



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)

The Official Report of the Proceedings of the East African Legislative Assembly

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Monday, 19th December 2022

The East African Legislative Assembly met at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber of the Assembly in the EAC Headquarters Building in Arusha, Tanzania.

(The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr Alex Lumumba Obatre) presiding.)

PRAYER

The Assembly was called to order.

LAYING OF PAPERS

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH EALA

The Clerk (Mr Alex Lumumba Obatre): Honourable Members, my name is Alex Lumumba Obatre, the Clerk of the East African Assembly (EALA). I will take you through the process in line with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly as prescribed by law.

Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules Procedure of the Assembly, the Clerk is required, on the first day of the new House, to read out aloud and lay on the Table the list of Members of the House, as transmitted to the Clerk by the Speakers of the National Assemblies of each of the Partner States in accordance with Section 5 of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act, 2012.

I confirm that the seven Partner States of the East African Community (EAC), through their respective Speakers, transmitted to me the list in accordance with the law. Therefore, I will proceed to read out in alphabetical order of the countries, the list of names as sent to me. The list is, as received and as *gazetted* by me, under Legal Notice: EAC/418/2022, Members of the Fifth Assembly.

Pursuant to Article 1 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC, whereas Article 48 of the Treaty provides:

- (1) “The membership of EALA shall comprise-
- (a) nine members elected by each Partner State; and
 - (b) *ex-officio* members consisting of:
 - (i) the Minister responsible for East African Community affairs from each Partner State; and
 - (ii) the Assistant Minister or Deputy Minister or Minister of State responsible for East African Community affairs from each Partner State:
- Provided that an Assistant Minister, Deputy Minister or Minister of State may only participate in the meetings of the Assembly when the substantive Minister responsible for East African Community affairs is for any reason unable to participate; and
- (iii) the Secretary General and the Counsel to the Community.”

Whereas Article 50 of the Treaty provides that:

“The National Assembly of each Partner State shall elect, not from among its members, the nine members of the Assembly, who shall represent as much as it is feasible, the various political parties represented in the National Assembly, shades of opinion, gender and other special groups in that Partner State, in accordance with such procedure as the National Assembly of each Partner State may determine.”

Recognising that the Clerk of the East African Assembly has in accordance with Section 5 of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act 2012, received the names of Members of the Assembly elected by each Partner State;

Now, therefore, the Clerk attests and notifies that the membership of the Assembly in accordance with Article 48(1) of the Treaty is as follows:

Republic of Burundi

1. Hon. Bigirimana Goreth
2. Hon. Burikukiye Victor
3. Hon. Karerwa Mo-Mamo
4. Hon. Kezimana Cathy
5. Hon. Dr. Kibeya Saidi
6. Hon. Manirambona Anastase
7. Hon. Nkurunziza Olivier
8. Hon. Ntakarutimana Joseph
9. Hon. Ntisezerana Gabriel

Democratic Republic of Congo

1. Hon. Boulu Ipenda Désiré
2. Hon. Ewanga Is’ewanga Iwoka Jean Bertrand
3. Hon. Kalala Kwete Evariste
4. Hon. Kaubo Kalwa Géraldine
5. Hon. Masirika Nganiza Dorothée
6. Hon. Maswama Ilenda Jérémie
7. Hon. Mundela Mbombo Joseph
8. Hon. Mwetaminwa Nyota Stella
9. Hon. Ngate Mangu François

Republic of Kenya

1. Hon. Hassan, Hassan Omar
2. Hon. Iman, Falhada Dekow
3. Hon. Kalonzo, Kennedy Musyoka
4. Hon. Kega, James Mathenge Kanini
5. Hon. Kering, Zipporah Jesang Kurgat
6. Hon. Mwangi, Godfrey Maina
7. Hon. Odinga, Winnie Irmgard
8. Hon. Sankok, David Ole
9. Hon. Shahbal, Suleiman Said

Republic of Rwanda

1. Hon. Amb. Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndangiza
2. Hon. Kayonga Caroline Rwivanga
3. Hon. Harabemungu Mathias
4. Hon. Rutazana Francine
5. Hon. Nyiramana Aisha
6. Hon. Musangabatware Clément
7. Hon. Uwumukiza Françoise
8. Hon. Iradukunda Alodie
9. Hon. Bahati Alex

