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**22ND EACO CONGRESS
AND
24TH ASSEMBLIES**

*Theme: Promotion Of ICT Innovation through Local Content
Development*

Venue: Silver Springs– Kampala, Uganda
Date : 24th – 28th July 2017

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	DATE	ACTIVITY
DAY 1	Monday, 24th July 2017	East Africa Peering and Interconnection Forum (EAPIF) <i>Theme: Fostering Stakeholders' Dialogue</i>
DAY 2	Tuesday, 25th July 2017	Industry and Academia Forum <i>Theme: Enabling sustainable ICT skills development through Public Private Partnerships</i>
DAY 3	Wednesday, 26th July 2017	Assembly Meetings
DAY 4	Thursday, 27th July 2017	EXCOM Assembly Meetings Joint Working Committee
DAY 5	Friday, 28th July 2017	22 nd EACO Congress

DAY 1

EAST AFRICA PEERING AND INTERCONNECTION FORUM (EAPIF)

08:00 –09:00	Registration (Delegates pick their badges)
09:00 – 10:00	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLIES
	Moderator: Ms. Pamela Ankunda, UCC Speakers : 1. Mr. Hodge Semakula , Executive Secretary, EACO 2. Mr. Godfrey Mutabazi , Executive Director, UCC 3. Hon. Vincent Bagyire- Permanent Secretary Ministry of Information Technology and Communications, Uganda 4. Hon. Frank Tmweebaze – Minister of ICT and National Guidance 5. Group Photo
10:00 – 10:30	HEALTH BREAK
10:30 – 11:15	SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION- GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS IN THE INTERNET ECOSYSTEM
	This session aims at setting up the scene, the tone, and laying the foundation of the event. Moderator: Mr. Ghislain Nkeramugaba –CEO RINEX Speakers: 1. Regional Considerations to Achieving Vision 80/20 by 2020 - Mr. Michuki Mwangi , Senior Development Manager, ISOC 2. AFIX: Introduction and Regional Status Update - Mr. Kyle Spencer , Co-Coordinator, African IXP Association

	11:15 – 13:00	SESSION 2. STATUS OF PEERING AND INTERCONNECTION IN EAST AFRICA (OPERATORS)
		<p>This session is a combination of a panel discussions and presentations. The objective of the session is to establish a platform where the key stakeholders (i.e. operators) in the peering and interconnection ecosystem can discuss key issues pertaining to their respective areas/sectors.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Fiona Asonga – CEO KIXP</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of WG 5 activities: Ms. Connie Francis, Vice Chairperson, EACO Working Group 5 2. The status of peering and interconnection in East Africa <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Martha Muriuki – Summit Strategies b. Mr. Ghislain Nkeramugaba, CEO RINEX and Chairman East Africa Peering and Interconnection Committee 3. Security Aspects of Peering & Interconnection – Ms. Shola Sanni , GSMA Senior Policy Manager – Africa 4. Opportunities and Challenges Around Terrestrial Links; Mr. Simon Mayoye, SEACOM <p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Kyle Spencer - Director (UIXP) 2. Mr. Elie Ntihagowumwe - DG BBS Burundi 3. Mr. Emmanuel Tarus – Safaricom, Kenya 4. Mr. Riyaz Bachani - Angani, Kenya
	13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK

	14:00:15:30	SESSION - 3: REGULATORY AND POLICY INTERVENTIONS TO FACILITATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR PEERING AND INTERCONNECTION IN THE REGION (REGULATORS, POLICY-MAKERS)
		<p>This session focuses on policy and regulatory aspects in the peering and Interconnection context. It provides a platform for stakeholders to discuss their challenges and way forward.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Michuki Mwangi – Senior Development Manager, Internet Society</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>1. EAC Cross-border Interconnection Regulation – Mr. Robert Achieng: EAC</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donatien Manirampa, Director General ARCT – Burundi • Mr. Matano Ndaro, - Director/Competition, Tariffs and Market Analysis – Kenya • Maj. Patrick Nyirishema, Director General RURA – Rwanda • Eng. James Kilaba, Director General TCRA – Tanzania • Mr. Godfrey Mutabazi, Executive Director UCC – Uganda • Mr. Akinwale Goodluck - GSMA Head of Africa
	15:30 – 16:00	LIGHTNING TALKS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRX Presentation by Ms. Fiona Asonga, KIXP • A Regional Perspective on Cybersecurity in the EAC Region by Dr. Martin Koyabe, CTO • IPv6 by Mr. Ernest Byaruhanga, AFRINIC
	16:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap up and Closing Ceremony
	16:00	TEA BREAK

