



Communications for all in East Africa

REPORT

THE 1ST ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Formerly EACO Congress)

&

30TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES OF EACO

9th - 13th June, 2025 at Radisson Blu Hotel

Juba, South Sudan

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*EACO Secretariat
Kigali, Rwanda*

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Convening of the Meeting

The 1st Advisory Council and 30th Annual Assemblies of East African Communications Organization (EACO) were convened in accordance with EACO Calendar of Activities for the Period July 2024 to June 2025.

The event was hosted by the National Communication Authority under the theme: **“Shaping the Future of East African Region through Digital Transformation”** from 9th to 13th June 2025 at Radisson Blu Hotel in Juba, South Sudan.

The objective of the meetings was to review the status of implementation of the previous decisions and directives from EACO organs, to review progress of EACO Activities under the Council, Assemblies, Committees and Working Groups in order to give further directions.

This report highlights the Inauguration of the Advisory Council which is as a permanent forum within EACO, enabling biennial coordination and policy alignments. It also presents the ambition for regional integration, shared best practices, and institutional collaboration among regulators and service providers in the Communication section.

Through different sessions/Remarks, the status of implementation of previous decisions, achievement of EACO, progress made on ongoing projects and programmes, outcomes of reports of various Assemblies, Committees and Working Groups, updates from EACO Partners and collaborative Partners are availed.

A Final Communiqué summarizing resolutions and commitments from member states to accelerate regional digital transformation across the communications and postal sectors in the region is issued.

1.2. Participation

The 1st Advisory Council and 30th Annual Assemblies of EACO were attended by 71 International Delegates from the Member States, Regional and International Partners such as EAC, JMAT, ITU, ISOC, AFRALTI, Huawei, World Bank and SPIDER. The Host mobilized over 250 participants in various fields such as Policy Makers, Legislators, Regulators, the Academia, Media, Operators/services providers in the ICT sector and consumers of ICT services in the Republic of South Sudan.

1.3. Agenda and Programme for the event.

The Advisory Council was preceded by notable meetings which were organized as follows:

- 9th June 2025:** Meetings of EACO Committees and Working Groups
- 10th June 2025:** 30th Annual Assembly Meetings
- 11th June 2025:** Advisory Council Week Official Opening;
Unveiling of East African Regional Statistics for 2024;
Launch of East African Framework on Communication Mechanism among the National CERTs/CIRTs;
Ministerial Round Table;
Stakeholders' workshops on Cybersecurity incidents & Communication and Emerging Technologies.
- 12th June 2025:** The EACO Board meeting which will consider and approve EACO Action Plan and Budget for Financial Year 2025/2026 among other agendas;
Meeting of the Joint Working Committee.
- 13th June 2025:** The 1st Advisory Council of EACO;
Handover of Chairmanship of EACO;
Introductory meeting of the new Executive Director of EACO
Closing ceremony.

2. OPENING OF THE 1ST ADVISORY COUNCIL AND 30TH ASSEMBLIES WEEK

2.1. Opening Remarks

2.1.1. Remarks by EACO Secretariat on Day 1 - 9th June 2025

Dr. Ally Yahaya Simba, Executive Director of EACO welcomed delegates to the first working day of the 1st EACO Advisory Council and 30th Annual Assemblies. He thanked the Republic of South Sudan for hosting the event in the beautiful city of Juba and for the warm hospitality accorded to all delegates at respective seniorities.

Dr. Ally Yahaya highlighted that the theme for the event which was “**Shaping the Future of the East African Region through Digital Transformation.**” was not just a vision rather a mandate that calls upon all of participants to drive the kind of innovation, harmonization, and policy foresight that will empower the East African citizens economies in the digital age.

2.1.2. Remarks by the Host of the Event

Mr. Gieth Kon Mathiang, the Director General of NCA, South Sudan, welcomed respective delegations to Juba and mentioned that the gathering reflected the EAC growth and belief in regional solidarity. He emphasized that the policies, recommendations and technical standards which are adopted have an impact on the lives of every citizen.

2.1.3. Remarks by the Chairman of EACO

Dr. Samuel Muhizi, the Chairman of EACO and Director General of ARCT Burundi, extended appreciations to the Republic of South Sudan for hosting the event and thanked EACO Secretariat for organizing the Advisory Council and its pre-event.

