmap  Secretariat | The meetings of the EAC Joint Technical Committee for the operationalization of the EAC Search and Rescue Plan are expected commence in July/August 2016 once the 13th TCM has adopted the roadmap. |  |
| Consideration and adoption of the proposed EAC SAR Joint Technical Committee composed of the 5 National SAR Coordinators one from each of the EAC Partner States | Convene the EAC Search and Rescue Joint Technical Committee Meetings once its composition is approved by the 13th TCM  Secretariat | The proposed EAC Joint Technical Committee composition will be considered and adopted during the 13th TCM. Subsequent the Secretariat will coordinate its activities. |  |
| Adoption of the option of a multilateral agreement for handling Regional Aircraft Accidents and Incidents Investigations | Waiting the adoption by the 13th TCM  Secretariat | The matter will be considered during the 13th TCM |  |
| The Secretariat to:  Convene a Meeting of the EAC UFIR Project Team to prepare the final report by end of October 2015; | Working Session of the EAC UFIR Project Team to prepare the final report.  Secretariat | EAC Secretariat convened the 11th Working Session of the EAC UFIR Follow on Study from 18th to 29th January 2016 during which the follow on study was reviewed and approved by the CNS ATM Sub Committee. |  |
| Convene an extra ordinary Meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities to consider the Final Report of the EAC UFIR Study by 15th November 2015; | Convene an Extra Ordinary meeting  Secretariat | The Extra Ordinary meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities was convened on 9th February, 2016 and adopted the final report of the EAC UFIR Study Attached as ***Annex VI*** to this report and recommended it for approval by the 13th TCM.  The Project will be implemented in two phases namely; Seamless (distributed) Operations (2016/2017 to 2020/2021) and the Centralized Operations Phase after successful performance evaluation of the seamless operations phase.  Tanzania to consult further and avail her position by 31st August 2016. |  |
| Coordinate the development of the roadmap for the implementation of the Air Transport Liberalization Regulations; | Convene the meeting of EAC Air Transport Sub Committee to develop the roadmap for the implementation of the regulations once they are adopted by the 12th TCM in June 2016 | The EAC Secretariat will coordinate the development of the roadmap once the regulations are adopted by the 13th TCM. |  |
| Propose a timeframe and activities plan, for consideration at the November, 2015 Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities, for the development of a draft multilateral agreement for handling Regional Accidents and Incidents Investigations. | Convene the EAC Experts meeting for handling the Aircraft Accidents and Incidents Investigations once the multilateral agreement option is adopted by the 13th TCM | The preparation of the draft multilateral agreement for handling Regional Aircraft Accidents and Incidents Investigations will commence in August 2016. Meanwhile the EAC Secretariat is coordinating the peer review of the Aviation Safety Performance among the Partner States through the working sessions of the Safety Management Systems Coordinators. |  |

**Brief on the Final Report of the EAC Upper Flight Information Region (EAC UFIR) Follow on Study**

The 2nd Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities held on 9th February 2016 considered the recommendations made by the Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Sub Committee on the EAC UFIR Follow on Study Final Report and noted that:

1. The EAC Follow on Study was successfully completed and is ready for consideration by the 13th Sectoral Council on Transport, Communications and Meteorology;
2. the Study Final Report reaffirmed DORs conclusion on the feasibility of the project and further on the sustainability of the lower airspace and took into account the UFIR airspace capacity requirements for Burundi and Rwanda;
3. the Project will be implemented in two phases namely; Seamless (distributed) Operations (2016/2017 to 2020/2021) and the Centralized Operations Phase after successful monitoring and performance evaluation of the first phase . Under the seamless operations Phase, Each Partner State will maintain and harmonize its infrastructure and operations with other Partner States to enable interoperability and seamlessness in line with the emerging trends of Global Air Navigation Plan through ICAO ASBU requirements and APIRG recommendations;
4. the findings of the benchmarking Mission to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of USA and Euro Control (which took place between 30th September and 8th October 2015) will be useful during the implementation of the project especially the linkage between the seamless phase of the UFIR and the centralized phase;

The EAC Secretariat convened the 1st Working Session of the Project Implementation from 15th to 17th June 2016 which developed a detailed Roadmap for the implementation of the Seamless operations Phase (2016-2021) and a Project’s annual Implementation Plan (2016-2017) highlighting the activities to be implemented both at Partner States level and at Regional level .

