

BIEAC-II Regional Workshop on
“Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Deepening EAC Regional Integration:
***Perspectives from the BIEAC Project*”**
27-28 May, 2010; Hotel Lamada, Nairobi, Kenya

Programme

Day one: 27th May 2010

0830-0900 Registration

0900-1100 Opening Session

Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop

- David Ong’olo, Board Member, CUTS Africa Resource Centre

Remarks by

- Ms, Clarrise Bukeyenzeza, GTZ EAC Arusha
- Mr. David Irwin, TMEA Representative
- Mr. George Omondi, ACBF Representative

Inaugural Address

- Hon. Amason Jeffah Kingi, MP, Minister for East Africa Community, Kenya

Vote of Thanks

- Clement Onyango, Director, CUTS ARC Nairobi

Chair: Joyce Abalo, East African Civil Society Forum (EACSOF) Coordinator

Principal Rapporteur: Sofia Njagi, FES, Kenya.

1100-1130 Coffee/Tea Break

1130-1300 Paper 1: Analysis of the State of EAC Integration and Emanating Policy Challenges

Presenter: Julian Mukiibi, Researcher, CUTS Geneva Resource Centre

Chair: Joyce Abalo, Coordinator, East African Civil Society Forum (EACSOF)

Asst Rapporteur 1: Doris Oduor, Program Officer, SEATINI, Kenya.

1400-1530 Paper 2: State of Non-Tariff-Barriers in Trading within EAC: Status, Challenges and Way forward in 2010 and Beyond

Presenter: Monica Hangi, Research Officer, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania

Chair: Mr. Hajji Rashi Kibowa, Commissioner, Ministry of East African Affairs, Uganda.

Asst Rapporteur 2: Ngunga Tepani, Tanzania Association of NGOs (TANGO)

1530-1700 Paper 3: Accession of Burundi and Rwanda into EAC and Implications for Private Sector Development

Presenter: Richard Nderayahaga, Researcher, Université du Burundi.

Chair: Mr. Charles Mdeme Yegella, Senior Trade Officer, East African Business Council (EABC)

Asst Rapporteur 3: Godefroid Manirankunda, Burundi

1700-1730 Tea/Coffee break

Day Two: 28th May 2010

0830-0900 Recap of Day one highlights
Presenter: Principal Rapporteur: Ms. Sophie Njagi.

Concurrent presentations (in separate rooms and participants will register in prior for what they wish to attend based on their interests and professional backgrounds)

0900-1100 Paper 4: Informal Cross-Border Trade and Implications for the EAC Growth and Integration

Presenter: Victor Ogalo, Programmes Officer, CUTS ARC, Nairobi
Chair: Agnes Kirabo, Advocacy officer, VEDCO, Uganda
Asst Rapporteur 3: Fredrick Njehu, Assistant Programme officer, CUTS ARC, Nairobi

0900-1100 Paper 5: Integrating Migration with Development in EAC: Policy Challenges and Recommendations

Presenter: John Bosco Kanyangoga, Senior Trade Consultant, Rwanda
Chair: Agnes Kirabo, Advocacy officer, VEDCO, Uganda
Asst Rapporteur 5: Francois Munyentwari, Country Director, ACORD, Rwanda

1100-1130 Tea/Coffee Break

1130-1300 Paper 6: Harmonisation of East African Community Taxation System: Proposals for a Tax Regime fostering Small Business Development

Presenter: Clyde Mutsotso, Tax and Audit Expert, Kenya
Chair: Mr. Omar Kassim, Vice President, Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Uganda.
Asst Rapporteur 6: Victor Ogalo, CUTS ARC, Nairobi

1130-1300 Paper 7: National Competition Policy and Law versus the Regional Competition Law Act: Status and Way Forward on Addressing the Implementation Challenges

Presenter: Dr. Martin Kaggwa, Researcher, Uganda
Chair: Kimera Henry Richard, Chief Executive, CONSENT, Uganda
Asst Rapporteur 7: Jane Nalunga, Country Director, SEATINI, Uganda

1300-1400 Lunch Break

1400-1530 Reporters' Reports and Inputs from Panel

There will be seven Assistant Rapporteurs who will be comprised of the advocacy partners. Each will be allowed ten minutes (7 min for presentation and 3 min for inputs from the floor)

1530-1600 Importance of CSO consultations in trade policy-making process and mechanisms for doing so at a regional level

Presenter: Agree with one of the participants to lead this discussion

Plenary Discussion

1600-1630 Valedictory Address and Official Closing of the Conference

Closing Remarks from David Ong'olo CUTS Board member.

Official Closing Remarks, Director, CUTS ARC Nairobi