He mentioned that the event reflected the collective aspiration of EAC region to harness the power of information and communication technologies for sustainable socio-economic development. He further said that the journey of the EACO had been one of harmonization and collaboration, where robust, reliable, secure, and affordable communication services are a reality for every citizen. The 1st Advisory Council and the 30th Annual Assemblies of EACO discussed cross-cutting issues, including flagship governance systems as well as building stronger collaboration among regulators, operators, innovators, and policymakers”.

3. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF EACO

3.1. Opening Remarks

3.1.2. Remark by the Executive Director of EACO

The Executive Director of EACO, Dr. Ally Simba welcomed all delegates in their respective capacities to the 1st Advisory Council of EACO.

He thanked South Sudan, through National Communications Authority (NCA), for hosting the events. He was grateful to the Guest of Honour, Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, Minister for Information, Communication Technology and Postal Services of South Sudan, for taking his time off from busy schedules to be with us that very morning. According to the Executive Director, this was more than enough testimony of South Sudan’s commitment to the objective of EACO, in general and, in particular to the quest for “Shaping the Future of the East African Region through Digital Transformation.”

Detailed speech is herewith attached.



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3.1.3. Remarks by the Director General of NCA

Hon. Gieth Kon Mathiang, the Director General of NCA welcomed all the delegates to the 1st Advisory Council of EACO. He indicated that South Sudan was proud to host the events and promised that all the requirements would be met to make their stay in South Sudan comfortable. For him, hosting the milestone event was not only a turning point in South Sudan's regional integration within the East African ICT and communications ecosystem but it was also a testament to their readiness to engage and their commitment to shaping the future of digital transformation in the region.

The full speech is herein attached.



DG NCA Speech
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3.1.4. Remarks by the Chairman of EACO

The Chairman of EACO, Dr Samuel Muhizi, Director General of Agence de Regulation et de Controle des Telecommunications (ARCT-Burundi) indicated that: "As we leverage technology to create new opportunities, drive efficiency and innovation in the East African Region, we need to drive the uptake of emerging technologies such as Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Edge Computing and 5G."

The full remark is herewith attached;



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Chairman - Day 3 - At

3.1.5. Remarks by East African Community Secretariat

Mr. Robert Achieng, the representative of the Secretary General of East African Community confirmed that since its establishment, a couple of decades ago, EACO had performed exceptionally well in its role as a vital player in the EAC integration process. He indicated that at the EAC Secretariat, they applauded EACO for its accomplishments.

The entire speech herewith attached;



EAC Remarks - 2025
EACO Congress Juba

3.1.6. Remarks by International Telecommunications Union

Ms. Mavis Maunganidze, the representative of the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in her remarks, indicated that the inaugural Advisory Council meeting, marked a significant milestone in the journey of regional cooperation and digital transformation in East Africa. She emphasized that EACO had a very good relationship with ITU and this demonstrated in hosting some ITU major events.

The entire speech herewith attached;



ITU Speech -
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3.1.7. Remarks by Hon. Minister of ICT and National Guidance, Republic of Uganda

Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, commended EACO for the great contribution it is doing in the communication sector and committed that Uganda is ready to support where need be required.

Noting that a big population of East Africa is young, he invited ICT stakeholders to promote innovation in the sector in order to increase opportunities for the youth. Also, he advised African in general and East Africa in particular, to take opportunity offered by the Artificial Intelligence and use it in promoting the digital economy and transform the lives of many African citizen.

3.1.8. Speech of the Guest of Honour

Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, the Minister of Information, Communication Technology and Postal Services, Republic of South Sudan, stated that South Sudan's active participation in EACO reflected their dedication to harmonizing ICT policies and regulations across the region.

He indicated that by aligning their frameworks, they aim to facilitate seamless communication, foster innovation, and ensure that their citizens reap the benefits of a connected East Africa. Hon. Minister thanked and congratulated EACO and its members for their accomplishments and the different projects.

The entire speech is herewith attached.



Minister's Speech -
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4. UNVEILING OF EACO COMMUNICATION SECTOR REGIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2024.

To improve the regional report on communication statistics, the EACO Working Group (WG1) on Communication Sector Indicators Harmonization was established and commenced its operations during the financial year (2023/2024) as part of the implementation of the new strategic plan.

This had existed before as the databank project and its purpose was to improve data collection, analysis and reporting for the communication sector in the East Africa region. The regional Annual sector statistics report is being published in June every year, containing data from January to December of the previous year.

