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**8<sup>TH</sup> EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE AWARENESS CONFERENCE ON  
SUSTAINABLE E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE EAST AFRICAN REGION**

***THEME : ‘BUILDING A CIRCULAR E-WASTE ECONOMY IN THE EACO REGION:  
STRENGTHENING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INNOVATION, AND  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT’.***

**PROGRAMME**

**DATE: 16<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**VENUE: FLEUVE CONGO HOTEL KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
CONGO (DRC)**

**Day 1: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

<b>LOCAL TIME</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION 1</b>
<b>08:00 - 09:00 AM</b>	Arrival of Guests and Registration
<b>09:00 – 10:30 AM (Opening Session 1)</b>	<p><b>Welcoming Guests – Guy Christian Moju, Master of Ceremony.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Introductory Remarks by, Ms. Caroline Koech, Executive Director, EACO.</b></li> <li><b>2. Welcome Remarks by Christian Katende, President, ARPTC, Democratic Republic of Congo.</b></li> <li><b>3. Remarks by His Excellency, Augustin Kibasa Maliba, the Minister of the Digital Economy.</b></li> <li><b>4. Remarks by His Excellency , Jose Panda, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Democratic Republic of Congo.</b></li> <li><b>5. Opening address by the Chief Guest, Her Excellency, Marie Nyange Ndamo, Minister of Environment and Climate Economy.</b></li> </ol>
	<b>GROUP PHOTO</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break/Cocktail</b>

<p><b>11:00 – 11:30 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Terence Kalemba</b>, Topic: Overview of E-waste practices in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Phasi Ndudi</b>, ADG, Ets BAC DRC et President du comité Professionnel Assainissement et Recyclage à la FEC.</li> <li>3. <b>Adrien Specker</b>, Director of the STEP Initiative. Topic: The moment to build circular electronics through regional cooperation.</li> </ol>
<p><b>11:30 – 11:45 AM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 2: PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES OF EACO WG 07: E-WASTE MANAGEMENT AND GREEN ICTs</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Presenter:</u></b> Eng Beatrice Lema, Vice-Chairperson of EACO Working Group 07 on E-waste Management and Green ICTs.</p>
<p><b>11:45 – 12:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 3: PRESENTATION OF EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, 2022 – 2027</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Presenter:</u></b> Michael Ozero - Chairperson – Regional E-waste Management Steering Committee (RSC).</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 4: MILESTONES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EACO REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - COUNTRY STATUS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u></b> Mr. Juma Ooro – Communications Authority of Kenya, Member of EACO Working Group 07.</p> <p><b><u>Discussants</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ayub Macharia</b> - NEMA, Kenya</li> <li>2. <b>Paul Demetry</b> - Ministry of Environment and Forestry, South Sudan</li> <li>3. <b>Michael Ozero</b> – Ministry of Public Service, Republic of Uganda</li> <li>4. <b>Sebastien Mpoto</b>, ARPTC, Democratic Republic of Congo</li> <li>5. <b>Juliet Nirera</b>, ARCT, Burundi</li> <li>6. <b>Anita Hodari</b>, RURA, Rwanda, (Chairperson WG07)</li> </ol> <p><i>Questions and Answers – 15 minutes</i></p>

13:30 – 14:30 PM	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45 PM	<p><b><u>SESSION 5: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE ON LEGAL, POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK</u></b></p> <p>This session delves into 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.</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Juma Ooro</b> - Communications Authority of Kenya, Member of EACO Working Group 07</p> <p><b><u>Presenters:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Lumpungu, PhD, DRC</li> <li>2. Mrs, Marie Nyange, Ministry of Environment and Climate Economy</li> <li>3. EDD, DRC</li> <li>4. Representatives from Countries</li> </ol> <p><i>Questions and Answers – 10 minutes</i></p>
15:45 – 16:45 PM	<p><b><u>SESSION 6: COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS FOR E-WASTE SUSTAINABILITY: INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES</u></b></p> <p>The session will explore the various ways on how Government and Private sector can collaborate in improving e-waste management.</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Sarah Njau</b>, Managing Director, Green Forest Solutions East Africa</p> <p><b><u>Presenters:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. INTERTEK, DRC</li> <li>2. Dr. Phasi Ndudi, ADG, Ets BAC DRC et President du comité Professionnel Assainissement et Recyclage à la FEC.</li> </ol> <p><i>Questions and Answers – 10 minutes</i></p>
16:45 - 17:30 PM	Coffee/Tea Break
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09:00 – 10:45 AM

**SESSION 7: - MECHANISMS FOR COMBATING E-WASTE - A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE E-WASTE MANAGEMENT**

This session will look at mechanisms available for combating e-waste. (e.g., voluntary vs. mandatory schemes) and their effectiveness.

