25th EACO Congress & 28th Annual Assemblies

DAY 1 Programme, Monday, 26th 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: 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	*Signing of the Cross Border Frequencies Coordination Agreement* • **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**

	1. **Eng. Daniel Obam**, Special Advisor, Policy and Regulatory Affairs for Sub-Saharan Africa, Huawei 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	**Stakeholders' Dialogue (Session 2)** **Theme: Interventions by mobile and satellite industry as well as Wi-Fi in bridging the connectivity gap in the region** **Moderator:** **Eng. Andrew Kisaka,** Manager Broadcasting Services-TCRA**,** Chairperson EACO WG5 **Special Presentation:** 　　　**Dr. Haruo Okamura,** President, Global Plan Inc., Japan 　　　Developer, Broadband Infrastructure for Rural Area Digitalization (BIRD) solution **Panellists:** • **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	**Stakeholders' Dialogue (Session 3**) **Theme: Digitalization of Postal Services & Rural connectivity**

	Moderator: **Mr. Darius Muhwezi,** Uganda Post Limited**,** Chairperson of EACO WG4 **Presentation:** • **Victor Gbadeyan,** Gride Code Technology: "Connecting The Unconnected Using Digital Addressing Technology" **Panellists:** 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**