

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

25TH EACO CONGRESS AND 28TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES

26TH - 30TH JUNE 2023

ROYAL PALACE HOTEL

BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI

THEME: "Enabling connection of the unconnected in the East African Region"

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STRUCTURE OF THE 25TH EACO CONGRESS WEEK

DAY1: MONDAY, 26 th June 2023	DAY2: TUESDAY, 27 June 2023	DAY3: WEDNESDAY, 28 June 2023	DAY4: THURSDAY, 29 June 2023	DAY5: FRIDAY, 30 June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Ceremony of the EACO Congress Week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building & Knowledge Sharing • Meetings of EACO Committees and Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HRC ○ LCAC ○ FARMC ○ WG1 ○ WG2 ○ WG3 ○ WG4 ○ WG5 ○ WG6 ○ WG7 	28 th Annual Assemblies Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Assembly • Telecom Assembly • Broadcasting Assembly • Postal Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32nd EACO Executive Committee (EXCOM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Opening of the 25th EACO Congress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of the Cross Border Frequencies Coordination Agreements 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Joint Working Committee(JWC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of East Africa Communications Sector statistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders' Dialogue on topical issues in the Communication sector 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-Level Round Table 	

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DAY 1 : MONDAY, 26 TH JUNE 2023	
08:00 - 09:00 CAT	Arrival and registration
OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE CONGRESS WEEK	
09:00 – 10:00 CAT	Master of Ceremony, Eng Apollinaire, ARCT Welcome Remarks by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Ally Simba, Executive Secretary, EACO 2. Dr Samuel Muhizi, Director General, ARCT 3. Eng. Patrick Baganizi, Director General, RURA & Chairman, EACO 4. Guest of Honour, Hon. Leocadie Ndacayisaba, Minister of Communication, Information Technology & Media, Republic of Burundi
10:00 – 10:45 CAT	<i>Signing of the Cross Border Frequencies Coordination Agreement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of National Regulatory Authorities of the EAC Partner States
10:45 – 11:00 CAT	Photo session
11:00 – 11:30 CAT	Coffee Break
STAKEHOLDERS’ DIALOGUE ON TOPICAL ISSUES IN THE COMMUNICATION SECTOR (SESSION 1,2 & 3)	
11:30 – 13:00 CAT	Stakeholders’ Dialogue (Session 1) Theme: The role of policy and regulatory frameworks in bridging the Connectivity gap in the Region Moderator: Rita Zaramba Sekadde - Manager Litigation and Prosecution-UCC, Vice-Chairperson of EACO Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee Panellists <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eng. Daniel Obam, Special Advisor, Policy and Regulatory Affairs for Sub-Saharan Africa, Huawei

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Eng. Mabe Emmanuel Michael, SG, Universal Services Fund, South Sudan 3. Ms. Justina Mashiba, CEO, Universal Communications Service Access fund -Tanzania 4. Eng. Donatien Manirampa, Innovation and Project Manager, Burundi Backbone System (BBS) 5. Ms Beata Mukangabo, General Manager Corporate and Legal Affairs, RURA
13:00 – 14:00 CAT	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00 CAT	<p>Stakeholders' Dialogue (Session 2)</p> <p>Theme: Interventions by mobile and satellite industry as well as Wi-Fi in bridging the connectivity gap in the region</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Eng. Andrew Kisaka, Manager Broadcasting Services-TCRA, Chairperson EACO WG5</p> <p>Special Presentation:</p> <p>Dr. Haruo Okamura, President, Global Plan Inc., Japan Developer, Broadband Infrastructure for Rural Area Digitalization (BIRD) solution</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fargani Tambeayuk, Head of Connectivity Policy for Africa at Meta • Mr. Marius Engelbrecht, Senior Strategy Consultant Southern Africa Region Public Relations Department, Huawei • Georges Kwizera, Chief Technical Officer, Rwanda Space Agency • Mr. Linden Petzer, Senior Advisor, GSOA • Ms Fiona Asonga, CEO, Technology Service Providers Association of Kenya- TESPOK
16:00-17:30 CAT	<p>Stakeholders' Dialogue (Session 3)</p> <p>Theme: Digitalization of Postal Services & Rural connectivity</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Darius Muhwezi, Uganda Post Limited, Chairperson of EACO WG4</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Gbadeyan, Gride Code Technology: "Connecting The Unconnected Using Digital Addressing Technology"

