



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**TALKING POINTS FOR THE EALA SPEAKER AT THE EALA- KEPSA
MEETING – SERENA HOTEL**

OCT 13th, 2015

**His Excellency Kalonzo Musyoka, Former Vice President of the Republic
of Kenya**

Rt. Hon Abdirahin Abdi, Speaker Emeritus, EALA

Honorable Members of Parliament of EALA

Representatives of Private Sector

Former Members of EALA

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

1. I wish to extend my appreciation to the Private Sector in the Republic of Kenya under the aegis of KEPSA for extending the invitation to members of EALA to put their minds together and see/explore areas of collaboration in strengthening integration.
2. EALA is committed to supporting the EAC regional Integration process and Private Sector participation.
3. Trade is a key factor in the EAC integration process and all efforts should be made to ensure full implementation of the EAC Protocols which allow for

free movement of persons, goods, services, labour and capital as well as spurring trade across the region.

4. We are privileged to be addressed by none other than President Uhuru Kenyatta at a special sitting tomorrow. I extend an invitation to the leadership of KEPSA to join us, your time and schedule permitting. I shall be putting across the need to create a conducive environment for Private Sector to thrive.
5. We believe that the Private Sector are the engine of the integration process. As EALA we shall work towards enacting relevant pieces of legislation to anchor the pillars of integration. I call upon the Private Sector to collaborate with us in the regard. Our doors will be open for further consultations.
6. The 2014/2015 Budget passed by EALA prioritizes the operationalization of the EAC Single Customs Territory including the setting up of an institutional framework to manage it, as well as the implementation of the EAC Industrialization policy necessary for Private Sector thrive.
7. EALA has also passed the EAC Elimination of NTBs Bill 2015 ensuring NTBs are eliminated and new ones are not created and investments thrive.
8. This is a unique meeting for KEPSA and EALA. It definitely sets the basis for further collaboration. I want to hail the leadership of KEPSA and the EALA – Kenya Chapter for deeming it fit to get us talking. I believe the respective National Private Sector organisations and the EALA Chapters can follow suit.
9. Having said that, the regional body, EABC needs to be strengthened so that collaboration with EALA is taken to another level. I urge you to fully support EABC
10. I thank you for your collaboration and look forward to fruitful discussions.