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

1. **took note of the implementation progress of the decisions and recommendations under the Civil Aviation and Airports Sub Sectors;**
2. **considered and approved:**
3. **the proposed EAC SAR Joint Technical Committee composed of the 5 National SAR Coordinators, one from each Partner State;**
4. **the option of a Multilateral Agreement for handling Aircraft Accidents and Incidents Investigations in the EAC; and**
5. **pursuant to (ii) above direct the Secretariat to develop a Draft Multilateral Agreement on the handling of Aircraft Accidents and Incidences in the region.**
6. **directed Kenya to avail her final position on Article 8(g) by end of August, 2016;**
7. **directed Tanzania to submit its comments on the EAC UFIR Follow on Study Draft Final Report by 31st August, 2016; and**
8. **directed the EAC Secretariat to convene:**
9. **the meeting of the EAC UFIR Coordination Working Group to consider the comments by end of September 2016; and**
10. **a meeting of the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airports Authorities and relevant officials of the Ministries responsible for Civil Aviation and EAC affairs to consider the final position of Kenya on Article 8(g) and report the outcome at the 14th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on TCM**
11. **MARITIME TRANSPORT**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
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| Partner States to take measures to strengthen enforcement of regulatory regime governing maritime transport in East African waterways; | Sensitization on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Amendment on container Weight Verification  Partner States and Secretariat convention | The Secretariat in collaboration with ISCOS carried out sensitization workshops on implementation of SOLAS Amendment regarding the requirement for weight verification for loaded export containers. The workshops were held in Mombasa on 14th – 16th Sept. 2015, Kigali on 25th -26th Jan. 2016 and Kampala on 28th – 29th Jan. 2016.  Partner States have embarked on implementation of SOLAS Amendment.  **Kenya** through the Maritime Regulator and the Port Operator KMA and KPA respectively has conducted sensitization in the region in Rwanda and Uganda where local guidelines to implement the SOLAS amendment have been shared to ensure that the implementing agencies Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA) and Ministry of Public Works Uganda can also benchmark on how to deal with exports emanating from their country.  KMA is also in the process of capturing the list of all certified service providers under Method 1 (with weighbridges) so that exporters within the region and wishing to use the Port of Mombasa can know where they can obtain the service if not procured in their country of origin.  KPA has also made the necessary preparations in readiness towards the cargo weight verification requirements for testing verified gross mass (VGM).  **Tanzania**  Mandatory implementation of SOLAS shall be effective on 1st July, 2016 with all containers to be verified and certified.  As of now, Regulations has been published in the Government Gazette. – GN No.: 197 of 17th June, 2016  Besides; selected Gross Mass Verifiers started trial implementation of the SOLAS requirements for weight verification from 15th February, 2016 by issuing hard-paper Gross Mass Certificates.  **Uganda:**  A new Maritime Department has been formed and will have a division which will capture this data so as to come up with mitigation measures. There are plans to send officers to train in maritime accident investigations at IMMSEA, which is one of IMO''s designated institutes to build capacity in developing countries.  **Rwanda**   * Rwanda complied with the SOLAS convention and is engaging the private sector * Rwanda has institutions in charge of maritime incidences; RURA and RNP * MININFRA is developing policies and strategies regarding maritime operations * Rwanda to provide a report on inventory of resources available for maritime SAR (search and rescue), upon request by Maritime rescue communication center (MRCC). * MRCC to give guidance   **Burundi**  A Maritime Authority was set up in 2012 and is in charge of this mandate. TMEA and AfDB studies have identified a number of capacity and technical gaps, which are planned to be addressed during implementation stages. |  |
| Partner States to facilitate and empower small maritime operators to make use of alternative and safer vessel construction technology like Aluminium and Glass-Reinforced Plastics(GRP); | Partner States to introduce safer vessel construction technologies  Partner States | **Kenya:**  Kenya through the maritime regulator KMA has undertaken a research on better watercraft construction techniques whose progress is on-going. Collaboration with JKUAT has been undertaken where the latter is researching on the appropriate materials.  **Tanzania:**  Introduction of safer vessel construction technology is ongoing.  Design and Documentation for Boat builders has been finalised.  Boat builders has been identified and awareness campaign meetings on standards of boat construction have been conducted to identified boat builders and boat owners.  **Uganda:**  Uganda has prepared EoI's for consultancy services for boat building standards for Inland Water Transport. The advertisement for the EOI will be published in the East African Gazette during the 2016/17 Financial Year |  |
| Partner States to enhance data collection of maritime incidents and accidents and strengthen their maritime accident investigative capabilities; | Data collection for maritime incidents and accidents enhanced  Partner States | **Kenya** through the Maritime Regulator KMA maintains records of all maritime incidences and accidents. The Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (RMRCC) managed by KMA is also the focal point where all incidences are reported and response coordinated from.  **Tanzania**  Maritime accidents database /information available hence continuously are strengthening their investigative capabilities.  **Uganda**  Uganda is in the process of establishing the bureau, EAC could provide further guidance on this.  **Burundi**  The Maritime incidents and accidents are investigated by the Maritime Authority supported by the National Navy in some circumstances. |  |
| Partner States to establish independent accidents investigation bureaus, as per the requirements of IMO; | Independent accidents investigation bureaus established  Partner States | Current incidences are investigated by the Maritime Authority, KMA. The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure is expected to however establish an independent Unit for Maritime casualty investigations.  **Tanzania**  Directorate of Maritime Safety and Security (DMSS) of SUMATRA) continuously conduct investigation as per Merchant Shipping Act.  **Uganda**  Uganda also in process of establishing a maritime institute to provide basic safety training for local fishermen. Uganda also preparing to accede to STCW 95 and already inspection of SOLAS vessels the Ministry emphasizes on the crew certifications. |  |
| Partner States to strengthen technical training for coxswains and crew of non-conventional vessels and ensure that every boat, vessel and ship leaving any port and landing site in EAC Region is properly manned and equipped with lifesaving appliances; | Training of vessel crew strengthened and safety of vessels enhanced  Partner States | **Kenya**  Kenya through the Maritime Regulator has developed a curriculum for coxswains. An institution in Kisumu, Kisumu Maritime Centre and Bandari College in Mombasa have been accredited to train coxswains under the curriculum.  The Maritime Regulator KMA is responsible for the inspection of the training institutions.  **Tanzania**  Tanzania has accredited FETA (Fisheries Education and Training Agency) to conduct Training for small vessels coxswains (it is a non-STCW course).  **Uganda**  SAR readiness is planned in the Multinational Lake Victoria Communication and Transport project to be financed by AfDB. |  |
| Partner States to conduct Inventory of resources available for Maritime SAR with a view to the establishment of Maritime Rescue Centres upon operationalization of the MRCC in Mwanza; | Inventory of SAR resources conducted  Partner States | **Kenya**  Kenya through the Maritime Regulator has set up a Sub-Centre in Lake Victoria in Kisumu which is expected to collaborate with the MRCC in Mwanza once operational.  It would be expected that Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) as the lead agency over maritime affairs in the Lake Victoria Region undertake the inventory of resources available for Maritime SAR in the Lake.  **Tanzania**  Centres received necessary equipment for operationalization of Search and Rescue functions from LVBC.  In the meantime, Design for an office facility to accommodate the operations is ongoing. SUMATRA is under way to install the received equipment at SUMATRA Office space in Mwanza.  The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) has offered a plot to EAC at Mwanza North Port for construction of a permanent MRCC office.  The process to transfer ownership of the plot to EAC from URT is under process  **Uganda**  Plans are being developed, will be ready by December 2016.  **Burundi**  The TMEA funded study on improving safety of navigation on Lake Tanganyika identified a number of required SAR interventions. Implementation awaits availability of funding. |  |
| EAC and Partner States to organize annual joint EAC SAR exercise starting with Mwanza to test readiness of the Mwanza MRCC by June 2016; | SAR exercises conducted  Secretariat, Partner States | EAC Mobilizing resources for the first SAR exercise in Mwanza  **Tanzania**  Draft SAR Act has been submitted to the Cabinet for deliberation subsequently forwarded to the Parliament for approval with the view to strengthen the implementation of existing SAR Plan. |  |
| Partner States which have not yet developed maritime rescue plans to develop them in line with International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manuals by December 2016; and | Maritime rescue plans developed  Partner States | **Kenya**  Kenya through the Maritime Regulator has developed maritime rescue plans in line with the IAMSAR.  **Tanzania**  Draft Maritime Rescue Plan (in line with IAMSAR Manual) has been developed and is awaiting approval.  **Uganda**  Plans are being developed, will be ready by December 2016.  **Burundi**  Study report on Safety available. Implementation of maritime rescue plans awaits availability of funding. |  |
| Direct Secretariat to mobilize resources for a Technical Assistant in the Maritime Sector. | Resources for maritime sector mobilized  Secretariat | The Secretariat in collaboration with LVBC submitted to NEPAD-IPPF a funding request for supporting the preparation of the East African Maritime Strategy and Lake Victoria Development Program. Within this request the Secretariat will seek the assistance of a Technical Assistant for the Maritime Desk. |  |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

**a) took note of the implementation progress of the decisions and recommendations under Maritime Transport sub sector; and**

**b) directed Partner States to expedite implementation of the SOLAS Amendment on container weight verification in view of the July, 2016 Deadline.**

1. **METEOROLOGY**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
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| Rwanda and Burundi to set up and operate at least one upper air station by December 2016; | Rwanda and Burundi to establish Upper air stations  Secretariat | **Rwanda** is in the process of procuring an upper air station to be installed in Kigali. Burundi has not yet established an upper air station |  |
| Burundi and Rwanda to establish dedicated direct telecommunication link with RTH-Nairobi to facilitate data exchange ( two way dedicated link) by December 2016; | Direct telecommunication link between Kigali, Bujumbura and Nairobi be established  Rwanda and Burundi | **Uganda** has already procured and installed the AMSS and it is already operational.  **Burundi** National Meteorological Service uses mobile phone to exchange data at national level. Burundi is in the Process to purchase and install adequate telecommunication system such as TRANMET an automatic switching System or VSAT in order to enhance data exchange at national and international levels.  **Rwanda**  Rwanda to purchase an Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) by December 2017. |  |
| EAC and NMHSs to develop a Weather and Climate communication/dissemination strategy in-line with the WMO Service Delivery Strategy that allows for feedback on effective uptake of weather and climate information by end users. | Dissemination and feedback  Secretariat, Partner States | **Uganda** National Meteorological Authority has finalized its Communication Strategy with a costed implementation plan.  **Tanzania** Meteorological Agency uses the Common Alert Protocol (CAP) as one of the tools of disseminating weather alerts as well as electronic and publishing media.  **Rwanda** has started making preparations of providing live weather presentations on public and private televisions.  Kenya has continued involving the media in dissemination of seasonal weather outlooks and advisories as well as any relevant weather information.  **Kenya** Meteorological Department has started disseminating weather information to media and other stakeholders via SMS and participation in the Participatory Scenario Planning (PSP) workshops at the County level.  **Burundi** uses the media to disseminate weather and climate information. All the NMHSs are currently developing National Strategic Plans (with guidance from WMO under the WISER Programme) and Communication of weather/climate information will be one of the outputs. |  |
| EAC Secretariat, with assistance of experts from Tanzania Meteorological Agency and Kenya Meteorological Service, to carry out technical missions to Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda Meteorological Services to assess the status of preparedness to meet the QMS certification, identify gaps and design a programme of implementation to enable the Partner States comply with the deadlines by March 31st 2016; | QMS in aeronautical meteorological services implemented in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda  Secretariat /Partner States | No missions were undertaken. However a meeting of Heads of MET was held in November 2015 and the following status captured:  **Rwanda** has appointed a Quality Assurance Manager and a steering team. Currently the operational manual is available awaiting for audit to be carried out which will be done in collaboration with Rwanda Standards Board on ISO 9001/2008.  **UNMA** has renewed its operational manuals and is expecting an internal audit by CAA-Uganda.  **Burundi** started the process of implementation of QMS late. However 2 members of staff got an ICAO training of trainers and training was extended to remaining personnel. QMS Implementation is ongoing.  The QMS manager and QMS team has been appointed,  QMS engagement letter has been signed by the Director and training conducted at all level (Top Management, Forecasters, Observers and some staffs from Air Navigation Service staffs);  The documentation (reference documents) was done and will be approved soon.  A workshop for the stakeholders in QMS, for the input from them has been done,  The training for internal audit is ongoing and there is plan for internal audit by the end of 2016.  Implementation of QMS in **Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda** is one of the key areas of support by the WISER programme and this will be guided/implemented by WMO. |  |
| Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda Meteorological Services to expedite implementation of QMS in Aeronautical Meteorological Services to meet ICAO’s requirement to improve service delivery in the aviation industry and to complete Competence Assessment of Aeronautical Meteorological Personnel (AMP) and submit the report to WMO. | Assessment of Aeronautical Meteorological Personnel (AMP) and report submitted to WMO.  Partner States | QMS Status as above.  **Burundi:**  Burundi has not undertaken Competence Assessment yet.  **Kenya:**  Competence test for aviation staff was carried out and at least 80% of the AMP were declared competent. The assessments were submitted to WMO as required.  **Rwanda:**  **C**ompetence assessments in line with ICAO requirements has not been carried out.  **Tanzania:**  TMA has completed the process of competence assessments and submitted her report to WMO in time.  **Uganda:**  All aeronautical meteorological staff have been assessed for Competence using the WMO Toolkit. |  |
| Kenya and Burundi to expedite their transformation from the main civil service to semi-autonomous Government Agencies and report progress at the next meeting of TCM. | Transformation of Burundi and Kenya meteorological services form government Departments into semi-Autonomous Government Agencies  Kenya and Burundi | **Kenya** Meteorological Department has not yet transformed into a semi-autonomous agency. A cabinet memo on transformation has already been drafted. Policy and Legal Frameworks are being prepared to accompany the Cabinet Memo during the presentation to the Cabinet.  **Burundi:**  Internal preliminary discussions on-going. |  |
| NMHSs of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania to sign the MoUs with ICPAC by 30th December 2015; | MoUs signed  Rwanda, Burundi and ICPAC | The MoU has already been considered and vetted by the Attorney General in **Tanzania**. However there is concern that the contribution required by ICPAC exceeds the contributions by the Government to other similar organizations.  URT requested EAC to negotiate with ICPAC on behalf of Partner States with a view of lowering the contributions to ICPAC before the MoUs are signed.  **Burundi** has not yet progressed the MoU issue.  **Rwanda**   * Rwanda has drafted an MoU with ICPAC which awaits inputs from legal entities. * Meteo Rwanda is to consult MINEAC, MINECOFIN and MINIJUST for guidance. |  |
| EAC and Partner States to identify existing NWP expertise available in the EAC and thereafter design and implement a training program to upgrade/ enhance NWP Capacities in the region; | Expertise identified and training program developed.  EAC, Partner States. | Consultations indicate that TMA and KMD have a critical mass of scientists in this area while little capacity is available in the other three Partner States.  **Rwanda**   * Rwanda has had preliminary training in LINUX and ready to cooperate with both TMA and KMD. * KOICA will soon provide an expert to be attached to Meteo Rwanda initially for one year * EAC plans to host a meeting of the Task Force in August 2016 to develop the training programme. |  |
| Partner States to develop their National Meteorological Data Policies taking cognizance of the EAC Meteorological Data Policy by June 2016; | National Meteorological Data Policies developed  Partner States | Partner States are implementing the EAC Meteorological Data Policy. At the same time they are developing National Strategic Plans which will detail action plans with regard to national meteorological data issues. The National Strategic Plans will be in place by September 2016.  **Rwanda**  Rwanda has a Draft Strategic Plan to be updated using UK Met Office expert through WISER Project  The National Strategic Plans will be in place by September 2016 |  |
| Partner States to continue supporting Meteorological Data Rescue and Digitization so that all meteorological data is rescued and digitized by December 2016 | Meteorological data rescue and digitization undertaken  Partner States | National Meteorological Services in the EAC are undertaking data rescue using Partner States resources as well as development Partners. |  |
| Partner States to facilitate NMHSs to implement and sustain RANET programme as one of the tools for enhancing Community Climate Services (CCS) within the vulnerable rural communities in support of poverty reduction and to build resilience of the communities to cope with and adapt to the extreme impacts of climate variability and change. | RANET programme implemented and sustained.  Partner States | **Kenya** Meteorological Service has so far established six (6) Community FM Radio stations and three more stations are expected to be opened. |  |
|  | **Rwanda**   * Rwanda is utilizing community radio to disseminating weather information. * RANET in Rwanda has never operated because the expert who was once sent to Rwanda never set it successfully.   **Uganda**  RANET in is not operational. However, the Meteorological Authority is planning to establish Rural Climate Information Centers using the Local Government structures as access points for weather and climate information for farmers and Local Government Authorities.  **Tanzania**  TMA is making use of Community FM Radios, TVs, Newspapers and Social Media to disseminate weather and climate information to the rural Communities. |  |

