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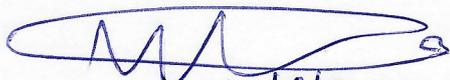
FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE EACO 1ST ADVISORY COUNCIL

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1) East Africa Framework on Communication Mechanism among the National CERTs/CIRTs was launched;

2) Agreements on the East Africa Framework for Communication Mechanism among National CERTs/CIRTs were signed by Heads of National Regulatory Authorities of the EACO Partner States and CERTs Authorities;

3) East Africa Regional Statistics Report (telecommunication) for 2024 was unveiled;

4) The ICT regulators should establish collaboration with the relevant agencies such as Central Banks on issues of co-regulation of mobile financial services;

5) The Working Groups & Committees require a minimum representation of two participants from each Partner State to enable continuity of work;

6) The title of Working Group 3 was revised as following, "CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES, QUALITY OF SERVICE, AND CYBER SECURITY";

7) Encourage participation of Operators (Postal, Telecom and Broadcasting) in the activities of EACO i.e Working group meetings, workshops, trainings, conferences, Assemblies and Advisory Council;

8) Operators urged to fully participate in the activities of cross border frequency coordination and ensure effective collaboration between operators and regulators as they resolve cross-border challenges. MNOs are also encouraged to deploy border roaming solutions to mitigate forced roaming;

9) NRAs and operators to continue facilitating their officials to attend all EACO meetings to enhance productivity in realizing the Strategic plan;

10) 31st Assemblies will be hosted by Republic of Rwanda in June 2026;

11) 32nd Assemblies and 2nd Advisory Council will be hosted by United Republic of Tanzania in June 2027;

12) The following 17 documents were adopted and endorsed from the work of the Working Groups and Committees:

i. Status Report on Type approval process in EACO Partner States

ii. Concept Note on the establishment of regional Type Approval Lab

iii. Framework for collaboration among national CERTs in the region

iv. Model Guidelines for harmonization of Postal and Courier Security

v. EACO Model Policy and Regulatory Framework for Spectrum Management

vi. EACO Broadcasting Policy

vii. EACO Framework on the Authorization and Use of Maritime Frequencies Maritime Mobile Services Identities (MMSI) and Call Signs

viii. Harmonised Guidelines for Broadcasting content

ix. EACO Regional Framework for Cross-Border Frequency Coordination

x. Mechanism for Frequency Coordination for Mobile Services

xi. East Africa Radio Frequency Spectrum Allocation Plan

xii. Best Practices for the Management of Numbering Resources in the region

xiii. Model Guidelines for Machine to Machine and Internet of Things Numbering Resources Identification

xiv. Terms of Reference for the development of a Regional Tariff Tracker

xv. Framework for collection and validation of E-waste data

xvi. Staff satisfaction survey tool

xvii. HR Strategy

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