

RECORD OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF EACO WORKING GROUP 1 ON ICT POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS HARMONIZATION FROM 5TH TO 7TH OCTOBER 2015, KIGALI, RWANDA

1. List of Attendees

Refer to **Annex 1**.

2. Opening of the Meeting

The Fifth meeting of EACO Working Group 1 on ICTs Policy and Regulatory Frameworks Harmonization (WG01), was held in Kigali, Rwanda; from 5th- 7th October 2015, with a welcome remark by the Chairperson, Ms. Fortunata Mdachi, - from Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) .

Members present were welcomed by the EACO Liaison Manager, Mr. Godliving Kessy noting apologies from Regulators of Burundi and Uganda. It was further noted that only one operator from Tanzania attended the meeting and it could not be established as to the reason for the absence of the other operators .

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as per **Annex 2**.

4. Appointment of Rapporteurs

Ms. Lyn Cheronno (CA of Kenya) and the Liaison Manager/Counsellor, agreed to be rapporteurs of the meeting.

5. Communication from the Liaison Manager

The Liaison Manager, Mr. Godliving Kessy informed the meeting of ongoing joint ICT Projects by ITU, Chinese Government and EAC and the EU initiative toward harmonisation of the ICT Policies within the EAC. It was noted that these Projects may have a bearing on the work of WG1.

6. Recap of the 21st Congress Report

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The Liaison Manager took the meeting through the 21st Congress Report. He highlighted the discussion and the decisions of the Congress in particular with regard to ICT policy and regulatory issues.

The meeting noted the same and resolved to review the draft EAC Model ICT Policy and Regulatory Framework.

7. Status of implementation of the TORs of the Working Group 1

On review of the TORs, it was noted that WG1 had implemented its work.

8. Development of WG 1 Workplan for Period 2015/16

The meeting developed a Workplan for Period 2015/16 as per **Annex 3**.

9. Review of Documents

9.1 Draft EAC Model ICT Policy

The meeting reviewed the document to ensure that all the Policy issues identified during the 21st Congress meeting had been provided for in the Draft including Postal Services, Connectivity, Cybersecurity, e-Content Development, Quality of Service and Norms & Standards.

Attached hereto as **Annex 4** is the reviewed Draft Model EAC ICT Policy.

9.2 Draft EAC Model Regulatory Framework

The draft framework was reviewed by expanding the part on e-Transaction and introducing parts on Postal, Cybersecurity, SIM-card Management, Emerging Technologies and Services and Broadcasting.

Attached hereto as **Annex 5** is the reviewed Draft Model ICT Regulatory Framework.

10. Preparation for the Stakeholders Workshop

After due discussions, the Group prepared the draft Programme tentatively scheduled on 16th-17th February 2016. The said

Programme is attached as **Annex 6**.

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11. Any Other Business

- The Group noted with concern the diminishing number of attendees to WG1 meeting. It was therefore recommended that the EACO Secretariat takes up the matter with EXCOM.
- The Group agreed to meet tentatively from 15th -19th February 2016 in Kigali.

12. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson of the Working Group. She thanked the members for their participation, valuable contributions and wished everyone who was travelling a safe flight.

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Ms. Fortunata MDACHI
Chairperson

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Ms. Lyn CHERONO
Rapporteur 1

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Mr. Godliving KESSY
EACO LM/RA

Annex 1: Attendance List



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Annex 2: The Agenda



AGENDA FOR THE
WGI MEETING KIGALI

Annex 3: Work Plan



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Annex 4: EACO Draft Model ICT Policy



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Annex 5: Model ICT Regulatory Framework.



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Annex 6: Programme for Stakeholders Consultative Forum



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