



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**Recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> EAC SG's General's  
Forum for private sector, civil society and other  
interests groups**

***“GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE  
EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY”.***

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<b>Thematic area</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status of Implementation</b>
<b>Electoral reforms in the region and their implications on Peace</b>	The East Africa Legislative Assembly should expeditiously pass the EAC Good Governance Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)</li> </ul>	
	Restoring of Presidential Term limits in all Partner States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• East African Court of Justice (EACJ)</li> </ul>	
	Institute a mechanism to track transparency and accountability among the Partner States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• East Africa Civil Society Organisations Forum (EACSOF)</li> </ul>	
	Undertake regional sensitization activities on elections and the use of electoral gadgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
<b>Protecting the civic space in the EAC</b>	Develop a framework for defending human rights defenders in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• East African Local Government Association (EALGA)</li> </ul>	
	Fast track the finalization of the EAC Good Governance Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Establish a model form of the Freedom of Information law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EACSOF</li> <li>• East African</li> </ul>	

		Law Society and (EALS)	
	Finalize and implement EALA/CSO's engagement framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EALA</li> <li>• EACSOF</li> <li>• EALS</li> </ul>	
<b>Interrogating the place of women in the EAC Peace and Security</b>	Institutionalization of gender parity in peace negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• Council of Ministers</li> </ul>	
	Ensure equal representation of women and men in the leadership of the EAC Standby Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Enforce training for women mediators and election observers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Institutionalization of the EAC Women, Peace and Security Network within the East African Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Monitor and evaluate the implementation the EAC UNSCR 1325 regional Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC secretariat</li> </ul>	
<b>EAC Electoral Processes on Trade and Investment</b>	Set up institutions to handle credible elections and stability to promote trade and investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• Communication Commissions</li> </ul>	
	Professionals should be organized into strong nationwide and Regional Umbrella bodies like APSEA to sensitize all professionals on their	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	

	roles and regulate their conducts and their roles in Elections of all kinds from local level to National and regional level by working with EAC and Electoral bodies		
	Media Owners and Media Professionals to be regulated in terms of the contents of broadcasts and to regulate the conduct of media Professionals through a relevant media law or reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	PSOs and CSOs should conduct advocacy at regional and national levels for the implementation of regional policies and legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Sector Organisations</li> <li>• Civil Society Organisations</li> </ul>	
	A forum should be established for private sector to discuss issues with the political leaders on the effect of electoral processes of trade and investment in East Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Educate the foreign investors on the process and importance of elections in Africa and let them receive assurances on peace and stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Private Sector to develop a charter on their needs to Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EABC</li> </ul>	

	Legal reforms should be in place for citizens to report wrong acts such as massive corruption by compromised business leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EABC</li> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Develop a regional business guidelines/code on electoral process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EABC</li> </ul>	
	Policy makers/ economic managers should plan and budget adequately to avoid macroeconomic instabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EABC</li> </ul>	
<b>Social Protection Agenda in the EAC-Universal Health Coverage</b>	The EAC Partner States to abide by the Abuja declaration health financing of 15 % budget allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	The EAC Partner States to abide by the Kigali Declaration on Universal Health Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	The EAC Partner to review their national constitution to include the right to health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Develop a model framework for community empowerment, participation and engagement for attaining universal health coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partnerships</li> </ul>	
	The EAC to develop a regional framework on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in attaining Universal Health Coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	

	The EAC to define the role and responsibilities of the Partner States, the international development partners donors and the premium payers in financing universal health coverage in the region; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Tax reforms are required to ensure good governance at all levels across the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Establish regional peer review mechanism should be implemented so as to learn good practices from EAC other and ultimately harmonize tax system in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Elected at the decentralized level should exercise fiscal jurisprudence in order to ensure maximization of social welfare through accountability and transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	There is a need to increase the fiscal base at the decentralized unit to increase trade and investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EABC</li> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	set-up a policy on decentralization albeit the current problems of harmonization of domestic taxes and to present a report basing on the studies already done with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	

	recommendations to Council		
<b>Extractive Industries and Marginalization</b>	Harmonization of taxes and fiscal policies in the Extractive industry at Regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Transparency in awarding of contracts especially to the foreign companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EABC</li> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Partner States who have not joined the Extractive Industry and Transparency initiatives (EITI) should be urged to join	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Private Sector CSR Code of Conduct for companies in Sustainable Development Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Knowledge transfer in the mining sector across Partner States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Partner states to ensure there is equitable distribution of compensation and benefits from extractive activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
<b>Corruption and its impact on Business in the EAC</b>	Partner states to institute mechanisms to expeditiously prosecute corruption cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner states</li> </ul>	
	Clear legal framework on corruption should be established within partner states and the EACJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EACJ</li> </ul>	
	Conduct lifestyle audit		

	of elected leaders , public and state officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Fighting, prosecuting, freezing properties of the corruption victims and selling off their properties to recover public funds when proven guilty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EACJ</li> </ul>	
	Partner states to expeditiously enforce paperless border transaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Establish rewarding activities for business people that adhere to the code of conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• EABC</li> </ul>	
	Partner states to establish media campaigns of naming and shaming the culprits of corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
	Partner states to ensure that victims of corruption do not hold any public office until proven not guilty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	
<b>Three Years of Engagement between the Dialogue Parties and the Secretary General</b>	Enhance cyclic and continuous nature of CDF & Bottom up generation of Agenda of SG's Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC secretariat</li> <li>• Regional Dialogue Committee</li> </ul>	
	EAC secretariat to develop a robust M&E Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Enhance diversity and quality of participants to SG's forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC secretariat</li> <li>• Regional Dialogue Committee</li> </ul>	
	Anchor CDF within SG's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	
	Sustain and enhance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Secretariat</li> </ul>	



	funding for CDF implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue parties</li> </ul>	
	Ensure National Dialogue Forums are active throughout the calendar year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> <li>• National Dialogue Parties</li> </ul>	
	More awareness creation on CDF should be carried out by Partner States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner States</li> </ul>	