

## **EACO STRATEGY FOR PREPARATION TOWARDS THE ITU WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE OF 2023 (WRC-23).**

### **1. Introduction.**

The decisions taken by the WRC and its associated Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) on the access to and use of radio frequency spectrum have major implications for virtually all stakeholders with an interest in communications technologies and services. They also have direct impacts on EACO member states citizens, safety, security, consumers and economic at large.

In the past WRCs, notably WRC-12, WRC-15 and WRC19 the EACO member states performed remarkably well in promoting and defending its interests in the use of the radio spectrum and radiocommunications in general at the said WRCs.

This EACO strategy document for preparation towards the next ITU World Radiocommunications Conference, scheduled to be held in Geneva in October/November 2023 consist three Annexes, **Annex 1** is the Agenda for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference as determined by WRC-19 and given in the WRC-19 Resolution 811, **Annex 2** is the allocation for ITU-R preparatory for WRC 23 and **Annex 3** is the EACO preparatory document for consolidated East African input to the draft report of CPM to WRC-23.

### **2. Results of the first session of the ITU Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (CPM23-1)**

For the purpose of organizing and coordinating preparatory studies for WRC-23. The CPM-23-1 dealt with allocation of agenda items for the WRC-23. In total there are 19 specific and 11 standing items (Resolution 811(WRC-19) identified for discussion during the next conference. The CPM-23-1 meeting grouped the WRC-23 Agenda items into five broad categories, and which will eventually become the Chapters of the Report of CPM-23 as follows;

- **Chapter 1: Fixed, Mobile and Broadcasting issues** (Agenda items: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5)

- **Chapter 2: Aeronautical and maritime issues** (Agenda items: 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11)
- **Chapter 3 : Science issues** (Agenda items: 1.12, 1.13, 1.14)
- **Chapter 4: Satellite issues** (Agenda items: 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 7)
- **Chapter 5: General issues** (Agenda items: 2, 4 and 9.1 topics a) Res. 657 (Rev.WRC-19), b) Res. 744 (WRC-19), c) Res. 175 (WRC-19), and d) WRC-19 Doc 535.

### **3. Commencement of preparations for WRC-23 in EACO Sub-region**

The EACO regulatory agencies should embark on preparations for WRC-23 as soon as possible. In this regard, the EACO Regulatory authorities should constitute a national preparatory committees comprising of all the stakeholders in their countries in commence the WRC-23 preparations.

### **4. EACO joint preparation for WRC-23**

The EACO community has been making joint common proposals to all the ITU World Radio communication Conferences. Following the benefits of preparing the EACO common proposals to the World Radio communication Conferences it is proposed that the same approach be adopted towards our preparations to the WRC-23.

## **5. ALLOCATION OF WRC 23 AGENDA ITEMS (CHAPTER RAPPOTEUR) TO EACO MEMBER STATES**

**CHAPTER 1 : Fixed, Mobile and Broadcasting issues** (Agenda items: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5)

Rapporteur:

Assistant :

**CHAPTER 2 : Aeronautical and maritime issues** (Agenda items: 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11)

Rapporteur: Ms. Stella Kokwenda BANYENZA-TANZANIA

Assistant :

**CHAPTER 3 : Science issues** (Agenda items: 1.12, 1.13, 1.14)

Rapporteur:

Assistant:

**CHAPTER 4 : Satellite issues** (Agenda items: 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 7)

**Rapporteur:**

**Assistant :**

**CHAPTER 5 : General issues (Agenda items: 2, 4 and 9.1 topics a) Res. 657 (Rev.WRC-19), b) Res. 744 (WRC-19), c) Res. 175 (WRC-19), and d) WRC-19 Doc 535.**

**Rapporteur:**

**Assistants :**

The chapter Rapporteurs should closely follow the work of the ITU-R Study/Task Groups responsible for the respective agenda items they have been tasked for. The allotment of the ITU-R Study/Task Groups is given in **Annex 2** of this document.

In accordance with the established principle of rotation **Tanzania** is proposed to coordinate all EACO preparation of WRC-23.

