

**REPORT OF THE 1ST EACO WRC-23
PREPARATORY MEETING HELD
ONLINE**

12TH NOVEMBER 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

The East African Communications Organization (EACO) held the 1st WRC-23 preparatory meeting on 12th November 2020 online. The objective of the meeting was to receive progress update on how the East African region is preparing for the WRC-23 conference. The meeting was opened by the chairman Mr. Andrew Kisaka.

2. ATTENDANCE OF THE MEETING

Participants attended the meeting from the six (6) EACO Administrations namely, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda and the EACO Secretariat representative. Attendance list is contained in **Annex 1**.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The bureau for the meeting was as follows:

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| 1. Mr. Andrew Kisaka | Chairperson –Tanzania |
| 2. Mr. Zamba Leonel | First Rapporteur – South Sudan |
| 3. Ms. Sarah Kabahuma | Second Rapporteur – Secretariat |

The agenda as proposed by the chair was adopted and is shown in **Annex 2**.

4. COMMUNIUCATION FOM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed the participants from the member states to the meeting and briefed them on the meeting agenda. He expressed thanks to the EACO members for attending the meeting and for always actively participating in WRC preparations. He also extended thanks to the industry partners for a great collaboration with EACO.

5. INPUT FROM INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Presentation were provided by the industry partners. The presentations are input document as follows:

- i. Input 1: Facebook
- ii. Input 2: PIP (Hibs)
- iii. Input 3: PIP (6Ghz)
- iv. Input 4: Iridium
- v. Input 5: ESOA
- vi. Input 6: GSMA

The documents can be accessed via: <http://eaco.int/wrc-23/index.php>

6. HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF EACH CHAPTER AND PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FROM THE COUNTRY COORDINATORS.

The coordinators gave a presentation of the preparation and update on of each agenda item under the respective working groups as follows:

- i. WG 1A (Wako Gababo _ KEN)
- ii. WG 1 B (Eurald Gakwandi_ RWA)
- iii. WG 2 (Stella Banyenza _TZA)
- iv. WG 3 (George Kasangaki _UGA)
- v. WG 4A (Zamba Leonel _SSD)
- vi. WG 4B (Georges Kwizera _RWA)
- vii. WG 5 (Peter Ngige_Kenya)

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7. WAY FORWARD

The following were noted and agreed:

Noted 1: EACO could initiate studies that were pertinent to the region.

Noted 2: Industry partners were willing to work with EACO in handling identified study areas.

Agreed 1: The process to initiate studies would be as follows:

- i. The EACO WRC-23 Coordinators would identify Agenda Items for studies
- ii. A concept paper would be prepared on the identified agenda items for study based on but not limited to: scope, work plan, resources, key contributors, value add, methodology
- iii. The EACO Secretariat would share the concept paper all administrations
- iv. The Coordinators would initiate the study

Agreed 2: Concept papers would be availed by 26th November 2020.

8. A.O.B AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The following were discussed:

- i. EACO WG5 was developing a document on Strategy of Spectrum release and 5G roadmap. The draft would be shared to members for comments and inputs by December 2020.
- ii. There was an upcoming workshop on **Wi-Fi 6E in Delivering Wireless Broadband Connectivity** scheduled for 1st December 2020. Members were encouraged to attend.
- iii. The next meeting for WRC-23 Preparatory meeting would be scheduled for February 2021. The EACO secretariat would communicate the exact date.

9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The chair thanked the members and the industry partners for the great and active participation during the meeting

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 13:00 PM EAT.

Annex 1: Attendance



Annex 1_List of
Participants.docx

Annex 2: Agenda



AGENDA for EACO
WRC-23 online meeti