



## **REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP 1: POLICY AND REGULATORY HARMONIZATION FRAMEWORKS, HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The East African Communications Organization (EACO) held its Working group 1 meeting in Kigali, Rwanda from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

The meeting was opened by Ms. Rita Zaramba Sekadde, UCC-Uganda, the Chairperson, who was appointed by members, in the absence of the substantive Working Group 1 Chairperson. She started by welcoming members to the meeting after which self-introductions were done.

### **2. Attendance**

Four countries (Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) were in attendance. The attendance register is attached as **Annex I**.

### **3. Agenda and constitution of the Bureau**

The agenda of the meeting is appended in **Annex II**.

In addition to the Chair, the meeting elected the other members of the Bureau as following:

First Rapporteur : Vitalia Kidabulo, TCRA - Tanzania

Second Rapporteur : Beatrice Musika, RURA-Rwanda

#### 4. Communication from the Chairperson

The Chairperson person welcomed members to the meeting and wish them fruitful deliberations.

#### 5. Discussion of WG1 Terms of Reference for 2021-2022

Participants noted that for the period 2021-2022, two ToRs had been allocated to WG1. These included:

1. Development of an EAC Model Post & Courier Policy, and
2. Development of an EAC Model Digital Broadcasting Policy

Members were informed that SIM registration had been removed from the list of the ToRs for WG 1 following EXCOM's recommendation.

#### 6. Draft EAC Model Post & Courier Policy

Members participated and reviewed the draft Model Postal and Courier Policy; which is attached herewith.



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#### 7. Draft EAC Model Digital Broadcasting Policy

Members participated and reviewed the draft Model Digital Broadcasting Policy; which is attached herewith.



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## 8. Way forward: roadmap

Members discussed and developed the roadmap for the completion of the two policies as follows

Task	Responsible	Timeline
Circulation of the two drafts policies to all WG1 Members for review	Alexis Sinarinzi/EACO	19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021
Circulation and receipt of feedback of the Postal and Courier Policy to WG4: Postal Service Development & Regulations	Alexis Sinarinzi/EACO	November 2021 – January 2022
Circulation and receipt of feedback of the broadcasting policy to WG5: Broadcasting Development, Spectrum Management & and Media Services Regulations	Alexis Sinarinzi/EACO	November 2021 – January 2022
Circulation and receipt of feedback of EAC Draft Postal and Courier Policy to postal stakeholders	Alexis Sinarinzi/EACO	February 2022
Circulation and receipt of feedback of EAC Draft Digital Policy to broadcasting stakeholders	Alexis Sinarinzi/EACO	February 2022
WG1 meeting	All	April 2022
Submission to EACO Assemblies	Chairperson	June 2022

## 9. Date of the next meeting

Members agreed to hold the next WG 1 meeting in April, 2022.

## 7. Closure of Meeting

There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked the participants and closed the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

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**Ms. Rita Zaramba Sekadde**

Chairperson

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**Ms. Vitalia Kidabulo**

First Rapporteur

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**Ms. Beatrice Musika**

Second Rapporteur

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**Mr. Alexis SINARINZI**

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### Annex I: List of Participants

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**Annex II: Agenda**

1. Opening of the Meeting and Attendance (Introduction of members)
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Constitution of the Bureau
3. Communications from the Chairperson
4. Discussion of WG1 TORs for 2021-2022
5. Presentation and discussion of the draft Model Post & Courier Policy and Regulatory Framework
6. Presentation and discussion of the draft Model Digital Broadcasting Policy and regulatory Framework
7. Global review of the drafts Model Post & Courier Policy and Regulatory Framework and Model Digital Broadcasting Policy and regulatory Framework
8. Elaboration of a roadmap for completing the two documents
9. Report Writing
10. Review the report
11. Way forward
12. Date for Next meeting and Closure of the Meeting