**7TH EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE AWARENESS CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE EAST AFRICAN REGION**

***THEME “: ‘ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN EAST AFRICA: EMBRACING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY’.***

**PROGRAMME**: **DATE: 24TH - 26TH MARCH 2025, SAROVA PANAFRIC HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA**

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|  **Day 1: Monday 24th March 2025** |
| **​EAST AFRICA (KENYA) TIME: EAT****08:00 - 09:00 AM** | ​Arrival of Guests and Registration |
| **09:00 – 10:30 AM****(Opening Session 1)** | Introductory Remarks – **Dr. Ally Simba,** Executive Secretary, East African Communications Organisation |
| **Emmanuel Ndorimana –** Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Burundi |
| **Mamo B Mamo, EBS**, Director General, of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) |
| Stanley Kamanguya, OGW- Chief Executive Officer, ICT Authority |
| **Mr. David Mugonyi, EBS** – Director General/CEO Communications Authority of Kenya |
| **Ms. Mary Mungai, CBS** – Chairperson of the Board, Communications Authority of Kenya |
| **Eng. John Tanui, MBS, Principal Secretary - State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy**Ministry of Information, Communications & the Digital Economy |
| **Hon. William Kabogo**Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications & The Digital Economy |
| **HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE : Moderator – Ms. Sarah Njau, GFS East Africa****Panelists - Ministers or Permanent/Principal Secretaries of Ministries of Environment and ICT from the EAC region and CEO’s** To give a high-level summary of e-waste management strategies, policy and regulatory framework in their respective countries |
| **Keynote Speech****Federico Magalini, Director Sustainability, dss+****Boniface Mbithi, CEO, WEEE CENTRE, KENYA** |
| **GROUP PHOTO** |
| ​**​10:30 – 11:00 AM** | ​**Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **11:00 – 11:15AM** | **SESSION 2: PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES OF EACO’S WG 07: E-WASTE MANAGEMENT AND GREEN ICTs****Presenter:** **Ms. Anita Hodari** -Chairperson of EACO Working Group 07 on E-waste Management and Green ICTs |
| **11:10 – 13:00 PM** | **SESSION 3: MILESTONES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - COUNTRY STATUS****Moderator:** **Mr**. **Juma Ooro** - Member – EACO Working Group 07 **Discussants****1. Beatrice Msenga:** Vice President Office (VPO),TanzaniaCountry status in the implementation of EACO E-waste Management Strategy in Tanzania**2. Emmanuel Ndorimana – Ministry of Environment,** BurundiCountry status in the implementation of EACO E-waste Management Strategy in Burundi**3. Dr. Ayub Macharia –** NEMA (Kenya)Country status in the implementation of EACO E-waste Management Strategy in Kenya**4. Mr. Paul Demetry** - Ministry of Environment and Forestry, South SudanCountry status in the implementation of EACO E-waste Management Strategy in South Sudan**5. Mr. Michael Ocero** – Ministry of ICT, UgandaCountry status in the implementation of EACO E-waste Management Strategy in Uganda**6.** **Sebastien Mpoto**, Democratic Republic of Congo**7.** **Olivier Mbera**, Rwanda***Questions and Answers – 25 minutes*** |
| **13:00 – 14:00 PM** | **Lunch Break** |
| **14:00 – 14:15 PM** | **SESSION 4**: **PRESENTATION OF EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, 2022 – 2027****Presenter: Michael Ocero** - Chairperson – Regional E-waste Management Steering Committee (RSC) |
| ​**​14:15 – 15:30 PM** | **SESSION 5**: **BUILDING KNOWLEDGE ON LEGAL, POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**This session delves in the existing and anticipated policy, legal and regulatory framework in EACO countries as well as guidelines and standards. It will also analyze how EPR is being integrated into policy.**Moderator: Ebenezer Amadi, Bopinc** **Presenters:**1. Electronic Waste Regulation and Involving Producers in Developing and Implementing it, **Bel Garam, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**
2. Topic:The electronic waste management policy, legal, regulatory framework, and enforcement in Tanzania, **Beatrice Msenga:** Vice President Office (VPO),Tanzania
3. The electronic waste management policy, legal, regulatory framework, and enforcement in Uganda, **Olivie Nakamatte,** Uganda Communications Commission
4. **Mary Ngechu**, International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)
5. Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm (BRS) Convention, **Francesca Cenni & Jackline Wanja Wanjiru**, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions, UN Environment Programme
6. **Niels Peters Williams,** Associate Programme Officer, UNODC Global Programme on Crimes that Affect the Environment, UNODC

***Questions and Answers – 25 minutes*** |
| **15:30 - 16:00 PM** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **16:00 – 18:00** | **SESSION 6**:**COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS FOR E-WASTE SUSTAINABILITY: INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES**The session will explore the various ways how Government and private sector can collaborate in improving e-waste management.**Moderato**r: **Dr. Jackson Kinyanjui Koimbori**, Head of KEPSA Consult & Senior Circular Economy and Climate Change Coordinator**,** Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)**Presenters:****1. Mr. Doughlas Nyamori –** Intertek, DRC**2. Catherine Masolia,** WEEE Centre, Kenya**3. Justin Larby,** Enviroserve, Kenya**4. Dr. Ayub Macharia,** NEMA**5. Olivier Mbera –** CEO, Enviroserve, Rwanda**6. Nancy Shushu,** National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Tanzania**7.** The Role of Standardization For Effective E-Waste Management, **Derick Simiyu Khamali, Communications Authority of Kenya*****Questions and Answers – 15 minutes*** |
| **18:00 – 19:00** | **Networking** |
| **19:00 – 21:00** | **DINNER** |