**Brief on the Weather and Climate Infrastructure Services for Africa (WISER) Programme:**

The Heads of Meteorological and Hydrological Services of the Partner States, EAC Secretariat, WMO, UK Met office, and DFID held a meeting in Arusha on 4th – 6th May, 2016 to consider implementation of the Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) Programme. WISER is a 4 Year pan-African programme (£10 million) focusing on improvement of the governance and enabling environment for weather and climate services. This will predominantly be achieved through support to the Africa Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and through them to the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO);

WISER would also support a regional programme (£25 million) focusing on the Lake Victoria Basin and surrounding region (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) aimed at improving the quality and relevance of weather and climate information and supporting its uptake and use. It is envisaged that this regional initiative would provide a ‘proof of concept’ to inform the development of other regional initiatives in potential subsequent phases. Operational recommendations were also made with regard to the implementation of the WISER Programme.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

* + - * 1. **took note:**

1. **of the implementation progress of the decisions and recommendations under Meteorology sub sector;**
2. **that the Protocol on Cooperation on Meteorological Services was signed at the 33rd Council of Ministers meeting held on 22nd – 27th February 2016 in Arusha;**
   * + - 1. **directed:**
3. **Partner States to fast track the ratification of the Protocol in (a) (ii) above taking into account the Summit Directive on the time frame of 6 months for the ratification of Protocols signed at the EAC level;**
4. **the Secretariat to organize a Video Conference between Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and ICPAC to finalize the MoU between the Partner States and ICPAC by 31st July 2016; and**
5. **the Secretariat and Partner States to embrace and support implementation of the WISER Programme funded by the UK Government by setting aside counterpart resources (personnel, coordination, and time) to ensure the desired outcomes of the Programme.**
6. **the Secretariat in collaboration with WMO to assist Burundi undertake the competence assessment evaluation on the provision of Aeronautical Meteorological services by end of September 2016.**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The Republic of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania to complete implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework as Directed by the Summit and report progress at the 33rd Council in November, 2015 | Burundi and Tanzania to implement the EAC Roaming Framework  Republic of Burundi and United Republic of Tanzania | Tanzania reported that amendments to the tele-traffic monitoring regulations, which will allow implementation of the Framework, will be finalized by September 2016. The amended regulations will accommodate the outcomes of a market study undertaken from December 2015- June 2016.  **Burundi** reported that an assessment of required facilities and processes is underway and a report shall be submitted to relevant authorities by December 2016, during next year’s budget discussions. |  |
| Consider and adopt the recommendations and work plan for addressing the issues identified during the field mission on the implementation of broadband ICT infrastructure | Activities in the Work plan implemented | Implementation awaits adoption of the Work-Plan |  |
| Consider and approve the Terms of Reference for EAC Cross-border Interconnections Regulations | Terms of Reference for Cross-border Interconnections Regulations adopted | The EU, through the African Union Commission is ready to support the development of the Regulations. AUC is in the process of procuring a consultant to develop the draft regulations |  |
| Reiterate its earlier directive to Partner States that have not ratified the Geneva 2006 Agreement on Digital Migration to do so | Geneva 2006 Agreement on Digital Migration ratified | Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda have ratified. Kenya reported that the ratification process is at the Parliamentary stage, where relevant documents have been submitted. |  |
| Reiterate its directive to the Secretariat to convene a meeting of ministers responsible for ICT to consider the implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework by mid-November, 2015 in Arusha | Meeting of Ministers responsible for ICT convened | Due to lack of sufficient funds, no ministerial level meeting was convened. Instead, a meeting of the Committee of ICT Regulators was convened in November 2015 to review the implementation of the Framework |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to:  coordinate the development of the EAC Cross-border Interconnections Regulations | Coordinate the development of the EAC Cross-border Interconnections Regulations | Upon approval of the ToRs for the Regulations by the Sectoral Council, Secretariat will commence the coordination. Meanwhile, the EU, through the African Union Commission, is ready to support the development of the Regulations |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to consolidate comments on the EAC Electronic Transactions Bill (2014) and, thereafter, advise the Council accordingly; | Consolidation of the comments on the EAC Transactions Bill | Partner States comments were captured during the public hearings carried out by EALA with the participation of the EAC. The Bill was passed by EALA in October 2015. |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to refer the issue of prioritization and harmonization of the implementation of National Postal Addressing systems to the Technical Committee on Postal Services | Refer to the Technical Committee on Postal Services the matter of harmonization of implementation of National Addressing Systems | Upon adoption of the Report by the Sectoral Council, the matter will be referred to the next meeting of the Technical Committee |  |
| Direct the Secretariat to schedule an additional TCM dedicated to matters under Communications within the EAC Annual Calendar of Activities | Extra-ordinary meeting of TCM scheduled in the Calendar of Activities | An additional TCM dedicated to Communications will be proposed for 1st quarter, 2017 in the January – June 2017 Calendar of activities. |  |

# Brief on priority projects

# Implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework:

The 5th Meeting of the Committee of Heads of Communications Regulatory Authorities (‘the Committee’) was held from 2nd – 4th November, 2015 in Arusha. The Committee received and reviewed status reports on the implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework.