The unveiling for this year was done by Hon. David Yauyau Jongkuch, the Deputy Minister of Information, Communication Technology and Postal Services. He also handed over copies of the report to the respective Director Generals/ Chief Executive Officers of National Regulatory Authorities and other high-level dignitaries that attended the event.

The published report is herewith attached.



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5. LAUNCH OF EAST AFRICA FRAMEWORK ON COMMUNICATION MECHANISM AMONG THE NATIONAL CERTS / CIRTS & SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON EAST AFRICA FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNICATION MECHANISM AMONG THE NATIONAL CERTS/CIRTS

5.1. Introduction to Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)

A **Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is a group of experts responsible for identifying, assessing, responding to, and mitigating cybersecurity incidents. CERTs are critical in defending against cyber threats and ensuring the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of information systems.

In this era of increasing cyber-attacks, CERTs play a vital role in strengthening cybersecurity posture, ensuring rapid response to incidents, and maintaining trust in digital infrastructure.

5.2. East African Framework on Communication Mechanism among the National CERTs / CIRTS.

In order to reliably address cyber threats and incidents, EACO has established a framework on communication mechanism among the national CERTs/CIRTS in the East

African Region. Among the benefits of the Frameworks, are to improve regional situational awareness; faster response times to cross-border cyber threats; stronger trust and collaboration among East African nations; enhanced cyber resilience of regional critical infrastructure.

The framework provides requirements for communication and information sharing among the national CERTs in the Region:

- Notification Protocols
- Secure Communication Channels
- Information sharing
- Appointment of a Communication Focal Point (CFP) responsible for timely communication and sharing.
- Recommendation on platform to be used: consider using encrypted communication platforms i.e. PGP-encrypted emails.
- Provide post incident report template (Annex the framework)
- Include statements on accountability and enforcement mechanism

The framework was launched through the presentation made by Mr. Vukeni Innocent Joseph from National Communications Authority of South Sudan, the elected Assistant Team Leader of the Communication Focal Points for CERTs/CIRTs. The presentation concluded on necessity of trust, readiness and collaboration among the national CERTs/CIRTs.



EACO Framework
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5.3. Signature of an Agreement on Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)

An Agreement on CERTs refers to a formal arrangement or understanding between entities such as governments, organizations, or international partners outlining how they will establish, collaborate with, or support Computer Emergency Response Teams. These agreements are essential for enhancing cybersecurity cooperation, information sharing, and incident response coordination across different jurisdictions and sectors.

After the launch of the developed and approved EACO Framework, an agreement on East Africa framework for communication mechanism among the national CERTs/CIRTs has been signed by the Head of National Regulatory Authorities and CEOs of National Institutions in charge of CERTs/CIRTs as below:

Burundi (ARCT); Communication Authority of Kenya (CA); National Communication Authority, South Sudan (NCA); Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA); Uganda Communications Commission (UCC); Autorite des Regulations de la Poste et des Telecommunications, Democratic Republic of Congo (ARPTC) and National Cybersecurity Authority, Rwanda (NCSA).

The purpose of the Agreement was to formalize cooperation and commitment among National CERTs/CIRTs to implement the EACO Framework, thereby strengthening cyber resilience through efficient and secure communication, information sharing, incident management, and capacity-building initiatives.

6. HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE

The High-Level Round Table was held on 11th June 2025. The overarching theme “*Shaping the Future of the East African Region through Digital Transformation*” guided discussions across foundational topics:

- Regional ICT infrastructure development and cross-border connectivity
- Infrastructure sharing strategies to reduce costs and boost efficiency
- Digital inclusion efforts targeting underserved and rural communities
- E-waste management and eco-friendly ICT solutions
- Policy harmonization, data protection, spectrum management, and digital innovation frameworks

6.1. Opening of the High-Level Round Table

The high-level roundtable was opened by a keynote address delivered by Mr. William Baraza, Director of **African Advanced Level Telecommunication Institute (AFRALTI)**.

The presentation is herewith attached



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Region - Digital Trans

The session was moderated by Mr. Molefe Mathibe, CEO of JMAT Advisory Services.

