



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
22ND ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE
EAC HEADS OF STATE**

EAC: Deepening Integration, Widening Cooperation

22ND JULY 2022

ARUSHA, THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

0

1. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, THEIR EXCELLENCIES: UHURU KENYATTA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA; ÉVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI; SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA; YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA; RT HON. PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD NGIRENTE REPRESENTING HIS EXCELLENCY PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA; RT HON. PRIME MINISTER JEAN-MICHEL SAMA LUKONDE KYENJE REPRESENTING HIS EXCELLENCY FÉLIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, MINISTER OF PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DR. BARNABA MARIAL BENJAMIN REPRESENTING HIS EXCELLENCY SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN, HELD THE 22ND ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE ON 22ND JULY, 2022 IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA. IN ATTENDANCE WAS HIS EXCELLENCY, HASSAN SHEIKH MOHAMUD, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA AS A SPECIAL GUESTS. THE HEADS OF STATE MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.
2. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST MARCH 2021 TO 30TH JUNE, 2022. THE SUMMIT COMMENDED THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO RESOLVE THE OUTSTANDING MATTERS AND REPORT TO THE 23RD SUMMIT.
3. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO INTO THE COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARIAT TO FINALISE AND EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO INTO THE COMMUNITY AND REPORT TO THE 23RD MEETING OF THE SUMMIT.
4. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE NAIROBI PROCESS ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND:
 - a) DECIDED TO MAINSTREAM THE NAIROBI PROCESS INTO THE EAC BY INVOKING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE EAC PROTOCOL ON PEACE AND SECURITY;
 - b) APPOINTED H.E. UHURU KENYATTA AS FACILITATOR TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI PROCESS AS PROVIDED

FOR IN THE MODALITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EAC PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONS AND FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOYS / REPRESENTATIVES;

- c) APPROVED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FACILITATOR;
 - d) DIRECTED THAT A SPECIAL FUND BE ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCESS; AND
 - e) DECIDED TO EXPEDIOUSLY DEPLOY A JOINT REGIONAL FORCE IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.
5. THE HEADS OF STATE CONSIDERED A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT AND NOTED PROGRESS. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED PARTNER STATES AND THE COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES AND REPORT TO THE 23RD MEETING OF THE SUMMIT.
 6. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE PARTNER STATES TO RATIFY ALL OUTSTANDING AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS AND DEPOSIT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BY 31ST DECEMBER, 2022.
 7. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD CONCLUDED THE ROADMAP FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN INTO THE COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO WORK WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP.
 8. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE VERIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HAD NOT BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FASTRACK THE VERIFICATION EXERCISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EAC PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE EAC AND REPORT TO THE 23RD MEETING OF THE SUMMIT.
 9. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF INCLUSION OF FRENCH AND KISWAHILI AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE COMMUNITY, IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH AND CONSIDERED A ROADMAP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KISWAHILI AND FRENCH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF

THE COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP.

10. THE SUMMIT APPOINTED **HON. JUDGE LÉONARD GACUKO** FROM THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AS A JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION WITH EFFECT FROM 22ND JULY, 2022.
11. THE SUMMIT APPOINTED **HON. JUSTICE CHEBORION BARISHAKI BONNY** FROM THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AS A JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE APPELLATE DIVISION WITH EFFECT FROM 16TH AUGUST, 2022.
12. THE SUMMIT DESIGNATED **HON. LADY JUSTICE SAUDA MJASIRI** AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND **HON. JUSTICE DR. CHARLES O. NYAWELO** AS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUDGE OF THE FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION WITH EFFECT FROM 22ND JULY, 2022.
13. THE SUMMIT THANKED **HON. LADY JUSTICE MONICA MUGENYI**, **HON. JUSTICE GEOFFREY W.M. KIRYABWIRE** AND **HON. JUSTICE AUDACE NGIYE** FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED THEM WELL IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.
14. THE SUMMIT NOTED THE TENURE OF **HON. CHRISTOPHE BAZIVAMO**, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WILL END IN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED HIM WELL IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.
15. THE SUMMIT ASSENTED TO THE FOLLOWING BILLS PASSED BY THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018; THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020; THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 2020; THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION BILL, 2021; THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2021; THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 2021; AND THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2021.

16. THEIR EXCELLENCIES, THE EAC HEADS OF STATE AWARDED CERTIFICATES TO THE WINNERS OF THE EAC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ESSAY COMPETITION FOR THE YEARS 2019, 2020 AND 2021, AND COMMENDED THE WINNERS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROCESS.
17. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED THE REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL SUMMIT RETREAT ON THE EAC COMMON MARKET AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO EXAMINE FURTHER THE RESOLUTIONS AND REPORT TO THE NEXT SUMMIT.
18. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS ON CONSULTATIONS ON THE EAC POLITICAL CONFEDERATION CONSTITUTION AND DIRECTED COUNCIL TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS.
19. THE SUMMIT LAUNCHED THE 42.2 KILOMETER EAC ARUSHA BYPASS ROAD IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, WHICH IS PART OF THE ATHI RIVER - NAMANGA - ARUSHA - HOLILI/TAVETA - VOI ROAD. THE SUMMIT COMMENDED THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR FINANCING THE PROJECT.
20. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA WILL CONDUCT ELECTIONS ON 9TH AUGUST 2022 AND WISHED THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA PEACEFUL ELECTIONS.
21. THE SUMMIT COMMENDED HIS EXCELLENCY UHURU KENYATTA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA FOR CHAIRING THE COMMUNITY AND FOR HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY DURING HIS TENURE.
22. THE SUMMIT RECALLED ITS PREVIOUS DECISION AT IT'S 21ST MEETING THAT THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI WOULD BE THE NEXT CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY. THE SUMMIT DECIDED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN BE THE RAPPORTEUR.
23. THE SUMMIT EXTENDED THEIR GRATITUDE TO HER EXCELLENCY, SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN TANZANIA.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 22TH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

H.E. EVARISTE
NDAYISHIMIYE

President

REPUBLIC OF
BURUNDI



DR. BARNABA
MARIAL BENJAMIN

Minister of
Presidential Affairs

REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH SUDAN



RT HON. PRIME
MINISTER JEAN-
MICHEL SAMA
LUKONDE KYENGE

Vice Prime Minister
and Minister of
Foreign Affairs

DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF
CONGO



H.E. UHURU
KENYATTA

President

REPUBLIC OF
KENYA



RT. HON. DR.
EDOUARD
NGIRENTE

Prime Minister

REPUBLIC OF
RWANDA



H.E. YOWERI
KAGUTA
MUSEVENI

President

REPUBLIC OF
UGANDA



H.E. SAMIA
SULUHU HASSAN

President

UNITED REPUBLIC
OF TANZANIA