Highlights of the status reports were as follows:

1. The Republics of Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda have fully implemented the Framework, on a reciprocal basis. The United Republic of Tanzania was in the process of finalizing the regulations that would allow the implementation of the Framework. In the Republic of Burundi, the Framework would be implemented after an assessment of the financial impacts and enacting relevant legislation;
2. Challenges encountered included delays in putting in place national laws and regulations to accommodate the Framework; traffic refiling and illegal termination of traffic, and abuse of the Framework by mobile roamers;
3. In the Republic of Uganda, the implementation of the monitoring equipment for traffic refiling, fraud and other illegal termination of telecommunications traffic was being handled by security agencies;
4. The Republic of Kenya provided summary statistics of an assessment of Kenya’s implementation of the Framework with respect to Rwanda and Uganda. The statistics showed overall increases of about 500% in mobile roaming traffic and 300% in international direct dialling traffic; and
5. The Secretariat reported that withdrawal of funding by a development partner caused a delay in conducting a study to develop a long term solution for mobile roaming charges.

The Committee:

1. Reiterated that the overall objective of the EAC Roaming Framework is to advance the EAC integration agenda, and its social and economic benefits. Hence it is important to propose recommendations that can see the region realize this objective within the confines of each Partner States’ laws;
2. Noted the need to ensure that the commitments on implementation of the Framework are time bound;
3. Noted that traffic refiling and illegal termination of telecommunications traffic is a serious problem, at the national, regional and international levels. Therefore, Partner States need to put in place deliberate and concerted measures to combat this problem;
4. Admitted that risk of abuse of the Framework by roaming subscribers exists, hence the need to put in place commensurate measures to mitigate the risk, including the implementation of a Fair Use Policy;
5. Noted that sharing of inter-operator interconnection agreements by regulators is one way of cooperation in combating illegal termination of traffic. Further, the meeting recommended that EAC develops a harmonized framework for inter-operator interconnection agreements to ensure that there are specific provisions that outlaw illegal termination of traffic.
6. Noted the need for harmonized statistics for monitoring the implementation of the Roaming Framework.

Since the 5th meeting of the Committee, the Secretariat has developed a draft Fair Use Policy, a draft harmonized principles for inter-operator interconnection agreements, and draft list of statistical indicators for monitoring mobile roaming. The draft documents have been shared with Partner States for comments and will be presented for consideration at the 6th Meeting of the Committee.

# ICT Conformity and Interoperability Assessments in EAC Partner States

In April – May 2015, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) conducted a study to establish the status of conformity assessment of ICT products in EAC Partner States. Conformity assessment of industrial products against applicable standards assures the safety and utility of the products. A stakeholder validation workshop for the study was conducted in October 2015 in Nairobi. The study found that, whereas legal and institutional frameworks for conformity assessment exist among EAC Partner States, the ICT conformity assessment regime is generally weak. Therefore, the validation workshop recommended that EAC establishes a Task Force to implement activities aimed at strengthening the ICT conformity assessments regime.

The Secretariat has since developed the draft Concept Paper and Terms of Reference for the Task Force. The draft Terms of Reference will be submitted to the 6th Meeting of the Committee of Regulators for consideration, and thereafter to the 14th Meeting of Sectoral Council on TCM for consideration and adoption.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

* 1. **took note of the status of:**

**(i) implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework;**

1. **implementation of ICT Conformity Assessment programme within the EAC;**
   1. **directed Partner States to:**
2. **fast-track the implementation of the EAC Roaming Framework;**
3. **fast-track the implementation of systems for the detection, monitoring illegal and fraudulent activities and ensure regional collaboration in combating traffic refiling through sharing information and joint participation in enforcement activities; and**
   1. **directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of experts to conclude the following documents:-**
   2. **Fair Use Policy;**
   3. **list of statistical indicators for monitoring mobile roaming; and**
   4. **harmonized principles in respect of Interconnection Agreements to ensure fair and transparent interconnection**
   5. **reiterated its directive to Partner States to complete the delayed ratification of the EAC Protocol on ICT Networks taking into account the Summit Directive on the timeframe of 6 months for the ratification of Protocols signed at the EAC level;**
   6. **directed the Secretariat to:**
   7. **prioritise the harmonization of the implementation of National Postal Addressing Systems in the Partner States; and**
   8. **convene an additional TCM dedicated to Communications by February 2017.**
4. **AGREEMENTS AND MOUs BETWEEN EAC AND COOPERATING PARTNERS**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Approve that the Secretariat negotiates and signs a MoU with the East African Federation of Engineers Associations to deepen the cooperation between the two parties. | Awaits a Council Decision.  Secretariat | Will commence preparations upon adoption of the recommendation by the 13th TCM Sectoral Council. |  |

**Brief on Collaboration with EACO:**

During the period under review, EAC and EACO undertook the following activities in furtherance of the cooperation MOU:

1. EAC and EACO jointly facilitated both the undertaking and subsequent stakeholder validation of the ITU study in ICT Conformity and Interoperability Assessments in EAC. Following the study and stakeholder validation, EAC is in the process of establishing a Task Force to spearhead the strengthening of ICT Conformity Assessments in the region;
2. EAC Secretariat participated in the 23rd Meeting of the EACO Assemblies, held from 20th – 24th June 2016 in Kigali. Relevant outcomes of the meeting will be submitted to relevant technical committees for consideration and further submission to the Sectoral Council; and
3. EACO reported on the announcement of candidature of persons from EAC Partner States to Positions in International Organizations and endorsed by the EACO Members:
4. Amb. Bishar Hussein, Kenya’s candidate who is seeking re-election to the post of Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) (position due for elections in October, 2016;
5. Mr Patrick Masambu, Uganda’s candidate for the position of Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (ITSO) (position due for elections in October 2016; and
6. Uganda and Kenya are both seeking re-election to the Council of Administration of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) for the period 2016-2020 as well as re-election to the Council of Administration of UPU

The meeting is requested to note the above candidature announcements and recommend to the TCM Sectoral Council of Ministers to support these candidates.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

1. **took note of the reported progress in the cooperation between EACO and EAC; and**
2. **directed Partner States to support:**
3. **Amb. Bishar Hussein, Kenya’s candidate who is seeking re-election to the post of Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU);**
4. **Mr Patrick Masambu, Uganda’s candidate for the position of Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation(ITSO); and**
5. **Uganda and Kenya both seeking re-election to the Council of Administration of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) for the period 2016-2020 as well as re-election to the Council of Administration of UPU**
6. **approved that the Secretariat negotiates and signs a MoU with the East African Federation of Engineers Associations to deepen the cooperation between the two parties;**
7. **directed the Secretariat to:**
8. **submit the proposed names, Kenya and Uganda bids in (b) above to the Ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs for further processing through the EAC coordinating Ministries; and**
9. **share with Partner States the draft MoU with the East African Federation of Engineers Associations for comments before signing it.**

1. **3RD RETREAT OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Direct the Secretariat to commence preparations for the 4th EAC Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing in the 2nd Quarter of 2016. | Commencement of preparations  Secretariat | The Secretariat has commenced preparations internally for the Retreat. A draft concept note has been shared with Partner States and is annexed as  Once the Sectoral Council approves the establishment of the Technical Working Group, its meetings to prepare the 4th Retreat will be scheduled. |  |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM took note that the preparations for the 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure and Financing have commenced.**

1. **COMESA-EAC-SADC TRIPARTITE COOPERATION**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The Secretariat to:  ensure that the Working Group of experts is involved in the implementation of the Tripartite activities; | Involvement of Working Groups  Secretariat | The involvement of Working Groups in the Tripartite activities will be determined by the budget availability. In terms of the EAC budget prospects, it will not be possible to involve experts in all the activities. The Secretariat commits to engage Partner States experts through detailed briefings during the EAC relevant meetings. However, involvement of experts at policy organs meetings of the Tripartite is mandatory as at that level decisions are made. |  |
| The Secretariat circulates the documentation from the Tripartite studies to Partner States for review before the Working Group meetings | Sharing documents  EAC Secretariat | Relevant documents will be shared when available. |  |
| The Secretariat convenes an experts meeting to review the outcomes and the documentation under the Tripartite Cross Border Road Transport Regulations and Standards to come up with EAC position | Convening of the Meeting  EAC Secretariat | The meeting on the Tripartite Cross Border Road Transport Regulations and Standards was not held due to budgetary constraints. The Secretariat will host a Video Conference on the same in July 2016. |  |

**TCM Deliberations:**

The meeting agreed on the need for EAC to have common positions on proposed tripartite instruments, legal and regulatory frameworks, in order to have a common position a tripartite level.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM took note that:**