6.2. Participation in the high-level roundtable

Participated in the High-Level Roundtable the following:

- **Uganda:** Hon. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of ICT and National Guidance
- **South Sudan:** Hon. David Yauyau, Deputy Minister of ICT and Permanent Services

- **Rwanda:** Mr Charles GAHUNGU, Head of ICT Department, Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA)
- **Kenya:** **CHRP Patricia Kerretts – Kemei**, Deputy Director, Administration, Communications Authority of Kenya
- **Tanzania:** Ms. Tusajigwe Isaga Mwalukasa, Director of ICT, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)
- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):** Mr. Bruno YUMA UTCHUDI, Director, International Relations, Autorite des Regulations de la Poste et des Telecommunications (ARPTC)
- **Somalia:** Mr. Mustafa Y. SHEIK, Director General, National Communications Authority (NCA)

6.3. Guiding question

Participants on the panel had to answer each the same question related to their respective countries, as following:

“The East African region has experience tremendous growth in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector in the recent times. Several countries have had many initiatives backed by a conducive policy and regulatory environment. What has been your country’s digital transformation journey? What are the challenges faced and how are you addressing them?”

Panelists shared their different initiatives, achievements and perspectives in digital transformation.

From the discussions, digital transformation journey of East African countries has been dynamic and multifaceted, driven by efforts to improve economic growth, service delivery, regional integration, and citizen inclusion in the digital economy.

While each country has its own unique trajectory, there are common regional goals shaped by the East African region, African Union Agenda 2063, and continental digital initiatives among others.

7. WORKSHOPS

Two workshops were organized alongside the 1st Advisory Council & 30th Annual Assemblies: the first on Cybersecurity Incidents Response & Communications; the second on Emerging Technologies.

7.1. Workshop on Cybersecurity Incidents Response & Communications

7.1.2. Background

As cyber threats grow in complexity and frequency, the ability to respond swiftly and communicate effectively during incidents has become essential. Cybersecurity incident response involves the detection, containment, and recovery from cyberattacks, while communication ensures coordination, transparency, and trust among stakeholders.

The workshop aimed to raise awareness, and to share knowledge and experiences on cybersecurity incident response and effective communication. It aims to enhance participants' understanding of best practices, improve coordination among stakeholders, and strengthen overall preparedness in managing cyber threats.

7.1.3. Structure of the workshop

The workshop was moderated by Mr. Stephen Unguec Kang, from National Communication Authority (NCA), South Sudan, Vice-Chairperson of EACO WG3 on Consumer Issues, Quality of Service and Cyber Security.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Bengt Mölleryd, Senior Analyst, Swedish Programme for ICT in Developing Regions (SPIDER).

The entire keynote is herewith attached.



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Three presentations have been made:

The presentation was on the topic: "*Enhancing Regional Cybersecurity in Africa through CERT and CSIRT Collaboration: A Perspective for East African Community Resilience*", and was made Dr. Martin Koyabe, from Global Forum on Cyber Expertise.

The presentation is herein attached ;



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The topic of the 2nd presentation was: "*Extending Encryption*" et was presented by Mr. Ghislain Nkeramugaba, IXP Development Expert, Internet Society (ISOC).

The full presentation is herewith attached;



ISOC Presentation -
All-in-One-Primer-Pr

The third presentation was made by Eng. Vukeni Innocent Joseph, Assistant Director, Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT), South Sudan, on the topic: *“Coordinating National Response and Communication During Cybersecurity Incidents”*. The presentation is herewith attached ;



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7.1.4. Conclusion & recommendations from the workshop

The workshop equipped participants with practical skills for managing cyber incidents and establishing clear communication protocols. It helped to strengthen institutional readiness, improve collaboration and ensure compliance with cybersecurity frameworks and legal obligations.

In conclusion

- Cybersecurity requires increasing attention as cyberattacks continue to grow in scale and profitability;
- Capacity-building in cybersecurity should be a continuous effort;
- A structured approach to incident reporting is crucial for effective cybersecurity;
- Digital transformation increases societal vulnerability, making the workshop a highly important event.

Below were the recommendations:

EAC Member States should:

- Continue strengthening regional cyber resilience;
- Improve trust across digital public services;
- Enhance better-prepared response ecosystem;
- Reinforce the importance of collaboration;
- Encourage commitment from members States and stakeholders (especially political will);
- Mitigate threats posed by emerging technologies;
- Use emerging tech like AI to enhance cyber resilience;
- Invest in human resource and technical capacity.

7.2. Workshop on Emerging Technologies

7.2.1. Background

As we leverage technology to create new opportunities, drive efficiency and innovation in the East African Region, we need to drive the uptake of emerging technologies such as Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Edge Computing and 5G. The uptake of these technologies presents a number of challenges and opportunities which include skills gap, change management to ensure digital transformation, regulatory compliance and infrastructure upgrades among other. The EACO Advisory Council and Assemblies provided an opportunity for Policy, Regulatory and Industry experts from the region and beyond to delve deep into these issues during the discussions and propose a way forward for the region. The communication sector was engaged in discussions on this relevant topic during the workshop on emerging technologies.