DAY 2

INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA FORUM 2017

08:30 –09:00

Guest Arrival and Registration

09:00 –09:30

OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome Remarks by Master of Ceremony
- Introductory remarks by **Mr. Jonathan Mwakijele**, Chairman of the EACO HR Committee,
- Remarks by **Mr. Hodge Semakula**, Executive Secretary-EACO
- Welcome Remarks by **Mr. Godfrey Mutabazi, Executive Director of UCC**
- Group Photograph

09:30 – 11:00

SESSION 1: BUILDING STRONG INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Moderator : Mr. Jonathan Mwakijele

Topics :

- Update National ICT Plans and strategies to match the current level of need for infrastructure and developments or trends within the sector By **Dr. Francis Tusubira**
- Encouraging PPP to prioritize ICT skills and to lobby other development partners in the ICT space by **Dr. Tumubweinee Twinemanzi**

Case studies :

- The Safaricom Experience in the partnership with academia by **Mr. Emmanuel Tarus , SAFARICOM KENYA**
- The telecom industry as an enabler in teaching and learning - The case of Airtel/University of Rwanda by **Mr. Adjei Nii Boye Michael , Airtel Rwanda**
- Econet-Leo Experience with local Universities in Burundi by **Mr. Francine Ihorihoze**

Panel Discussions

11:00—11:15

TEA BREAK

11:15 – 13:00	SESSION 2: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
	<p>Moderator: Dr. Francis Tusubira</p> <p>Topics :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governments to provide leadership in establishing and supporting innovation centers • Academia to engage the industry on emerging ICT trends, and undertake action based research to solve specific vendor's issues • Academia encouraged to join ITU initiatives <p>Speaker: Mike Nxele</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of the Universal Service Fund to improve ICTs connectivity especially in the rural settings and further provide ICT working tools to schools and colleges including possible donation of ICT equipment , <p>Speaker : Peter Ulanga</p> <p>Panel Discussions</p>
13:00 -14:00	LUNCH
13:00 –14:00	SESSION 3 : PERIODICAL REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM
14:00 - 16:00	<p>Moderator: Mike Nxele</p> <p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure joint curriculum review by Academia and key industry players, • Provide long internship periods and opportunities to enhance skills, career guidance, and develop entrepreneurial orientation • Encourage ICT professionals to be certified by local and international bodies to ensure skills standardization <p>Speaker: Jonathan Mwakijele</p>
16:15 - 17:00	Wrap up and Closing Ceremony

DAY 3

MEETINGS OF ASSEMBLIES

08:00 –09:00

Registration (Delegates pick their badges)

09:00 –11:00

PRESENTATIONS

- Welcome Remarks by **Mr. Godfrey Mutabazi**, Executive Director, UCC and Chairman of EACO (10 min)
- Remarks by **Mr. Hodge Semakula**, Executive Secretary, EACO (10 min)
- Presentation on Model ICT Policy and Regulatory Framework Harmonization by **WG01**
- Presentation on Guidelines on Infrastructure sharing for the East African Region by **WG02**
- Presentation on OTT Challenges and Opportunities by **CTO Perspective**

11:00 – 11:30

HEALTH BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- Assembly of Regulators
- Assembly of Postal Operators
- Assembly of Broadcasting Operators
- Assembly of Telecom Operators

12:30-14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 –17:00

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- Assembly of Regulators
- Assembly of Postal Operators
- Assembly of Broadcasting Operators
- Assembly of Telecom Operators

DAY 3 AND DAY 4

MEETINGS OF ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY OF REGULATORS

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Communications from The Chairman
5. Matters arising from the Chairman's Communications
6. Status of the Infrastructure Connectivity & Sharing in the Region
7. Model ICT Policy and Regulatory framework for the EAC Region
8. Review on the Impact and Status of Digital Migration and any ensuing Challenges in Regional
9. Consideration of Progress Reports by the Working Groups & Committees:
 - a. Legal & Constitutional Committee (LCAC)
 - b. ICT Services Transactions and e-Applications
 - c. Communication Services Pricing and Industry Analysis
 - d. IP Networks, Standards and Cyber-security
 - e. E-waste Management
 - f. Consumer Protection, Awareness and Empowerment
 - g. Resource Planning, Allocations and Management
 - h. Radio Spectrum Management and WRC Preparations
 - i. Status and Impact on SIM Registration and establishment of the CEIR networking in EACO region (Regulators' approach)
10. Presentation of the Ongoing ICTs Projects in the Region
 - a. EAIXP Peering Solution
 - b. Joint ITU-Chinese Government-EAC ICT Program
 - c. CIDA-Spider-PTS Capacity Building Program in the four East African Partner States_
11. Status & Impact on the Establishment of One-Networked – Area (ONA) and the Study of Roaming (IMR) in EACO Region
12. Proposal on 2nd Rationalization and the way forward of the EACO Working Groups
13. Preparation of the 24th Reg. Assembly Report i.e. Communiqué
14. Consideration and Adoption of the Report Communiqué
15. AOB
16. Closing of the meeting