* + - * 1. **budgetary constraints under the Tripartite activities limit the full involvement of the Working Group of experts in the implementation of the Tripartite activities;**
        2. **the Secretariat proposes to use the Video Conference facilities more intensely to overcome the budgetary constraints and engage the Working Group of experts;**
        3. **in line with b) above, the Tripartite Cross Border Road Transport Regulations and Standards Meeting will be hosted via a Video Conference in July 2016.**

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EAC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION AGENCY**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The Sectoral Coordination Committee recommends to the Sectoral Council on TCM to take note that the execution of the Study on the establishment of the Infrastructure Coordination Agency awaits the conclusion of the Institutional Review and mobilisation of resources in 2016/17 FY. | Execution of the Study.  EAC Secretariat | Awaits the conclusion of the Institutional Review of the Community. |  |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM took note that the Study on the establishment of the Infrastructure Coordination Agency awaits the conclusion of the Institutional Review and mobilisation of resources in 2016/17 FY.**

1. **EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PRIVATELY FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, 2009**

| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Direct the Secretariat to convene in the 1st quarter of 2016 the meeting of the multi-sectoral experts to review the comments on the Bill. | Convening of the multi-sectoral Experts Meeting  Secretariat | A VC Meeting will be held in July, 2016 to address the comments. |  |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM took note that a VC Meeting will be held in July, 2016 to address the comments on the EAC Privately Funded Infrastructure Bill, 2009**

**4.0 THE 4th RETREAT OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING**

* 1. **Background**
     1. The 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing is planned for Dar es Salaam, in November, 2016. The 3rd HOS Retreat held on 29th November, 2014 in Nairobi set the infrastructure priorities for the region to be implemented within a period of 10 years. The 4th Retreat is being convened at a time when major infrastructure projects have transitioned from conception phase to implementation. Nonetheless, infrastructure gaps in the region remain wide and therefore, the continued support from Heads of State on the rapid realisation of the remaining priority projects is necessary, hence the 4th Retreat.
     2. During the 4th Retreat, the Heads of State will review the implementation status of the priority projects, their directives, mobilization of financing for the projects that require financing and the implementation of the resolutions proposed to address the challenges observed at the 3rd Retreat.
     3. The Heads of State Retreat will be targeting key priority projects in railways, ports and inland waterways, energy and connecting roads prioritized to decongest the cities and enhance ports logistics. Likewise, as agreed during the 3rd Retreat, the 4th Retreat is expected to receive a report on the projects and programs of the civil aviation and airports sub sectors. Further, the Heads of State will consider the strategies being developed to engage with the private sector in the development of these projects, the enhanced collaboration with the development partners (in particular African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Programme for Infrastructure Development for Africa (PIDA); the World Bank, the EU, JICA and TMEA among others.
     4. The HoS will, therefore, be looking for concise documentation on progress on the implementation of the key flagship projects with clear recommendations to add pace to the development of regional infrastructure.
  2. **Vision**

The vision of the Partner States and the Heads of State that the Retreat will be addressing itself to is:

1. Development of quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure and quicker delivery of the same, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all;
2. The rapid enhancement of transport efficiency in the EAC through the development of interconnected multimodal transport systems (rail, road, pipelines, inland waterways, airports and seaports among others), which would result in the reduction of transportation costs and times as well as improved movement of goods, services and persons;
3. The development of reliable and interconnected power grids to facilitate the necessary industrial development of the region through the availability of reliable and cost-effective power supply as a prerequisite for attracting investments and sustaining industries; and
4. The realisation of the necessary financing, legal frameworks, political underpinnings, and regional coordination capacities to fast track the priority infrastructure projects for the region.
   1. **Implementation Status of the Directives of the 3RD Heads of State Retreat Infrastructure Development and Financing held on Nairobi on November, 29th 2014.**

The Matrix below summarises the implementation status of the Heads of State Directives arising from the 3rd Retreat.

| **S/N** | **Heads of State Directive** | **Follow up by the Council and Secretariat** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Endorsed the 10-year Investment Strategy for Priority Regional Projects and directed the Council to mobilize resources for its implementation and report progress at the 4th Retreat of the Heads of State. | The Final Report of the 4th Heads of State Retreat is under print. A copy of the Report is attached to this Concept Note as **Annex VII**  *The update on the comprehensive implementation of the Strategy will be tabled at the TCM and Partner States are requested to avail inputs.* |
| 2 | Endorsed the report on Intermodal Transport Strategy and directed the Secretariat and Partner States to collaborate in expediting its implementation in consultation with the World Bank and other development partners. | 1. Implementation has been packaged into a program for Integrated Corridor Development in EAC Countries comprising of (i) Lake Victoria Transport Project, (ii) Lake Tanganyika Transport Project (iii) Capacity building interventions (iv) Restoring and strengthening of the physical infrastructure for ports and surface transport system. Project identification phase for the Lake Victoria Transport Project has been concluded and Aide Memoir prepared between the World Bank and Partner States. 2. EAC and World Bank organized two roundtable meetings with Development Partners to mobilise funding for the Intermodal Strategy and the other Heads of State priority infrastructure projects. The meetings were held in Dar es Salaam on 13th March 2015 and Paris on 9th June 2015.Apart from the commitment from the World Bank for US$ 1.2 billion, the program has generated considerable interest from other Development Partners including the European Union and DFID which have committed to provide US$ 25 and US$ 30 million respectively. Efforts are underway to mobilise more resources. 3. The provisional amounts for supporting identified projects under the Integrated Corridor Development includes US$ 5 million to EAC and LVBC, US$ 124.5 million for Uganda, US$ 334 million for Tanzania, US$ 159 million for Rwanda, US$ 38 million for Kenya and US$ 39.4 million for preparatory work for phase II projects – Lake Tanganyika Transport Project |
| 3 | Fast-track the development of requisite regional capacities to support the implementation of the priority infrastructure projects and programmes | 1. EAC has signed an MoU with NEPAD for capacity building to enable effective implementation of the PIDA projects and other regional programmes. The support will be in the form of Technical Assistance and training of EAC officials in infrastructure skills; 2. Partner States have also made substantial investments in training of requisite personnel in specialized fields of infrastructure development, including Standard Gauge Railways, Power Generation and Transmission and Oil and Gas exploration and exploitation; and 3. The study on the establishment of an EAC Infrastructure Coordination Agency awaits the completion of the internal Institutional Review of the whole Community. The Institutional Review has taken long to be concluded and as such, the study on the Agency remains in abeyance. |
| 4 | Engage bilateral and multilateral cooperating partners to mobilize technical and financial support for project preparations and implementation | 1. EAC and World Bank organized two roundtable meetings with Development Partners to mobilise funding for the intermodal and HoS priority projects. The meetings were held in Dar es Salaam on 13th March 2015 and Paris on 9th June 2015. 2. The Secretariat secured funding from NEPAD-IPPF/AfDB for studies for two multinational road projects. 3. EAC and AfDB held Technical Planning Meeting where several infrastructure projects were identified for inclusion in the new EA RISP 2017-2021 4. Uganda is expected to sign a Financing Agreement with Exim Bank of China on SGR by November, 2016. |
| 5 | Hold annual briefing roundtables for infrastructure investors and financiers focusing on mobilising the requisite resources over the next ten years estimated at US$ 100 billion, for the implementation of the priority infrastructure projects and programmes and to highlight investment opportunities; | 1. EAC and World Bank organized two roundtable meetings with Development Partners to mobilise funding for the Intermodal Strategy and other Heads of State Infrastructure priorities; and 2. A planned Ministerial Mission to China in September, 2015 collapsed due to lack of representation at Ministerial levels. The Mission is now planned for the 1st week of October, 2016. |
| 7 | Consider the establishment, of regional centres of excellence for infrastructure and transport skills development in order to enhance regional capacities in railways, ports, oil and gas, power generation and transmission and contract negotiations and management; | 1. The Secretariat has prepared a detailed Concept Note for the establishment of the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) (appended as ***Annex VIII***. 2. Consultations have been made with international cooperating partners including World Bank, AfDB, TMEA, Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada etc.) in an effort to mobilise resources for the CoEs. 3. The World Bank has indicated interest in supporting the project. The project proposal on CoE will be presented to the Regional Technical Committee on Centres of Excellence of the World Bank for consideration. 4. A meeting between EAC and the Marine Institute of Canada to consider the maritime transport and port components of the proposed CoEs was held on 23rd June 2016. Consultations are ongoing to identify areas of collaboration between EAC Maritime Institutions and the Canadian Institute 5. DFID has set aside US$ 2 million for Maritime Training and Employment Generation in EAC. The funds are expected to be made available in July 2016 for project preparation and execution by the WB. 6. Partner States have been requested to nominate prospective centres of excellence in the infrastructure subsectors and submit the names to the Secretariat by 30th June 2013 |
| 8 | Expedite implementation of the framework for harmonized EAC roaming charges, including the removal of surcharges for international telecommunications traffic originating and terminating within the EAC by 15th July, 2015. | Kenya Uganda Rwanda and now Republic of South Sudan are implementing the framework.  **Tanzania:**  The process of amending the Telecommunications Regulations is ongoing and is expected to be finalized by September, 2016.  **Burundi:**  The Framework will be implemented after an assessment of the financial impacts and enacting relevant legislation. Report expected by December 2016. |
| 9 | The Summit agreed that the 4th Retreat receives a report on the projects and programmes of the civil aviation and airports sub-sectors. | 1. The priority projects and Programmes to be presented including the establishment of the EAC Upper Flight Information Region, The liberalization of Air Transport services and the EAC Airports Priority Projects are progressing well and the summary reports will be presented at the 13th meeting of the TCM |

* 1. **Implementation Status of the Priority Projects and Programmes**

The detailed matrix of the Heads of State priority infrastructure projects as approved during the 3rd Retreat is appended to this report as ***Annex IX***. In the meantime, Partner States are requested to update the status of the projects and programmes that they are implementing directly.

