

**REPORT OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> EACO JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE (JWC) HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025, JUBA SOUTH SUDAN AT RADISSON BLU HOTEL.**

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting started at 3.00pm EAT.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted and is attached as **Annex I**.

**3. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Regulatory Assembly Eng. Papiti Okwaci, representative of the Director General Communications Authority of South Sudan (NCA), opened the meeting by thanking members for participating to discuss on the content of the reports of the issues that were cross cutting in the Assemblies of Regulatory, Broadcasting, Telecom and Postal. The following issues were discussed:

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES FROM THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLIES**

**Noted:**

The JWC noted cross cutting issues from the four (4) Assemblies as follows:

**4.1 Postal Assembly**

The Assembly of Postal Operators identified and recommended the following Cross Cutting Issues for submission to the Joint Working Committee:

- i. Delay in provision of inputs to draft documents by some working group members;
- ii. Budget constraints which affected the attendance of physical meetings by all members of working groups;
- iii. Inconsistence in attending working groups meetings by members in order to advance working groups' initiatives;
- iv. EACO Members and partners to assign dedicated staffs to all Working groups;
- v. Need for working group members to be proactive on the tasks assigned in order to complete WG tasks within the set timeframes.

## **4.2 Telecom Assembly**

The Assembly of Telecom Operators identified and recommended the following Cross Cutting Issues for submission to the Joint Working Committee:

- i. Active Participation of Members States in all EACO meetings;
- ii. Cross border frequency coordination in the region;
- iii. Participation of operators (telecom and broadcasting) in the activities of EACO;
- iv. Need for experts in the different working Groups;
- v. Facilitation of working group members to enhance participation and contribution in working group activities.

## **4.3. Broadcasting Assembly**

The Assembly of Broadcasting Operators identified and recommended the following Cross Cutting Issues for submission to the Joint Working Committee:

- i. Active Participation of Members States in all EACO meetings;
- ii. Cross border frequency coordination in the region;
- iii. Participation of operators (telecom and broadcasting) in the activities of EACO;
- iv. Need for experts in the different working Groups;
- v. Facilitation of working group members to enhance participation and contribution in working group activities.

## **4.4 Regulatory Assembly**

The Assembly of Regulators identified and recommended the following Cross Cutting Issues for submission to the Joint Working Committee:

- i. EACO members to continue encouraging their staff to participate in EACO activities especially in trainings, workshops and meetings.
- ii. Minimal private sector (operators/partners) participation in Working Group meetings.
- iii. The absence of succession planning for WG/Committees membership. Therefore, Countries to appoint at least 3 officials to participate in the Working Groups and Committees.
- iv. Each country/NRA to encourage operators to attend Working Groups meetings.
- v. NRAs should allocate budget to sponsor their members to attend physical meetings.

### **Agreed:**

The report of the Joint Working Committee was **CONSIDERED** and **ADOPTED** by the Joint Working Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> EACO Assemblies.

#### **4. CLOSING THE MEETING.**

The Chairman ended the meeting by thanking all participants for their dedication in striving to achieve EACO's long- term strategic goals and objectives for carrying out its mandate and urged them to double their efforts for the remaining tasks ahead.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.00 pm CAT.

The report was submitted by:

-----

-----

**ENG. PAPITI OKWACI**

CHAIRMAN, 30<sup>th</sup> EACO Regulators Assembly

**ENG. JOHN JAMES NELSON**

First Rapporteur / NCA

-----

-----

**MR. NOEL GATERA GATETE**

Second Rapporteur / RURA

**Ms. NORAH SITATI**

LM/HRA, EACO Secretariat

#### **ANNEX I**



AGENDA AND  
PROGRAMME DETAIL