**Moderator: Mr. Juma Ooro** - Member – EACO Working Group 07

**Presenters:**

1. **Helen Nakiguli**, Manager, Environment Management, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)elen Nakiguli, UCC, Topic: ICT E-Waste Collection in Practice: Evidence and Lessons from Uganda's Pilot Phase.
2. **Adrien Specker**, Director of the STEP Initiative : Topic: 20 years of global connections and a new focus on the African continent: Introducing the STEP African focus group.
3. **Dr. Biey Makale, PhD.** Universite de Kinshasa, DRC.
4. **VODACOM, DRC.**

*Questions and Answers – 10 minutes*

10:45 – 11:15 AM

Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 1:00 PM

**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: Sarah Njau**, Managing Director, Green Forest Solutions East Africa

**Presenters:**

1. **Bel Garam**, Circular Economy Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Topic : Policy Practices for E-waste Management.
2. **Lewis Chimfwembe**, Project Lead, SWITCH-2-CE Project.
3. **Saurabh Shah**, Managing Director, Landbell - GFS India, Topic: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) - A Tool For Sustainable E-Waste Management: A case study of India.

*Questions and Answers – 10 minutes*

1:00 – 14:30 PM	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30 PM	<p><b><u>SESSION 9: - E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Juma Ooro</b>, Member, WG07</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b></p> <p><b>Helen Nakiguli</b>, Manager, Environment Management, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) and Chair, ITU-T Study Group 5 on Environment, climate action, circular economy and electromagnetic fields, Regional Group for Africa.</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers - 30 minutes</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00 PM	Coffee/Tea Break/Networking
19:00 – 10:00 PM	DINNER

**Day 3: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

09:00 – 10:00 AM	<p><b><u>SESSION 10: - IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS, FUNDING AND IMPACTS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Paul Demetry</b>, Ministry of Environment, South Sudan</p> <p><b><u>Presenters:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Professor Dickson Andala</b>, CEO, National Research Fund (NRF)</li> <li><b>Dr. Biey Makal</b>, PhD. DRC</li> <li><b>Mr Bethsael Kafuti</b>, Exoert Geomatique ,chef Projet Geoportail à la Cellule de developpement urbain de la Ville Province de Kinshasa</li> </ol> <p><i>Questions and Answers – 10 minutes</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 12:30PM	<p><b>Visit to E-waste Facilities in Kinshasa, DRC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GVB E-WASTE WEREHOUSE</b></li> <li><b>Ets BAC DRC WEREHOUSE</b></li> </ol>

<p><b>12:30 – 13:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 11: - STRENGTHENING THE E-WASTE VALUE CHAIN: THE ROLE OF INFORMAL SECTOR</u></b></p> <p>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?</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Dr Ayub, Macharia, NEMA, Kenya</b></p> <p><b><u>Discussants:</u></b></p> <p><b>Ministry for Environment of Kinshasa Government</b></p> <p>Plenary session</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers – 10 minutes</i></p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:05 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 12:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Wrap-up of the workshop: Eng. Beatrice Lema, Vice-Chairperson, EACO WG 07</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>13:05 – 13:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 13: CLOSING</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Presentation of Key Points/Declarations</b> from the Conference by the Rapporteurs, (Eng Olivie Nakamatte and DRC Team - Dr PhD Imaja , Mr James Bilumbu , Tresor Badibanga).</li> <li>❖ <b>Closing Remarks – EACO, Executive Director, Ms. Caroline Koech.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Closing Address by Honourable, Augustin Kibassa, Minister for Digital Economy, DRC.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>13:45 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
	<p><b><i>END OF EVENT</i></b></p>