* 1. **Short Consultancy**

In order to hold an effective, issues-oriented and engaging presentation for the Heads of States in November 2016, the EAC Secretariat will be approaching the African Development Bank (AfDB), People’s Republic of China, the World Bank and the TradeMark Eastern Africa (TMEA) for various supports to develop the required documentation and hosting of the Retreat.

The requested support will be targeting short term consultancies by consultants with proven understanding of regional dynamics (in particular projects implementation, financing, capacity development and addressing missing legal structures) in infrastructure development and importantly towards production of updated status of the priority projects.

All the above mentioned consultancies are expected to be completed by end of September 2016.

**Deliverables:**

1. Presentations for the Meeting of the Working Group and Stakeholders at the Validation Workshops;
2. Status of Implementation of the Priority Projects, Programmes and Directives of the 3rd Heads of State Retreat;
3. Video and Maps; and
4. A presentation template for the 4th Heads of State Retreat.
   1. **Proposed Program for the Preparations of the 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Retreat**

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| S/N | Activity | Timeline | Responsible |
| 1 | Sharing of the matrix of HoS projects and Intermodal projects for updates by Partner States | Done and inputs expected from the Partner States at the 13th meeting of the TCM in June 2016 | EAC Secretariat |
| 2 | Engagement of the Consultant to coordinate project updates and preparation of the status report for both Heads of State priority projects and Intermodal Strategy projects. Period of engagement (August –November 2016) | July 2016 | EAC Secretariat and TMEA/AfDB/WB |
| 3 | Convening of the Working Group to commence preparation and documentation for the Retreat | 27th – 29th July, 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Partner States |
| 4 | Convene a Joint Technical Committee of Finance and Infrastructure including Energy experts to review the proposals on mobilization of resources and prioritization of projects. | September 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Partner States |
| 4 | Extra-ordinary Multisectoral Ministers Meeting of TCM, Finance, Communications, East African Community Affairs/Cooperation to review the documentation *(including the possibility of a donors roundtable after the Ministers meeting to commit to the projects)* | 18th – 20th October, 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Partner States |
| 5 | Resource Mobilization for hosting the 4th Retreat | July – Oct 2016 | EAC Secretariat, Partner States and Development Partners |
| 6 | Sending out invitations, identification of the venue, finalisation of the budget *(a 4th Heads of State Retreat Portal will be established by late August, 2016 to enable stakeholders track the progress in its preparations and early registration)* | October 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Working Group |
| 7 | TCM Meeting to review final documentation and preparations for the Retreat | 2nd week of November 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Partner States |
| 8 | Ordinary Council Meeting to approve the final documentation | 3rd to 4th Week of November 2016 | EAC Secretariat and Partner States |
| 9 | 4th EAC Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing | 29th November 2016 | All |

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

* + - 1. **took note of the status of implementation of projects and programmes prioritised by the Heads of State;**
      2. **approved the roadmap for the preparation of the 4th Heads of State Retreat on Infrastructure Development and Financing for implementation;**
      3. **directed the Secretariat to:**

1. **commence and finalise the preparations for the 4th Retreat in the 1st Quarter of FY 2016/2017; and**
2. **commence mobilisation of resources to support the hosting of the Retreat.**

# REPORT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT AGENCY (CASSOA)

This is the Agency’s Report on its activities since the 12th TCM meeting held in September, 2015.

* 1. **Implementation of the Decisions of the 12th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on TCM**

| **Directive** | **Description** | **Key Performance Indicator** | **Status of implementation** | **Status Code** |
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| EAC/TCM 11/Directive 41 | The Sectoral Council reiterated its earlier directive that Republic of Uganda expedites the transfer of the land title from CAA (U) to the Agency for Plot 41/43 Circular Road Entebbe where CASSOA headquarters is located; | Land title transferred form CAA(U) the Agency | The Agency is coordinating with the MEACA (U) and the Uganda Land Commission to expedite on the transfer of the Land Title from CAA into CASSOA's names. Title is expected to be issued before end of 2016 |  |
| EAC/TCM 11/Directive 42 | The Sectoral Council reiterated its earlier directive that the EAC Secretariat and Uganda expedite the amendment of Article IX of the Headquarters Agreement for hosting CASSOA as necessary; | Article 1X amended | The Agency is coordinating with the Secretariat Legal department to effect the amendment of the Host Agreement Article IX |  |
| EAC/TCM 11/Directive 43 | The Sectoral Council reiterated its earlier directive that the Republic of Kenya avails to CASSOA the questions to boost the EAC aviation examination databank ; | Level of adherence | The Republic of Kenya submitted its aviation question bank to CASSOA on 8th Aug 2014 |  |
| EAC/TCM 11/Directive 44 | The Sectoral Council directed the Secretariat to convene a joint meeting in July, 2014 of Permanent and Principal Secretaries responsible for Aviation together with Board members of CASSOA to discuss the issue of funding the Agency and to report to the 4th Extraordinary Sectoral Council on TCM scheduled for September, 2014. | Joint Meeting Convened and reported | The Secretariat convened the joint Meeting of Permanent/ Principal Secretaries of EAC responsible for aviation together with Board members, however, due to unavailability of some of the PSs the Meeting was rescheduled till a further date. The Secretariat is yet to reconvene the same Meeting |  |
| EAC/TCM 11/Directive 45 | The Sectoral Council directed the Secretariat to initiate amendments to the CASSOA Protocol to address institutional management issues, among others and report to the 12th Sectoral Council on TCM in November, 2014. | Amendments initiated and reported | The Agency is coordinating with the Secretariat Legal department to effect the amendment of the Protocol to address the institutional governance instruments |  |

* 1. **Implementation of the Decisions of the 12th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on TCM**

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| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| The Republic of Kenya to expedite the process towards permanent hosting for the Centre for Aviation Medicine in Nairobi.  CASSOA to forward the Strategic Plan 2015-2020 to Partner States for review and subsequent consideration by the Heads of Civil Aviation and Airport Authorities at their next meeting in November, 2015. | 1. Kenya to expedite the hosting process   Kenya and CASSOA   1. Submission of the Strategic Plan | 1. A joint meeting between KCAA, CASSOA, MEACA (Kenya), Attorney General’s Chambers, Kenya Ministry of Transport was held in Nairobi on 21st March 2016 to review the Host Seat Agreement. A conclusive joint meeting shall be convened on 22nd June 2016 in Entebbe 2. The Strategic Plan was submitted to the Heads of CAA & AA on 16th November 2015 and was revised as recommended by the 12th TCM. The same was submitted to the 33rd Council of Ministers and thereafter approved. |  |

* 1. **CASSOA Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020**

CASSOA developed its second 5-Year Strategic Plan for the planning period 2015 – 2020 and presented it to the 12th Sectoral Council on TCM in September 2015. Following consideration of the draft Strategic Plan, the 12th TCM at Coordination level directed that the Agency presents the same to the stakeholders for consultations and thereafter to the Heads of CAA and Airports Authorities meeting scheduled in November 2015 in order to consider the stakeholders’ comments and revise the section on the funding options.

After consideration by the Heads of CAA and Airports Authorities, the Agency was to submit the draft final Strategic Plan to the TCM for consideration and recommendation to Council for approval. However, due to the electoral process in the United Republic of Tanzania, the scheduled 12th Sectoral Council on TCM (Ministerial session) and the 33rd Ordinary Council of Ministers meetings scheduled in November 2015 were postponed to a later date.

In a bid to avert a serious audit finding of expenditure on activities without an approved Strategic Plan, the Agency was compelled to present the draft final Strategic Plan to the 33rd Council of Ministers meeting held on 29th February 2016 where it was considered and approved for implementation.