7.2.2. Structure of the workshop

The workshop on emerging technologies was moderated by the Chair of EACO Working Group 5 on Broadcasting Development, Spectrum Management & Media Services Regulations, Eng. Dud Acol De Dut, who is also the Director of Spectrum Management at the National Communication Authority, South Sudan. It involved presenters from the mobile and satellite industry.

The workshop started with a presentation from Meta titled “*Enabling the Next Generation of Technology in Africa*” by Ms. Mercy Ndegwa, Director of Public Policy for East and Horn of Africa, Meta.

The presentation is herein attached.



Meta EACO 2025
30th Assemblies Pres

The second presenter was Mr. Linden Petzer-Senior Advisor, Global Satellite Operators Association-GSOA. His presentation was titled “*Developments in satellite communication technology*”.

The presentation is herein attached.



GSOA Developments
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The third and last presentation titled “*Progress on development of 6G/IMT 2030*” was made by Mr. Daniel Obam, Special Advisor on Africa Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Huawei Technologies.

The presentation is herein attached.



Huawei Presentation
to EACO Council 2025

7.2.3. Key highlights from the three presentations

On enabling the Next Generation of Technology in Africa, Ms. Mercy Ndegwa, the Meta’s Director of Public Policy for East and Horn of Africa, presented on emerging technologies, focusing on Meta’s investments in infrastructure and AI initiatives. She highlighted the 2Africa submarine cable project, which will enhance internet connectivity across Africa, and the open-source Llama AI model. Mercy emphasized Meta’s commitment to open-sourcing AI to foster innovation, economic development, and local problem-solving, while also discussing the benefits for governments in adopting open-source AI for public service delivery.

Mercy discussed Meta’s efforts in Africa to improve online safety through stakeholder engagements, policy updates, and AI tools. She highlighted initiatives like youth safety programs, collaborations with regulatory agencies, and the expansion of monetization tools across several African countries. Mercy also addressed questions on reporting mechanisms for suspicious activities and the company’s stance on regulation, emphasizing the need for appropriate regulatory frameworks tailored to OTT services.

On Satellite Communications, trends and Innovations, Mr. Linden Petzer presented an overview of satellite communications, highlighting developments in technology and applications, particularly in Africa. He discussed the integration of satellite and terrestrial networks, emphasizing the growing importance of non-terrestrial networks in 5G and beyond. Linden also addressed trends in satellite policy and regulation, advocating for enabling policies and cross-sector innovation. The session concluded with a Q&A, where participants raised questions about spectrum allocation, space debris, and the attractiveness of the satellite sector for young professionals. Mr. Linden highlighted that the governments should have activities/activities where government institutions like the space agencies reach out to young people to interest them into satellite issues.

Regarding 6G Technology and African Development, Mr. Daniel Obam presented on the development of 6G technology, highlighting its potential to enable new applications like autonomous vehicles, VR/AR, and remote surgery. He explained that 6G, expected to be deployed by 2030, will provide ultra-reliable low-latency communication and massive

connectivity. He emphasized the need for Africa to identify relevant use cases for 6G and collaborate with academic institutions to develop the technology. He also addressed concerns about the digital divide, suggesting that policy interventions are needed to ensure that people in Africa can benefit from new technologies without being left behind.

7.2.4. Recommendations

- EACO Member States to participate more actively in ITU Working Party 5D meetings to ensure African representation in early stages of 6G development and standardization
- Government Agencies should develop policies to address smartphone accessibility and digital literacy to close the usage gap in mobile networks
- EACO Member States to Identify relevant local use cases for 6G technology that address unique African challenges and needs
- Government Regulators to review spectrum allocation strategies to ensure sufficient bandwidth availability for future 6G deployment
- Meta to share list of countries where monetization tools are currently available with EACO organizers for distribution to participants
- Meta to continue expanding monetization tools access to more African countries beyond current 7 countries
- Meta to expand AI training programs to more African countries beyond current pilot countries
- EACO Secretariat to coordinate partnerships between academic institutions and technology companies to develop local digital content and solutions
- Academic Institutions should increase collaboration with industry to conduct research and development focused on African-specific use cases for emerging technologies
- National Regulatory Authorities to allocate budget to support staff participation in physical working group meetings, trainings, and international regulatory forums
- EACO Member States to address cross-border frequency coordination issues between neighboring countries
- Broadcasters and Mobile Network Operators to work together to resolve spectrum sharing challenges in the 500-600 bands

- EACO Partner States to harmonize the EACO cross-border frequency coordination framework with the ITU framework for Africa
- EACO Member States to strengthen cooperation between broadcasting, regulatory, telecommunication, and postal assemblies

8. ASSEMBLIES & JOIN WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS

8.1. Assembly of Regulators

The report was presented by the Chairman of the Assembly and was adopted.

