



EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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EALA RECEIVES EAC BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR SCRUTINY AND DELIBERATIONS, SWEARS IN NEW MEMBERS

EAC HQs, Arusha, Tanzania- June 2, 2026–The East African Legislative Assembly in its virtual sitting yesterday received the proposed East African Community budget for the financial year 2026/2027, tabled by the Chairperson, Council of the EAC Ministers Hon. Rebecca Kadaga. The East African Legislative Assembly (EAC) adopted the proposed EAC budget estimates for FY2026/2027 and forwarded it to the General-Purpose Committee for scrutiny. This budget estimates were approved at the 60th Extra-Ordinary Meeting held from 18th to 22nd May 2026, of the Council of Ministers and approved a total budget of **USD110,863,576** for the **Financial Year 2026/2027**, alongside a Supplementary Budget of **USD 4,794,593** for **FY 2025/2026**.

The proposed EAC FY2026/2027 Budget reflects a strong commitment to sustaining the operations and programmes of the Community’s Organs and Institutions. The proposed budget for FY2026/2027 is allocated to EAC organs and Institutions as follows:

- 1. The EAC Secretariat: USD 59.7 million**
- 2. East African Court of Justice: USD 5.0 million**
- 3. The East African Legislative Assembly: USD 19.2 million**
- 4. The Inter-University Council for East Africa: USD 9.3 million**
- 5. The Lake Victoria Basin Commission: USD 7.0 million**
- 6. The East African Science and Technology Commission: USD 2.7 million**
- 7. Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization: USD 2.2 million**
- 8. The East Africa Kiswahili Commission: USD 1.6 million**
- 9. The East Africa Health Research Commission: USD 2.3 million**

SOURCES OF FUNDING

Funding for the FY 2026/2027 budget will be primarily sourced from Partner States’ contributions amounting to **USD 62.77 million**, complemented by **USD 46.10 million** from Development Partners, with additional resources coming from institutional reserves and other income streams. This mixed financing structure highlights both regional ownership and continued international support for the EAC’s integration agenda.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

In addition to the main budget, the Council approved a Supplementary Budget for **FY 2025/2026** valued at **USD 4.79 million** to address emerging priorities and financing gaps that could not be deferred. This supplementary allocation builds on the previously approved FY 2025/2026 budget of about **USD 109.05 million** and is intended to ensure continuity and effectiveness in the implementation of critical programmes and projects.

The supplementary funds are targeted toward selected institutions, with the **EAC Secretariat** receiving the largest portion at **USD 2.31 million**, followed by the **Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization**, the **East African Science and Technology Commission**, and the **Lake Victoria Basin Commission**. These funds will be drawn largely from development partner grants, institutional reserves, and special contributions, reflecting a flexible financing mechanism designed to respond to urgent needs and emerging challenges.

AREAS OF FOCUS

A number of high-impact interventions will be supported under the supplementary budget. These include initiatives aimed at strengthening pandemic preparedness, advancing sexual and reproductive health programmes, enhancing governance and peace-building capacity, and improving ICT infrastructure within EAC institutions. Additional support will go toward climate resilience projects in the Lake Victoria Basin, fisheries management and food security programmes, as well as initiatives to promote innovation, particularly among women and youth.

LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

The budgets tabled are anchored in the legal framework of the EAC Appropriation Act, 2026 and the Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2026, which provide for the financing of Community activities for the respective financial years. These instruments were also presented to the East African Legislative Assembly's committee on General Purpose committee for deliberations, in line with the Community's governance procedures.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS OF EALA

The Assembly also moved a motion for resolution of the Assembly to approve members to standing committees, pursuant to Rule 79 of the Assembly Rules of Procedure, this was due to the recent changes in the membership of the Assembly particularly in the Republic of Uganda where **Hon. James Kakooza** and **Hon. Dennis Namara** joined the parliament of Uganda; and **Hon. Luke Thompson** who was appointed a Minister of Health in the government of Republic of South Sudan, thus creating vacancies in the Assembly and in the various committees of the House. The Assembly appointed new members to the Standing Committees necessary for the efficient discharge of its function as follows:

1. **Hon. Paul Musamali** is approved as a Member of the Committee on General Purpose and ceases to be a Member of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution;
2. **Hon. Gai Deng** is approved as Member of the Committee on General Purpose and ceases to be a Member of the Committee on Accounts;
3. **Hon. Sadia James** is approved as a Member of the Committee on Accounts and ceases to be a member of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution

The Assembly also witnessed the swearing in of **H.E Amb. Patrick Bundi**, the Secretary General of EAC as an Ex-Officio of EALA. The Assembly also witnessed the swearing of new members of parliament from the United Republic of Tanzania as stipulated in Rule 5(5) that a new member takes oath or affirmation of

allegiance. These members replaced Eala members who were elected to the Tanzania National Parliament in the last elections including: **Hon. Dr. Ng'waru Maghembe Jumaine , Hon. James Millya and Hon. Angela Kizigha.**

The following new members from the United Republic of Tanzania took oath before the Speaker:

1. **Hon. Fatuma Abdallah Kange**
2. **Hon. Cosato David Chumi**
3. **Hon. Kambarage Masato Wasira**

Overall, the FY 2026/2027 budget and the FY 2025/2026 supplementary allocation signal the EAC's continued determination to deepen regional integration, strengthen institutional capacity, and address both long-term development goals and immediate challenges. By prioritizing strategic sectors such as health, trade, environment, science and technology, and human capital development, the Community is positioning itself to foster inclusive growth, resilience, and sustainable development across East Africa.

The House adjourned to give the General-Purpose Committee a chance to scrutinize the proposed EAC budget and report to the House for deliberations before June 30th.

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