* 1. **Revision of Rules of Procedure of CASSOA Board**

CASSOA made revisions to the *Rules of Procedure for the Board.* The following areas were revised:

1. Any CASSOA official activity or function undertaken by Board members to be considered as a Board activity attracting payment of a sitting allowance as approved by the Board;
2. Insertion of proposed Board Member entitlements in Rule 9;
3. Revision of the Board sitting allowance from the current $300 upwards to $400; and
4. Revision of the subsistence allowance for Aviation Experts Board Members of $300 upwards to $400 per night

The revised Rules of Procedure were approved by the Board at its 10th extra-ordinary meeting held on 2nd September, 2015 in accordance with article 8 (5) of the CASSOA Protocol, and presented to the 12th Sectoral Council on TCM in September 2015 were they were approved for implementation**.**

* 1. **Recertification of Air Operators in the region to the harmonised Regulations.**

The Recertification of Air Operators within the EAC Region is progressing. Rwanda CAA completed the recertification of Rwandair. CASSOA worked closely with TCAA in order to complete the recertification of Precision Air by November 2015.

Following a technical mission by CASSOA to KCAA, it was reported that Kenya Airways is at Phase 4 of the recertification process, i.e. the demonstration phase where the operator proves capability of carrying out operations under certain circumstances on the given routes. CASSOA is closely working with KCAA in order to complete the recertification of KCAA by 30th November 2016.

The Certification of Air Burundi is currently at Phase two (submission and evaluation of documents) with the assistance of CASSOA.

* 1. **ICAO Audits Implementation**

CASSOA continues to assist the Partner States of CAAs in the implementation of their Corrective Action Plans, following the Joint Legal/Flight Safety Standards Experts Working Group Meeting that the Agency convened in June 2015 in order to draw up a harmonised Corrective Action Plan that shall address the common findings across the board.

The Agency assisted the Partner States of Kenya and Tanzania in their preparations to undergo the ICAO aviation security continuous monitoring approach audits (USAP CMA) slated from 7th – 14th September 2015 for United Republic of Tanzania and 17th – 24th September 2015 for the Republic of Kenya.

* 1. **Technical Activities carried out by CASSOA from July 2014 to May 2016**

1. *Development of the EAC Aviation Examination system*

The Agency has persistently developed the EAC Examination System in the region by validating the availed examination questions from Republics of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania and put in place security levels to protect the questions from proliferation. The Examination System shall enable the common personnel licensing of the aviation experts within the region as a precursor to the implementation of Movement of Labour as stipulated in the Common Market Protocol.

Based on the current status, the Agency boasts of the computerised examination system with a database of 15,850 questions whose value is in the region of USD 1,268,000. The full operationalisation of the EAC civil aviation examination system is not far from realization with the roll out expected at the end of September 2015.

The examination system is yet to get populated with questions in the categories of Air Traffic Control (ATC), Flight Operations officers, and Ground instructors. The Agency has successfully formulated the draft ATC syllabus and the roadmap for its implementation. Both the draft ATC syllabus and Roadmap are undergoing review by the Partner States’ CAAs and ATC stakeholders for comments. Upon completion, EAC will be the first region in the world to have developed an ATC examination syllabus.

1. *Sharing of Technical Resources*

The Agency continued to coordinate the sharing of technical resources among the Partner States as a priority in order to mitigate the prevailing shortage of technical expertise. The implementation of the scheme produced significant effect in the recertification of air operators (Air Uganda and Precision Air) and preparations for the ICAO USAP CMA for the Partner States of Kenya and Tanzania.

The Agency, the Partner States’ CAAs, and ICAO ESAF are currently assisting the Republic of Burundi in the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan to address the 2013 Audit findings and the possibility of certifying the Chinese made aircraft MA60. The Agency also coordinated the sharing of technical resources in March 2016 to evaluate the necessary works on the aerodrome movement areas and construction of a new Air Traffic Control tower at Bujumbura International Airport.

* 1. **Harmonisation and Implementation of the Harmonised Aviation Regulations and Technical Guidance Materials**

The Agency has continued to revise, formulate and develop Civil Aviation Regulations and Technical Guidance Materials as mandated. During the period under review, the Agency amended the following regulations for promulgation by the Partner States following the adoption of the ICAO amendments:

1. Air Navigation Services Regulations 2014
2. Aircraft Registration and Markings Regulations 2014
3. Approved Training Organisations Regulations 2014
4. Air Operator Certification and Administration Regulations 2014
5. Instrument and Equipment Regulations 2014
6. Safety Management System Regulations 2014
7. Aviation Security Regulations 2016
8. Aerodrome and Ground Aids Regulations 2016
9. Operation of Aircraft Regulations 2016
10. Airworthiness Regulation 2016
11. Personnel Licensing Regulations 2016
12. EAC Model Manual of Air Navigation Services Standards, 2014
13. EAC Model Manual of Aerodrome Standards, 2014
    1. **Fact Finding Mission to East African Civil Aviation Academy in Soroti**

In 1967, the East African Authority Presidents of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda agreed to establish the East African Civil Aviation Flying School at Soroti, in Uganda, following the latter’s offer of the premises to host the school. The institution was duly built at Soroti Airfield and admitted the first students in September 1971. The main objective of setting up the school was to transfer aviation skills from the expatriate staff to pre-independence and immediate post-independence indigenous people to meet the manpower demands of the regional aviation industry, mainly that of the regional airline; East African Airways. Secondly, the school was meant to save foreign exchange lost through salary repatriation by foreign workers. During its prime days, the Soroti Flying School was an acclaimed global training centre for aviation technical personnel.

Unfortunately, currently the East African Civil Aviation Academy (EACAA) as the school is now called, is yet to complete the recognition process to become an ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Member which will open up its opportunities to the international community. This achievement would enable graduates of the Academy to be waived from the requirement to be evaluated or have their certificates validated by members of TRAINAIR Plus. In the recent past, there have been negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the EAC to return the Aviation Academy (EACAA) to the EAC as one of its specialised Institutions per the Treaty. These proposals have come from EALA and the Government of Uganda. Following these calls, the Secretary General Amb. Richard Sezibera and CASSOA on 25th April 2015 made a fact-finding mission to Soroti in order to assess the viability of such a move in view of the legal, economic and the current aviation dynamics in the region.

The outcome of the mission was that the EACAA is a going concern and therefore it would be viable to return it back to the EAC as an autonomous institution. Upon re-instatement to the EAC, the school will have access to funds from the EAC Development Partners. However, the academy must be run as an autonomous institution of the EAC in order to benefit from the restructuring.

The Secretary General wrote a proposal to the Republic of Uganda to this effect and the latter is expected to give a response by the 34th Council of Ministers.

The EAC Secretariat is to bring up for consideration at the next meeting of the Aviation Training Sub Committee the fate of the other former EAC Aviation Institutions in Kenya and Tanzania in line with the steps being taken for the East African Civil Aviation Academy in Soroti.

* 1. **Co-operation with International Civil Aviation Organisations**
  2. **The ICAO Africa – Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Week Activities**

The Agency participated in the Africa – Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Week activities in Maputo, Mozambique, which included an Aviation Security and Facilitation (SECFAL) meeting was held on 18th - 21st May 2015. The ICAO Secretary General appointed EAC CASSOA as a member of the SECFAL Steering Committee which convenes twice a year, once in one of the Member African States and twice in Montreal, Canada. Through side meetings CASSOA got the opportunity to network with a number of international civil aviation organisations that could play significant roles in its endeavours to implement its mandate and strategic plan.

The Agency was represented by the ED CASSOA at the ICAO Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa held in Windhoek, Namibia from 4th to 8th April 2016 where he presented a paper on *Regional Aviation Security Mechanism: East African Community Experience*.

* 1. **ICAO Symposium on Loss of Control in Flight**

The Loss of Control in Flight (LOC-I) is one of the latest aviation threat phenomenon in the world today. Therefore, reducing LOC-I is a global aviation safety priority of ICAO and other aviation professional organizations. For this purpose, the ICAO Eastern and Southern Africa regional office in coordination with Kenya Civil Aviation Authority organized a dedicated symposium on LOC-I from 22nd – 24th June 2015, in Nairobi, Kenya. CASSOA was invited to make a presentation on LOC-I during this important symposium During the symposium, it was evident that the Contracting States have to emphasize the need to both review the syllabus and carry out a training needs assessment for pilots.

