

**REPORT OF THE EACO LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ARUSHA,  
TANZANIA FROM 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016**

The East African Communications Organisation (EACO) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (LCAC) meeting was held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Arusha, Tanzania. The meeting was hosted by the EACO Secretariat.

The list of participants is captured in Annex I.

**AGENDA**

The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda
2. Review of the last meeting report and matters arising
3. Review of the Work Plan 2015/2016 and matters arising
4. Review of the EACO Constitution.
5. Finalisation of Dispute Settlement Procedures
6. Review of Rules of procedures for committees and working groups
7. Consideration of the draft procedure for imposition of sanctions
8. AOB & Closing of the meeting

**1. Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and noted that many members could not attend the meeting due to travel restrictions by various member states.

The Chairman further noted the need for continuity in participation of members in the Committee.

## **2. Review of the last meeting report and matters arising**

Members reviewed the report of the last LCAC meeting held from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 and noted the following actions:

### **Noted 1:**

The decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress that the Secretariat should schedule joint WGs meetings where cross-cutting issues arise.

### **Agreed 1:**

The Committee reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Committees and Working Groups to provide procedures for conducting joint Committees and Working Groups meetings.

The reviewed Rules of Procedures is attached hereto as annex II.

### **Noted 2:**

The decision of the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress that the Secretariat should ensure that all documents uploaded on the EACO website are up to date.

### **Agreed 2:**

The Committee would review and quality assure all the LCAC documents once approved and the Liaison Manager would send them to the Secretariat for uploading on the website.

**Noted 3:**

The decision of the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress that LCAC should consider making proposals for provision of Working Parties in the Guidelines and Working Methods for Committees and Working Groups.

**Agreed 3:**

The Committee reviewed the Guidelines and Working Methods for Committees and Working groups to make provisions for Working Parties. The reviewed Guidelines are attached hereto annex III.

**Noted 4:**

The Committee noted its previous decision that LCAC should review the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between EACO and other organs/agencies as is required from time to time. It further noted that EACO has entered into agreements with third parties without consulting LCAC.

**Agreed 4:**

The Committee agreed that EACO would endeavour to send all MoUs to LCAC for comments before execution of the same.

### **3. Review of the Work Plan 2015/2016 and matters arising**

#### **Noted 6:**

The Committee reviewed its work plan for financial year 2015/2016 and noted that the following activities were outstanding:

1. Finalization of the Dispute Settlement Procedures; and
2. Finalization of the imposition of sanctions procedures.

#### **Agreed 6:**

- a) That the Dispute Settlement Procedures and the Imposition of sanctions procedures would be finalized during the next circle of meetings.
- b) It was agreed further that with regard to the imposition of sanctions procedures, the Secretariat would obtain approval from EXCOM to finalize the document.

### **4. Review of the EACO Constitution**

#### **Noted 7:**

The need to review the powers of vested in Congress by the EACO Constitution for seamless execution of EACO activities.

#### **Agreed 7:**

The Committee reviewed the EACO Constitution and came up with proposed amendment attached hereto as annex IV.

### **5. Review of Dispute Settlement Procedures**

#### **Noted 8:**

The Dispute Settlement Procedures as required under Article 19 of the EACO Constitution had not been finalized.

**Agreed 8**

The Dispute Settlement Procedures would be finalized together with Imposition of Sanctions Procedure in the 2016/2017 cycle.

**6. Review of Rules of procedures for Committees and Working Groups**

**Noted 9:**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Congress decision that LCAC proposes procedure for Joint Committees and Working Groups meetings.

**Agreed 9:**

The committee reviewed the rules of procedures for Committees and Working Groups to make provision for conduct of meetings of Joint Committees and Working Groups.

The reviewed Rules of procedure is attached as annex VI.

**7. Any Other Business**

**Noted 10:**

The Committee noted that the Secretariat had not forwarded the Agenda and the documents for the meeting in good time.

**Agreed 10:**

The Committee agreed that the documents for the meetings including matters arising should be sent to the members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 2.06 pm on 11th May 2016.

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**John Daffa**

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**Rita Zaramba Sekadde**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**RAPPORTUER**