DAY 3 AND DAY 4

ASSEMBLY OF POSTAL OPERATORS

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
4. Report of the Outgoing Chairman
5. Consideration of Matrix on Status of Implementation of Decisions of the Last Assembly
6. Consideration of Reports of Working Groups
 - a. **WG04** - Postal Service Development and Regulation Working Group
7. Preparations of the Report
8. Consideration and adoption of the Report
9. AOB
10. Closing of the Meeting

ASSEMBLY OF BROADCASTING OPERATORS

Agenda

- 1) Opening of The Meeting
- 2) Election of the Bureau
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
- 4) Report of the Outgoing Chairman
- 5) Consideration of Matrix on Status of Implementation of Decisions of the Last Assembly
- 6) Consideration of the report of the Working Groups
 - a. **WG06** - Broadcasting Service Development and Regulation Working Group
 - b. **WG11** - Spectrum Management Working Group
- 7) Consideration and Adoption of the Report for the Congress
- 8) AOB.
- 9) Closing of the meeting

DAY 3 AND DAY 4

ASSEMBLY OF TELECOM OPERATORS

09:00 –17:00

Agenda

1. Opening of The Meeting
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Report of the Outgoing Chairman
4. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
5. Consideration of Matrix on Status of Implementation of Decisions of the Last Assembly
6. Presentation of the report of the Working Groups
 - a. **WG11**: Spectrum Management.
 - b. **WG05**: IP Networks, Standards, and Cyber security
 - c. **WG10** - Environment and e-Waste Management
 - d. **WG09** - Consumer Protection, Awareness and Empowerment
 - e. **WG08**: Communications Services Pricing and Industry Analysis.
 - f. **WG07**: Telecom Numbering and Internet Resources Planning, Allocations and Governance
 - g. **WG02**: Infrastructure Development, Connectivity and Digital Inclusion
 - h. **WG03**: ICTs Services & Applications
7. Consideration and Adoption of the Report
8. AOB
9. Closing of the meeting

DAY 4

EXCOM, ASSEMBLIES AND JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

09:00 – 13:00 Agenda: Circulated to EXCOM Members

ASSEMBLIES MEETINGS

09:00 – 13:00 **ASSEMBLY MEETINGS**

- Assembly of Regulators
- Assembly of Postal Operators
- Assembly of Broadcasting Operators
- Assembly of Telecom Operators

13:00–14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 – 17:00 **JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Consideration of

- i. The report of the Legal and Constitutional Committee -
- ii. Consideration of Cross-cutting Issues
- iii. AOB

DAY 5

22nd EACO CONGRESS

08:00 –09:00

- Registration

09:00 –10:30

OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome Remarks by Mr. Godfrey Mutabazi, Executive Director of UCC and Chairman of EACO
- Remarks by **Mr. Younouss Djibrine**, Secretary General, PAPU
- Remarks by **Mr. Kamugisha Kazaura**, Director Infrastructure, EAC Secretariat
- Remarks by **Mr. Andrew Rugege**, Regional Director ITU for Africa
- Keynote Address by **Dr. Hamadoun Toure**, Executive Director, Smart Africa
- Remarks by Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda
- Group Photo

10:30 –11:00

HEALTH BREAK

11:00 –12:30

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

Topic

- Strategies and Challenges for Promotion of ICT Innovation through Local Content Development

Moderator : Mr. Morris Mugisha

Speakers:

- **Ministers of ICT in East Africa**
- **Mr. Andrew Rugege**, Regional Director ITU for Africa
- **Dr. Hamadoun Toure**, Executive Director, Smart Africa
- **Mr. Soumaila Abdoukarim**, Secretary General, ATU

12:30 – 13:00

- Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
- Election of the Bureau
- Report of the Chairperson of the 21st EACO Congress
- Consideration of Applications for Membership to EACO

13:00-14:00

LUNCH BREAK

	14:00 –16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of EACO Audited Financial Statements for 2015/16 and 2016/17 • Consideration of the reports of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Joint Working Committee (amendments to the constitution) - ❖ Assembly of Regulators ❖ Assembly of Telecom Operators • Assembly of Broadcasting Operators • Assembly of Postal Operators • Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee • Human Resource Committee
	15:30 –16:00	HEALTH BREAK
	16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and Venue of the 23rd EACO Congress • Adoption of the Summary of the Decisions of the 22nd EACO Congress - • Closing Ceremony