**Day 2: Tuesday 25th March 2025**

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| **​09:00 – 10:30 AM** | ​**SESSION 7: - EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) - A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE E-WASTE MANAGEMENT**This session will look at EPR mechanisms available and its enforcement. The Challenges in implementing EPR policies and lessons from other regions. A structured comparison of different EPR models (e.g., voluntary vs. mandatory schemes) and their effectiveness.**Moderator: Mr. Paul Demetry** :  Ministry of Environment & Forestry, South Sudan**Presenters:**1. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Emerging Markets - **Neirin Jones**, Director, GFS East Africa
2. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) - A Tool For Sustainable E-Waste Management: A case study of India, **Saurabh Shah, Managing Director, Landbell - GFS India**

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| **10:30 – 11:00 AM** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **11:00 – 12:00 PM** |  **3. E-waste Producer Responslbility of Kenya (EPROK)** **4.** EPR: Pathway to promote Equity and Equality, **Eric Guantai,** Circular Economy and Sustainability Consultant, Nairobi Metro CBOs Waste Management Network **5. Steven Karake, Private Sector Federation, Rwanda*****Questions and Answers – 30 minutes*** |
| **12:00 – 12:30 AM** | **SESSION 8:  - REGIONAL CASE STUDIES ON EPR AND TAKE-BACK SCHEMES** This session will look at practical case studies of how various companies have implemented take back schemes for electrical and electronic equipment.**Moderator:  Michael Koech, Airtel Africa****Discussants:**1. **Steven Mbugua, Collection/Processor/Recycler/Disposal – EWIK**
2. **Valentine Cheruiyot** – Lead, Environment and Climate Change, Safaricom PLC
3. **Sarah Njau** - **GFS East Africa**

***Questions and Answers – 15 minutes*** |
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| **12:30 – 13:30 PM** | **Lunch Break** |
| **13:30 – 17:00 PM** | **SESSION 9:  - EXHIBITION (PHYSICAL/VIRTUAL/VISIT TO AN E-WASTE FACILITY)**The participants are expected to visit the e-waste facilities within Nairobi to appreciate the practical aspects of e-waste management. It will also be an aopportunity to exhibit for the 3 days of the workshop.**1. NGARA/NYAYO MARKET – Informal Players****2. WEEE CENTRE – KENYA, Eastern Bypass****3. ENVIROSERVE, KENYA, Mombasa Road*****Questions and Answers – 15 minutes*** |
| **17:00 – 17:30 PM** | **Coffee/Tea Break**  |

**Day 3: Wednesday 26th March 2025**

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| **09:00 – 9:20 AM****9:20 – 11:00 AM** | **Recap of the visit to the e-waste facility – ENVIROSERVE, WEEE Centre and EWIK – Moderator. Juma Ooro, Communications Authority of Kenya****SESSION 10: - IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY : RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS, FUNDING AND IMPACTS**This session will look at research, academic programme, data, statistics on e-waste management as well as how to fund the various e-waste management initiatives.**Moderator: Patroba Joshuah (Tangaza University)****Presenters:**1. The importance of having legal, policy and regulatory framework from the waste monitoring perspective, **Vanessa Forti,** UNITAR/SCYCLE
2. **Linah Ngumba,** Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)
3. **Ambroise NIKWIBITANGA**, Head of Agricultural and Environmental Studies and Statistics Department, National Institute of Statistics of Burundi
4. **Sustainable Solid Waste Management and Electronic Waste, Dr. Oscar Aghan Joshua,** Tangaza University
5. **Professor Dickson Andala, Chief Executive Officer,** National Research Fund
6. **Gerwin Jansen,** Head of Innovation, **Bopinc**
7. A Legislative Guide for E-Waste Management: Strengthening Legal Frameworks for Regional Action, **Alvin John Gachie,** Legal Officer, Montevideo Coordination and Delivery Unit, Environmental Rule of Law Branch | Law Division, **UNEP**
8. **Dr. Brenda Obondo,** Director, Kenya Medical Association
9. **Mr. Andrew Amadi,** Kenya Renewable Energy Association

***Questions and Answers – 15 minutes*** |
| **11:00 – 11:30 AM** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **11:30 – 12:00 AM** | **SESSION 11: - STRENGTHENING THE E-WASTE VALUE CHAIN: THE ROLE OF INFORMAL SECTOR** The session will appreciate the role that informal sector groups play in the e-waste management value chain. Should the informal sector be made formal?**Moderator:**  Lawrence Thuo, EWIK**Discussants:**1. **Hanna Dittmeyer/Maureen Adongo**, Head of the competence Centre Energy, Environment and Sustainable Economy, Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa
2. Ministry of Cooperatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
3. Dandora Youth Group
4. Cooperatives
5. Youth Groups

***Questions and Answers – 15 minutes*** |
| **12:00 – 12:15 PM** | **SESSION 12: EACO*** **Wrap-up of the workshop:** Ms. Anita Hodari – Chairperson, EACO, Working Group 07
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| **12:15 – 13:15 PM** | **SESSION 13: CLOSING** * **Presentation of Key Points/Declarations** from the workshop by the Rapporteurs
* **Closing Remarks** – EACO Executive Secretary, **Dr. Ally Simba**
* **Mr. David Mugonyi, EBS** – Director General/CEO, Communications Authority of Kenya (CA)
* **Hon. Allan Chesang**, Chair, Senate ICT Committee
* Closing Address by **Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani, Ph.D, CBS** – Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications, Ministry of Information, Communications & The Digital Economy
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| **13:15 – 14:30** |  **Lunch Break** |
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