



THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE 24TH EACO CONGRESS

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- 1) Adoption of the EACO HR Manual Articles review of 3.6(i), 4.4(a) and (b), 4.5(b) and 6.7.
- 2) Adoption of The Rules of Procedure for EACO Organs
- 3) Adoption of the reviewed Article 9, of the EACO Constitution
- 4) Adoption of the update report of EACO's application to become an institution of the East African Community (EAC), which is on-going.
- 5) The contract of the Executive Secretary of EACO, Dr. Ally Simba, has been renewed for the 2nd term, for the next four years, commencing 1st August 2021.
- 6) Regulators to continue encouraging Operators in their respective countries to participate in EACO activities, especially in working group meetings, workshops, and also pay their membership fees and sign the EACO Constitution.
- 7) Regulators and Operators to continue encouraging their staff to participate in EACO activities especially in trainings, workshops and working group and committees meetings.
- 8) The Secretariat to facilitate physical meetings and trainings for the finalization of the Working groups & Committees activities, since certain activities are better achieved with such interactions.
- 9) Member States to facilitate regular attendance of the same officers to attending the Working groups and Committee meetings for consistency and continuity.

- 10) Regulators and Operators to appoint staff who are experts on specific subjects being handled by Working Groups and Committees for easy execution of the strategic activities.
- 11) NRA's to implement the Congress Decision of increment of annual membership fees of 150,000 USD
- 12) NRA's uptake of the Capacity Building Programs as support to boost EACO's revenue.
- 13) Member States to actively participate in WRC-23 preparation meetings, and also in WTSA and WTDC meetings
- 14) Cross border Frequency coordination requires full participation of both Regulators, broadcasters and mobile operators
- 15) Develop Regulation of Internet based/ online media platforms regulation for the East African region to maintain broadcasting ethics
- 16) Secretariat to facilitate presentation of accomplished Regulatory Frameworks from EACO to the EAC to promote awareness to policy makers within East African region
- 17) Member States to develop a regional Space Agency at East African region level
- 18) Promote the development and deployment of DSB as a EAC region to promote conducive regulatory environment
- 19) Research on market survey of digital radio receiver availability and benchmark with other countries
- 20) Member States to focus on Cyber security
- 21) Collaboration and sensitization in regard to introduction of Digital Sound Broadcasting (DSB)
- 22) Application of KIGALI TODAY LTD from RWANDA, as an Associate Member of EACO was adopted.
- 23) Adoption of two new Members from SOUTH SUDAN, namely; SOUTH SUDAN MEDIA AUTHORITY and DIGITEL HOLDINGS LTD

24) The following documents were adopted and endorsed from the work of the Working Groups

- a. Regulatory framework for introducing digital sound broadcasting (DSB) within EACO member states
- b. Migration Plan for adoption of conditional access module (CAM) and deploy terrestrial television (DTT) receivers in East Africa
- c. Harmonized framework for authorization of Earth Stations in Motions (ESIMS) based on the updated outcomes of WRC-19
- d. Project Concept Paper for EACO Cubesat Project and a proposal for a regional broadcasting satellite for East Africa
- e. A toolkit for Universal Access and Service Toolkit and Digital Inclusion strategies
- f. Infrastructure Sharing Guideline
- g. Model Guideline on DNSSEC deployment
- h. Services identified that need to be harmonized
- i. Guideline on allocation of Network Colour Codes
- j. Costing methodologies for telecommunications services
- k. A Model guideline on transition from IPv4 to IPv6

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