



The East Africa Conference Declaration 24 -25 June 2024, Mogadishu, Somalia

Preamble

The East African Community Conference (EACON) 2024, held in Mogadishu, Somalia, from June 24th to June 25th, in the presence of the President of Federal Republic of Somalia H.E Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E. Salah Jama, Cabinet Ministers, Business Councils, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Academia, Youth, Women and media under the theme of "Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the East African Community."

1. Congratulates the signing of the treaty of accession of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the EAC Treaty, state house, Entebbe, on 15th December 2023.
2. Commends/Praises also the meeting to develop a roadmap on the integration of the Federal Republic of Somalia into East Africa Community on 12th -21st June in Nairobi, Kenya.
3. Reaffirm the principles of the Pillars of EAC Regional Integration, Agenda 2063, Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement.
4. Further Lauds the Federal Republic of Somalia on its strategic decision to join the East Africa Community and successful treaty and its historic outcomes, particularly the current progressive engagement with the community.

5. Acknowledges the launch of the preparation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP) for the period 2025-2029 as the nation's strategic framework aims to steer Somalia towards sustainable development, economic stability, and long-term prosperity.
6. Recognizes Somalia's successful participation and engagements in the COP28 its declaration and UAE Consensus.

Now hereby identify the following to be critical agendas for urgent collective action:

1. We call upon Somali Community and all stakeholders to act with in accordance with full integration with the community in areas on trade, education, social, and cultural exchange.
2. Emphasize the importance of enhancing regional trade and investment by removing trade barriers, harmonizing customs procedures, and promoting infrastructure development to facilitate smoother movement of goods and services across borders.
3. Urge Somali Education community to prioritize education and skills development by fostering collaboration among universities, technical institutions, and vocational training centers within the EAC, ensuring access to quality education for all, especially women and youth.

- To ensure this, GIZ, through Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), will collaborate with the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Higher Education to offer 1,000 scholarships to the Somali youth to study in East African Universities.

- Calls the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Higher Education to introduce a required Digital Skills Education in all Somali higher education institution.

4. Advocate for the promotion of social and cultural exchange programs to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation among the diverse communities within the EAC, celebrating cultural diversity and fostering regional unity.

5. Stress the need for robust mechanisms to address climate change and environmental sustainability, urging member states to implement policies aligned with the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, and to invest in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture to build climate resilience.

6. Call for the enhancement of public health systems and collaboration in healthcare, particularly in combating pandemics and emerging health threats, by sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices among EAC member states.

7. Highlight the importance of peace and security in the region, calling for collective efforts to address conflicts, terrorism, and transnational crime through enhanced cooperation and intelligence sharing.

8. Encourage the private sector and business councils to play an active role in driving economic growth and job creation, fostering innovation, and supporting entrepreneurship, particularly among youth and women.

9. Recognize the critical role of civil society organizations in advancing regional integration and development, and call for their active engagement in policy formulation and implementation processes.

10. Commit to transparent and accountable governance, upholding the rule of law, and ensuring that all member states adhere to democratic principles and respect human rights.

11. Pledge to strengthen the Somali Government and EAC Secretariat to effectively coordinate and monitor the implementation of the agreed agendas, ensuring timely and impactful outcomes.

12. Call upon the international partners and donors to support the Somalia's initiatives and programs with in EAC recognizing the region's potential for sustainable development and its strategic importance in promoting regional and global stability.

**Adopted in Mogadishu, Somalia,
on this 25th day of June 2024.**

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