The detailed report is attached herewith.



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REGULATORY ASSEM

8.2. Assembly of Telecommunications Operators

The report of the Assembly of Telecom Operators was presented and adopted.

The detailed report is attached herewith.



Report of the 30th
Assembly of Telecom

8.3. Assembly of Broadcasters

The report of the Assembly of Broadcasters was presented and adopted.

The detailed report is attached herewith.



Report of the 30th
EACO Broadcasters As

8.4. Assembly of Postal Operators

The report of the Assembly of Postal Operators and proposals contained therein were adopted.

The detailed report of the Postal Assembly is attached herewith



REPORT OF THE
30TH POSTAL ASSEM

8.5. Joint Working Committee

The Report of the Joint Working Committee was presented comprising a certain number of recommendations.

The detailed report is herewith attached.



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9. ADVISORY COUNCIL

9.1. Opening

After remarks by Dr Ally Simba, Executive Director of EACO; Mr. Gieth Kon Mathiang, Director General of NCA; Dr Samuel Muhizi, Chairman of EACO; the Advisory Council was opened by Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, Minister of ICT and Postal Services of South Sudan.

The Minister commended again the role of EACO in promoting the communication sector. He indicated that the presence of different EACO members, partners and stakeholders demonstrated the commitment and belief to its activities and contributions.

9.2. Report of the Chairman of EACO

The Chairman of EACO Dr Samuel Muhizi presented the report for the period 2023-2025. Among other activities were the revision of EACO Constitution, the recruitment of a new Executive Director.

The entire report is herewith attached;



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1st EACO Advisory Cc

Therefore, the Chairman of EACO presented the new Executive Director Ms. Caroline Koech and give her opportunity to deliver some remarks.

After his report, he handed over the Chairmanship to Mr. Gieth Kon Mathiang, Director General of NCA, who became the Chairman of EACO for the period 2025-2027.

9.3. Appreciation and Recognition

Appreciations and recognition have been done to the following:

- i) Outgoing Chairman of EACO
- ii) Chairperson of Regulatory Assembly (DG CA Kenya)
- iii) Chairperson of Telecom Assembly (Airtel Kenya)
- iv) Chairperson of Broadcasting Assembly (KBS Kenya)
- v) Chairperson of Postal Assembly (Post Corporation Kenya)
- vi) Outgoing Executive Director, EACO
- vii) DG NCA South Sudan (Host of the Event)

9.4. Final Communiqué

After the deliberations, a final communiqué was read and is herein attached.



Final Communiqué of
the 1st Advisory Cour

10. CLOSING

The Advisory Council was closed by Hon. Michael Makuei, Ministry of Information, Communications and Postal Services, Republic of South Sudan.

He noted and appreciated EACO's role of enhancing and coordinating development of ICTs in the region and urged each one to support.

He reiterated the commitments of South Sudan's Government to support initiatives and indicated the availability to attend the EACO Assemblies scheduled to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in 2026.

Lastly, he thanked everyone for the contribution on the success of all activities held during the week; and wished all journey Mercies.

SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF EACO:

Mr. Gieth Kon Mathiang

**Director General & Chairman of EACO
National Communications Authority
(NCA) JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN**

Dr. Samuel Muhizi

**Director General, Agence de
Régulation et de Contrôle des
Télécommunications (ARCT)
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Hon. George William Nyombi Thembo

Executive Director

**Uganda Communications Commission
(UCC) KAMPALA, UGANDA**

Mr. Christian Katende

The President

**Autorité de Régulation de la Poste et
des Telecommunications du Congo
(ARPTC) Democratic Republic of the
Congo, Kinshasa, Gombe**

Ms Tusajigwe Mwalukasa

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Mr. Charles Gahungu

**Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority
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Ms. Patricia Kerretts Communications

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KENYA

Done this 13th Day of June 2025 at Radisson Blu Hotel - Juba, South Sudan