* 1. **Centre for Aviation Medicine and Relocation to Host State Status**

The Centre for Aviation Medicine (CAM) carried out a number of activities during the period under review, notable among which were the following:

* + 1. The development of measures for prevention and containment of the EBOLA virus spread in the region;
    2. Technical Mission to Rwanda CAA in order to perform the activities of an Aviation Medical Assessor to close the gaps identified in the previous ICAO audits and CASSOA Technical Missions;
    3. Participation in the ICAO-WHO training on the prevention and management of public health events in the aviation and public health personnel that was held in the East African School of Aviation, Nairobi, Kenya from 13th – 17th April 2015. This training was to provide a multi-sector/multi-stakeholder framework for strengthening capacity in the public health and aviation sectors to prevent, rapidly detect and timely respond to cases of a serious communicable disease outbreak including EVD, related to air transport;
    4. Co-hosting the EAC Regional Designated Aviation Medical Examiners and Medical Assessors Refresher training workshop with KCAA in Nairobi, Kenya;
    5. Developing an EAC-CASSOA Centre for Aviation Medicine Handbook for Civil Aviation Medical Examiners;
    6. Participation in the Consultative meeting for the Draft EAC HIV and AIDS Policy (2015); and
    7. Continual review and update of the medical aspects of the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations.

Some EAC Partner States have been found to have no **PUBLIC HEALTH CONTIGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS** for prevention of the spread of communicable disease through air travel at their international airports and aerodromes. There is an urgent need to have them put in place. The CASSOA CAM can play a pivotal role in development and implementation of these plans. This can only be done with a fully functioning CAM that is housed in a permanent home.

During the 13th TCM meeting it was reported that the hosting negotiations which are ongoing between Kenya, the EAC Secretariat and CASSOA were expected to be concluded on 22nd June 2016. However due to the fact that Kenya is hosting a unit of an EAC Institution, the final conclusion of the Headquarter seat Agreement. This matter is expected to be concluded by 31st July 2016.

* 1. **Challenges**

1. **Inadequate Technical Staffing**

The Agency still continues to have insufficient technical experts to execute its current mandate and fulfil other objectives and functions as stipulated in the Protocol establishing CASSOA. This has primarily been due to both the misconception on the mandate of CASSOA by some stakeholders, and the lack of attracting remuneration and terms of services compounded by general lack of technical experts in the regions and beyond. Most notable of these are experts with competencies in the Flight Operations discipline.

The Agency needs to progressively grow from a basic structure to that as recommended by ICAO for Regional Safety Oversight Organisations in ICAO Doc. 9734 Part B. The Agency organisation structure should be corporate governance oriented but not fund availability driven. Therefore, there is need to implement the seven (07) fiduciary pillars of corporate governance for the efficient running of the Agency.

1. **Inadequate Funding**

The current funding mechanism that predominantly relies on contributions from Partner States CAAs has limitations, is not sustainable and is inadequate to satisfactorily support the planned activities of the Agency. Consultations to adopt an alternative sustainable funding mechanism as stipulated in both the 1st and 2nd Agency Strategic Plans have been inconclusive for a long time. It is imperative that a suitable funding mechanism is adopted to sustain the survival of the Agency and also maintain the Self-Accounting status of the Institution.

1. **Alignment of Governance Instruments**

It has been realised that several governance instruments need alignment to address the anomalies that noted therein. Notable of these are:

1. The lack of generation of funds by Agency to warranty the Self accounting status as stipulated in the protocol;
2. Conflicting provisions in the Treaty, EAC CASSOA Act and Protocol on the Establishment of CASSOA as regards the process of approval of the budget of the Agency.

The Agency is working with the EAC Secretariat to address this challenge.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

* + - * 1. **took note of :**

1. **CASSOA activities undertaken during the period September, 2015 to May 2016;**
2. **the progress by the Republic of Kenya to conclude the process of permanent hosting for the Centre for Aviation Medicine in Nairobi;**
   * + - 1. **directed the Secretariat:**
3. **to convene the joint meeting with the Partner States’ Permanent/Principal Secretaries responsible for Aviation, Finance and EAC Affairs to deliberate on the CASSOA issues;**
4. **to finalize the harmonization of the governance instruments of CASSOA**
   * + - 1. **directed CASSOA to coordinate with KCAA in order to complete the recertification process of Kenya Airways by 30th November 2016; and**
         2. **directed the Republic of Uganda to expedite the process of returning of East African Civil Aviation Academy (Soroti) to the EAC as one of its specialised institutions and report at the 14th TCM.**

# REPORT ON LAKE VICTORIA MARITIME TRANSPORT, SAFETY AND SECURITY MATTERS

**Implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 12th Sectoral Council on TCM**

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| **Decision/ Directive/ Recommendation** | **Follow Up Action / Action Party** | **Implementation Status and time frame** | **Status Code** |
| Partner States and LVBC Secretariat to conclude the negotiations for the Multinational Lake Victoria Communications and Transport Project by end of October, 2015 | Conclusion of the Negotiations.  Partner States and LVBC. | So far country specific discussions have been held in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania to address some of the pending issues.  An updated project appraisal report is in place and negotiations are planned to commence in September, 2016 following confirmation by Kenya to the Bank on its readiness for negotiations. |  |
| EAC Secretariat in coordination with the LVBC to convene a meeting of experts to commence the review process of the Lake Victoria Transport Act, 2007 to extend its application to other navigable inland waterways in the region. | Convening of the experts Meeting  EAC Secretariat and LVBC | Meeting not yet convened due to budgetary reasons. It is expected that this component will be facilitated under the soft components of the Intermodal Transport Strategy commencing in August, 2016. The Commission will also consider sourcing funding from the Multinational Maritime Transport and Communication Project once it is finalized. |  |

**TCM Deliberations**

The Meeting was informed that the Technical Meeting of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania was held on 28-29 September, 2015 in Kampala. This meeting prepared a roadmap and action plan towards concluding the negotiations with the African Development Bank. This included the revision and updating of the Project Appraisal Report (PAR) based on the agreed joint and national priority activities to be implemented under the project.

Based on the above understanding, the Bank immediately made a follow up meeting with the Government of Uganda to clarify the issues raised by the Partner States during the meeting.

A follow appraisal mission by the Bank was mounted between 2nd -13th November 2015 to update the Project Appraisal Report (PAR) and individual Aide Memoires were signed with respective governments (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania). Details of the costing were established for both the jointly and nationally implemented activities. Follow up missions were undertaken by the Bank’s experts to assess the procurement and financial management capacities of project’s National Executing Agencies Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA,) Ministry of Works Uganda).

The PAR was updated accordingly and circulated to Partner States (participating in the project) in April, 2016 for comments.  A follow up letter was sent in April, 2016 to request for an official approval of the PAR. Uganda and Tanzania responded positively to move on to the next stage of negotiations.  Kenya is yet to send a confirmation letter to the Bank on the negotiations. Kenya reported that the Treasury was processing the required letter and requested for two weeks to conclude on the letter.

The Bank has however indicated to LVBC that it has received a letter from the Ministry of Finance Uganda indicating that Uganda would wish to expand the scope of the project coverage in Uganda ( from 6 to 12 SARs). In addition, the Government indicated that it would wish to do away with the PIU. The Bank is looking into the matter and will officially respond to the Government of Uganda. Participating Countries and EAC need to give guidance on the matter as it changes the basic agreed design of the project.

**Decisions / Directives:**

**The Sectoral Council on TCM:**

* + - 1. **took note of the obtaining delay in conclusion of the negotiations between Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania on the one hand and AfDB;**
      2. **decided that:**

1. **the Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communication and Transport Project be implemented as currently scoped and designed;**
2. **any additional expansion of scope for the current project be negotiated separately with the Bank as successor project subsequent to the commencement of the current project;**
   * + 1. **directed Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to complete the negotiations with the Bank for this project by end of September, 2016;**
       2. **directed LVBC in collaboration with EAC Secretariat to convene a meeting of the technical Experts to review any outstanding technical issues on the current project before the negotiating teams convene by end of July, 2016; and**
       3. **convened the negotiation meeting with the Bank by end of August, 2016.**

# CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE 12TH SECTORAL COUNCIL ON TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND METEOROLOGY (TCM) HELD UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE PERMANENT / PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES ON 21ST TO 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

The meeting of the TCM noted that the 12th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communications and Meteorology (TCM) was held up to the level of the Permanent/Principal Secretaries’ session on 24th September, 2015. Further, that the session of the Hon. Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries could not be held immediately after due to lack of quorum then as a result of the ongoing Tanzanian General Elections. The meeting further noted that attempts to hold a Video Conference to host the Ministerial session were unsuccessful, due to various reasons including the General Elections in Uganda.

The meeting appreciated that the Council of Ministers at its 33rd Meeting held on 29th February 2016, handled the four policy related matters in the report of the Permanent / Principal Secretaries – the issues of the Regulations for the EAC Vehicle Load Control and the One Stop Border Post Acts and the signing of the Protocol on Cooperation in Meteorological Services, the 2nd CASSOA Strategic Plan and further that most of the operational recommendations had been substantially implemented as highlighted in the implementation matrices in this report for the respective sectors.

The Sectoral Council, therefore:

1. **took note of the report of the meeting of the 12th TCM at Permanent/Principal Secretaries level; and**
2. **adopted the recommendations therein for implementation.**

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters.

**Signed at Arusha by the Leaders of Delegation, this 30th day of June, 2016**

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