

Arising from the functions of the Standing Committees as specified in the provisions of [Rule \(79\)](#) which constitute the basis of the Committees to carry out their role and functions, each Committee will carry out the following specific functions:

A. THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

- (i) The main functions of this Committee are to carry out a post audit review and scrutiny of the expenditure incurred by the EAC Secretariat, the Organs and Institutions of the sums appropriated in an annual budget approved by the EALA upon presentation by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC.
- (ii) The post audit review and scrutiny of the expenditure will be on the basis of an annual audit report of the Audit Commission, pursuant to provisions of Articles 49(2) (c) and 134; this function is a post budget and implementation of the budget by Organs and Institutions of the EAC.
- (iii) The post audit function encompasses the need to monitor the implementation of the budget in a manner similar to internal audit, pursuant to Rule 72 (1).
- (iv) However, the functions of this Committee do not extend to discussion and scrutiny of the budget for the forthcoming Fiscal Year.
- (v) At the end of each post audit review and scrutiny of an audit report of the Audit Commission, the Committee shall present a report with recommendations to the House for debate and adoption.

B. THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL, RULES AND PRIVILEGES

- (i) The main functions of this Committee are broadly, to receive, review, scrutinize, investigate the complaints against legal entities within EAC of denial/deprivation of enjoyment or inappropriate enjoyment, and use contrary to provisions of the Treaty, Protocols and Agreements by any persons resident within the EAC, regardless of the legal status or the

presence of such persons; oversight of the work of EAC – Sectoral Committees and organs.

(ii) The broad functions as in (i) above, hinge on complaints falling within but, not restricted to provisions of:-

- (a) Chapter Twenty-Four – Legal and Judicial affairs;
- (b) Chapter Twenty Nine General, Transitional and Final Provisions;
- (c) Complaints of breaches of the provisions of:
 - ? Rule 3 Independent Mandate, Privileges and Immunities;
 - ? Rule 4 Incompatibilities.
- (d) Complaints of alleged breaches of the established Code of Conduct, Dress Code for Members, staff and strangers.
- (e) Establishment of requisite codes of conduct and dress for Members, staff and strangers while within the precincts of the Assembly.
- (f) Investigation into and recommendation of solutions of breaches/non compliance with provisions of Annex II – Declaration of a Member's Financial Interests; of the Rules and Procedures.
- (g) The receipt and disposal of proposals for the amendment of the Rules of Procedure.
- (h) Complaints and alleged non-compliance with provisions of the Treaty.

C. THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

(i) The main functions of this Committee are broadly to receive reports on the status of implementation of the provisions of the Treaty falling within their mandate; complaints of non-compliance in facilitating the achievement of the objectives/goals of the Treaty; oversight of work and activities of the Sectoral Committee of the EAC and organs charged with implementation of provisions in this realm.

(ii) The broad functions in (i) above shall hinge on the following provisions of the Treaty, but not limited to them, these are:-

- (a) Chapter Eleven - Co-operation in Trade, Liberalization and Development.
- (b) Chapter Twelve - Co-operation in Investment, & Industrial Development.
- (c) Chapter Thirteen - Co-operation in Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing.
- (d) Chapter Fourteen - Monetary and Financial Co-operation.
- (e) Chapter Fifteen - Co-operation in Infrastructure and Services.
- (f) Chapter Twenty-Five - The Private Sector and Civil Society.
- (g) Chapter Twenty-Six - Relations with other Regional and International Organizations and Development Partners.

D. THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- (i) The main functions of this Committee are broadly to initiate/review Legislation; receive/call for reports from Sectoral Committees, monitor/oversight of implementation of programmes/projects; receive and investigate complaints of non-compliance or failure to facilitate efforts to achieve objectives/goals; carry out studies of specified aspects of the programmes/projects in their realm.
- (ii) The broad function will hinge on the following provisions of the Treaty, though not limited to them;
 - (a) Chapter Eighteen - Agriculture and Food.
 - (b) Chapter Nineteen - Co-operation in Environment and Natural Resources Management

- (c) Chapter Twenty - Co-operation in Tourism and Wildlife Management.

E. THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

(i) The functions of this Committee would revolve around the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to regional affairs; the receipt of reports of the EAC – Sectoral Committees responsible for affairs following this realm; the initiation and conduct of studies, investigations; receipt of reports of complaints for non-compliance and the general oversight of the implementation of the programmes/projects/legislation in this realm.

(ii) The broad functions will hinge on the following provisions of the Treaty, though not limited to them.

- (a) Chapter Seventeen - Free Movement of Persons, Labour, Services, Right of Establishment and Residence.

- (b) Chapter Twenty Three - Co-operation in Political Matters.

- (c) Chapter Twenty-Seven - Co-operation in other Fields.

- (d) Chapter Twenty-Six - International Organisations and Development Partners.

(ii) The mode of operation will involve receipt of briefs and reports from the relevant EAC Sectoral Committee(s) in Chapter Seven of the Treaty. This will be in addition to the work in this area which the Committee could initiate on their own volition, or and that referred to them by the Hon. Speaker and the House.

F. THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSE

(i) The functions of this Committee would revolve around the oversight of the progress made in the implementation of those provisions of the Treaty, which address matters of general application on the EAC in relation to the role and functions of the EALA. In that regard, the Committee would initiate studies and investigation, call for and receive reports of the work of bodies, programmes and projects on such matters. As the Committee may find appropriate upon the receipt of reports from EAC Sectoral Committees; they would refer certain matters to such Committees for further study and report.

(ii) In carrying out their functions, the Committee would hinge on the oversight of the work of the EAC and Sectoral Committees emanating from the following provisions of the Treaty; though not restricted or limited to them:

(a) Chapter Sixteen - Co-operation in the Development of Human Resources, Science and Technology.

(b) Chapter Twenty One - Health, Social and Cultural Activities.

(c) Chapter Twenty Two - Enhancing the Role of Women in Socio-Economic Development.

- Pre-budgeting function.