



# EACSO Newsletter

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**Dear Esteemed Members/ Partners,**

We are delighted to present to you the Quarter 2 2024 edition of the EACSO. This edition highlights the remarkable achievements and collaborative efforts of our organization over the past few months.

## **Successful CSO Summit 2024**

From June 18th to 21st, 2024, EACSO successfully hosted the East African Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Summit. The event brought together over 300 representatives from civil society, EAC institutions, partner states, academia, and development partners. Under the theme "Harnessing Citizens' Potential in Regional Integration Processes: Utilizing Technological Advancements to Resolve Climate Change Challenges and Ensure Food Security in the Region," the summit facilitated engaging discussions and collaborative efforts towards addressing regional development issues.

- [Watch Day 1 East Africa Civil Society Summit 2024](#)
- [Watch Day 2 & 3 East Africa Civil Society Summit 2024](#)
- [Watch Documentary of East Africa Civil Society Summit 2024](#)



In conjunction with the summit, EACSOF also successfully held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), which provided a platform for various stakeholders to convene and discuss vital organizational matters. The AGM featured presentations on EACSOF's achievements over the past year, financial reports, and strategic plans for the future. Participants had the opportunity to engage in dialogue about enhancing collaboration among civil society organizations and strengthening their role in the EAC integration process. The meeting was instrumental in reaffirming EACSOF's commitment to fostering a vibrant civil society that actively contributes to regional development and integration efforts.



## Submission of Communique to EALA Speaker

Following the productive discussions and resolutions from the CSO Summit 2024, EACSOF officially submitted the [communique](#) to the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). This communique encapsulates the key outcomes and recommendations from the summit, emphasizing the need for continued collaboration and effective policy implementation to drive regional integration and development.



## Participation in EAC Women's Intergenerational Dialogue

On July 2nd and 3rd, 2024, EACSOF played an active role in the East African Community (EAC) Women's Intergenerational Dialogue. This significant event aimed to bridge the generational gap among women leaders, facilitating the exchange of experiences and strategic discussions on enhancing women's roles in regional development.

The Dialogue was attended by Members of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), including the Speaker of the Parliament, and was graced by the Guest of Honor, H.E. Veronica M. Nduva, Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC).

EACSOF's participation underscores our dedication to advancing gender equality and empowering women throughout East Africa. During the event, Ms. Lilian Alex CEO of EACSOF emphasized the crucial roles of education, financial empowerment, supportive policies, and networking in fostering women's leadership. She also highlighted the need for improved health services and a peaceful environment to enable women to thrive.



## PARTNERSHIPS

In a significant move towards strengthening partnerships, EACCSOF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GIZ on 31st July 2024. This MOU sets the stage for collaborative initiatives aimed at enhancing institutional capacity, promoting sustainable development, and fostering regional integration through various programs and projects.



The collaboration will emphasize capacity building, technical assistance, resource mobilization, and joint initiatives to support women and youth in the region. This MOU signifies a robust commitment to advancing the East African Community's (EAC) economic integration and stabilization agenda through strengthened civil society participation.

## Upcoming Events & Updates



Stay tuned for more updates on our initiatives and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Join EACSOF today and become a member to collaborate in advancing civil society efforts across East Africa! [Become a Member](#)

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[CSO Summit 2024 Report.](#)

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