## **6. EACO preparatory document for consolidated East African input to the draft report of CPM WRC-23**

The EACO should actively participate in the development of the CPM report. **Annex 3** of this report shows a template of the consolidated document of the eventual **East African input document to the draft report of CPM 23-2**. This should therefore be a living document, which will be constantly populated by the respective Chapter Coordinators as they lead the work of preparations towards of the CPM report.

## **7. EACO\_ITU-R STUDY GROUP PARTICIPATION STRATEGY**

The table below proposes the strategy for the effective participation of EACO member states to the Working Parties with the respective WRC 23 Agenda Items. In this regard it is proposed that every country to nominate a person who will be actively following the Agenda Items in the study groups. **Annex2** of this report shows the allocations of ITU-R preparatory work for WRC 23 in details.

<b>STUDY GROUP 4</b>			
<b>WORKING PARTIES</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON/COUNTRY</b>
WP 4A	RWANDA	1.15	Andrew Kisaka (TZ)
		1.16	Fuad Rwabuhungu (TZ)
		1.17	Fuad Rwabuhungu (TZ)
		1.19	Fuad Rwabuhungu (TZ)
		7	Fuad Rwabuhungu (TZ)
WP 4C	RWANDA	1.18	George Mashema (TZ)
<b>STUDY GROUP 5</b>			
WP 5A	BURUNDI	1.3	Ikuja Jumanne (TZ)
		9.1 Topic b)	Ikuja Jumanne (TZ)
		9.1 Topic c)	Ikuja Jumanne (TZ)
WP 5B	TANZANIA	1.6	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
		1.7	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
		1.8	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
		1.9	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
		1.10	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
		1.11	Stella Banyenza (TZ)
WP 5D	KENYA	1.1	Victor Kweka (TZ) Fredrick Bushesha (TZ)
		1.2	Victor Kweka (TZ) Fredrick Bushesha (TZ)
		1.4	Victor Kweka (TZ) Fredrick Bushesha (TZ)
		9.1 Topic c)	Victor Kweka (TZ) Fredrick Bushesha (TZ)
TG6/1	SOUTH SUDAN	1.5	Andrew Kisaka (TZ)
<b>STUDY GROUP 7</b>			
WP 7B	UGANDA	1.13	Mwesigwa Felician(TZ)
WP 7C	UGANDA	1.12	Mwesigwa Felician (TZ)
		1.14	Mwesigwa Felician (TZ)
		9.1 Topic a)	Mwesigwa Felician (TZ)
		9.1 Topic d)	Mwesigwa Felician (TZ)

## **8. Develop and submit EACO common contribution to ITU-R Study Groups**

The EACO member states to develop (by way of carrying out technical studies) and submit the EACO Common Positions and Proposals for WRC-23 Agenda Items to ITU-R Study Groups.

## **9. EACO WRC-23 Preparatory Meetings**

Two EACO WRC-23 preparatory meetings are proposed before every African Preparatory Meeting (APM).

## **10. EACO Participation Strategy in ATU WRC-23 preparatory meetings**

Based on the allocations of WRC-23 agenda items chapter rapporteurs to the EACO member states, every member state will be responsible to prepare the input contributions on the respective agenda items to the ATU WRC-23 preparatory meetings.

## **11. Recommendations**

The following are recommended to the EACO Member States:

- 9.1 Identification of Key WRC-23 Agenda Items which need close follow up
- 9.2 The EACO member countries to actively participate in the development of CPM report by participating in ITU-R study groups and related activities and regularly report to EACO WG 05.
- 9.3 To work with other African Sub-regions in preparation of WRC-23.
- 9.4 To engage the Universities within EACO member countries to carry out studies on WRC-23 agenda items particularly to those agenda Items of high priority to EACO so as to strengthen our contributions to safeguard EACO interest while grasping and improving understanding of the subject matter under study.
- 9.5 To engage the industry players for the better understanding of WRC-23 agenda items.

## **ANNEX 1**

### **Agenda for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference**



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## **ANNEX 2**

### **Allocation of ITU-R preparatory work for WRC 23**



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## **ANNEX 3**

### **EACO PREPARATORY DOCUMENT FOR CONSOLIDATED EAST AFRICAN INPUT TO THE DRAFT REPORT OF CPM TO WRC-23**



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