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Pacifique Munyeshongore, DG, Régie Nationale des Postes (RNP), Burundi 2. Ms. Joan Toroitich, General Manager/Operations, Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK), Kenya 3. Mr. Célestin Kayitare, DG, Rwanda National Post Office (NPO) 4. Mr. Joseph Molefe Mathibe, Executive Director, JMAT
17:30-18:00 CAT	Coffee Break and wrap up
18.00 CAT	Dinner Hosted by HUAWEI at the Vunue
DAY 2 : Tuesday, 27th June 2023	
9:00 - 10:00 CAT	<p>Capacity Building & Knowledge Sharing Session</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Erasmo Mbilinyi, TCRA, Chairperson of Human Resource Committee (HRC)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Béatrice Léuwe Fotso, Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions (SPIDER) • Presentation on Mobile financial services by Arnold Kibuuka, ITU Project Officer • Presentation on E-waste Regulatory Development and Data Harmonisation by Rosie McDonald, ITU
10:00- 10:30 CAT	Coffee Break
10:30 - 17:30 CAT	<p>Committees and Working Groups meeting (Morning & Afternoon sessions)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Human Resource Committee (HRC) ii) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (LCAC) iii) Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting (FARMC) iv) WG01: Communications sector Indicators Harmonisation v) WG02: ICT Infrastructure Development, Connectivity, Sharing and Digital Inclusion. vi) WG03: ICT Applications, Consumer Protection Issues and Cyber security vii) WG04: Postal and Courier Service Development and regulations viii) WG05: Broadcasting Development, Spectrum Management & Media Services Regulations ix) WG06: Communications Numbering Plans, IP Addressing, Service Pricing & Industry Analysis

	x) WG07: e-waste Management and Green ICTs
DAY 3 : Wednesday, 28th June 2023	
08:00 - 09:00 CAT	Arrival and registration
28th Annual Assembly Meetings (Part 1 & Part 2)	
09:00 – 10:00 CAT	Moderator Welcome Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ally Simba, Executive Secretary, EACO • Eng Patrick Baganizi, Director General, RURA and Chairman of EACO
10:00 – 10:30 CAT	Coffee Break
10:30 - 17:00 CAT	Break-out sessions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assembly of Regulators b) Assembly of Postal Operators c) Assembly of Telecom Operators d) Assembly of Broadcasting Operators
DAY 4 : Thursday, 29th June 2023	
09:00 - 13:00 CAT	32 nd Executive Committee (EXCOM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of EXCOM
13:00 - 14:00 CAT	Lunch Break
14:00 - 17:30 CAT	Joint Working Committee (All Assemblies in a plenary session)
DAY 5 : Friday, 30th June 2023	
08:00 - 09:00 CAT	Arrival and registration
09:00 - 10:00 CAT	Welcome Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ally Simba, Executive Secretary, EACO • Mr Mutua Muthusi, Representative of Secretary General, UPU • Dr Samuel Muhizi, Director General, ARCT • Eng. Patrick Baganizi, Chairman, EACO • Guest of Honor
10:00 - 11:00 CAT	Launch of East Africa Regional Communications Sector statistics Presenters: Ice Breaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Data Protection in the Connected World - Ms. Immaculate Kassait, MBS, Data Commissioner, Kenya EACO Data Bank Project:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Presentation on the EACO Data bank - Ms Juliette Nirera, Chairperson, EACO Databank Project <p>Launch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest of Honor
11:00 - 11:10 CAT	Group Photo Session
11:10 - 11:30 CAT	Coffee Break
High-Level Roundtable on “Enabling connection of the unconnected in the East African Region”	
11:30 - 13:00 CAT	<p>Moderator: Mr. William Baraza, Director of AFRALTI</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <p>Ms Christine Sund, Representative of the Director, ITU Regional Office for Africa</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mutua Muthusi, Representative of Secretary General, UPU Ms. Jessica Uwera, Assistant Secretary General, PAPU Mr. Kezias Mwale, Radiocommunications Coordinator, Representative of Secretary General, ATU Dr. Jabiri Kuwe Bakari, Director General, TCRA- Tanzania Mr Ezra Chiloba, Director General, CA- Kenya Eng. Irene Kaggwa Sewankambo, Executive Director, UCC- Uganda Mr. N. Adok Gai, Director General, NCA-South Sudan
13:00 - 14:00 CAT	Lunch Break
14:00 - 14:30 CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the Agenda of the 25th EACO Congress Election of the Bureau Report of the Chairperson of the 24th EACO Congress Handover of the Chairmanship for EACO
14:30 - 15:30 CAT	<p>Presentations of Reports, for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EACO Audited Financial Statements by Chairperson of FARMC Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee by Chairperson of LCAC Human Resource Committee by Chairperson of HRC Assembly of Regulators by Chairperson of Regulatory Assembly Assembly of Telecom Operators by Chairperson of Telecom Assembly Assembly of Broadcasting Operators by Chairperson of Broadcasting Assembly Assembly of Postal Operators by Chairperson of Postal Assembly Joint Working Committee by Chairman of EACO

15:30 - 16:30 CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciations: Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of Committees & Working Groups (All)• Consideration of Applications for Membership to EACO• Date and Venue of the 26th EACO Congress• Adoption of the Summary of the Decisions of the 25th EACO Congress• Final Communique• Closing
16:30 - 17:00 CAT	Coffee Break and Wrap up