Republic of South Sudan

1. Hon. Dr. Arol Gabriel Garang Aher
2. Hon. Ayason Mukulia Kennedy
3. Hon. Deng Gai Nhial
4. Hon. Dobo Sadia James Sebit
5. Hon. Duop Kim Gai Rut
6. Hon. Dr. Woda Jeremiah Odok
7. Hon. Dr. Leonardo Anne Itto
8. Hon. Teny Luke Thomson Thoan
9. Hon. Thoar Gideon Gatpan

United Republic of Tanzania

1. Hon. Kachwamba Ansar Abubakar
2. Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles
3. Hon. Machano Ali Machano
4. Hon. Dr. Maghembe Ng'waru Jumanne
5. Hon. Dr. Makame Abdulla Hasnuu
6. Hon. Mashaka Khalfan Ngole
7. Hon. Millya James Kinyasi
8. Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi
9. Hon. Nadra Juma Mohamed

Republic of Uganda

1. Hon. Akol Rose Okullu
2. Hon. Amongin Jacqueline
3. Hon. Kadogo Veronica Babirye
4. Hon. Kakooza James
5. Hon. Mugenyi Mary Rutamwebwa
6. Hon. Musamali Paul Mwasa
7. Hon. Namara Dennis
8. Hon. Odongo George Stephen
9. Hon. Siranda Gerald Blacks

The Clerk: I wish to confirm that this is the list as transmitted to me by the Speakers of the EAC National Parliaments of the elected members. In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of this House, I beg to lay on the Table the list as prescribed by the Rules.

(The Clerk laid the document on the Table)

(Applause)

Honourable Members and distinguished invited guests, the membership of the Assembly includes *ex-officio* members. Our Treaty in Article 48 provides for that. It is now my duty to read out the list of names of the *ex-officios* as it stands today. The membership is never complete without the *ex-officio* members. Under Article 48(1), this is already provided for.

Whereas Article 48 of the Treaty provides that the membership of the East African Legislative Assembly shall comprise:

- “(a) nine members elected by each Partner State; and
 (b) *ex-officio* members consisting of:
 (iv) the Minister responsible for East African Community affairs from each Partner State; and
 (v) the Assistant Minister or Deputy Minister or Minister of State responsible for East African Community affairs from each Partner State:
 Provided that an Assistant Minister, Deputy Minister or Minister of State may only participate in the meetings of the Assembly when the substantive Minister responsible for East African Community affairs is for any reason unable to participate; and
 (vi) the Secretary General and the Counsel to the Community.”

And, whereas Article 50 of the Treaty provides for the National Assembly of each Partner States to elect, not from amongst its members the nine members to represent the Partner States; which I have already done,

Now, therefore, the membership of the Assembly of the Fifth Assembly in accordance with Article 48(1) of the Treaty is respect of *ex-officio* members, is as follows:

Ex-Officio Members

1. Hon. Amb Ezechiel Nibigira, Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture (Burundi).
2. Hon Deng Alor Kuol Minister of East African Community Affairs (South Sudan)
3. The Minister designated by the Democratic Republic of Congo who will be handling EAC affairs. The name will be transmitted.

4. Hon. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community (EAC), ASALs and Regional Development (Kenya).
5. Hon. (Dr) Vincent Biruta Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rwanda).
6. Hon. (Dr) Prof Nshuti Manasseh Minister of State in charge of East African Community (Rwanda).
7. Rt Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister, East African Community Affairs (Uganda).
8. Hon. James Magode Ikuya Minister of State for East African Community Affairs (Uganda).
9. Dr. Stergomena L. Tax Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation (Tanzania).
10. Hon Amb Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Corporation – Tanzania.
11. Hon (Dr) Peter Mutuku Mathuki - Secretary General – EAC.
12. Hon (Dr) Anthony L. Kafumbe - Counsel to the Community – EAC.

The Clerk: Honourable Members and distinguished leaders of the EAC and invited guests, that constitutes the *ex-officio* membership of the East African Legislative Assembly. I would also like to lay the same list on the table and we move forward to other parts of our programme.

(The Clerk laid the document on the Table)

(Applause)

I will now resume my seat.

Honourable Members, before I proceed to the next important function, allow me to recognise the presence of the following persons in this Chamber:

1. Sen. Modeste Bahati Lukwebo – President of the Senate, Democratic Republic of Congo.
2. Rt. Hon. Mboso N’Kodia Pwanga Christophe – President of the National Assembly, Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Sinzohagera – President of the Senate of the Republic of Burundi.
4. Rt. Hon. Farah Maalim – Member of the Speaker’s Panel representing the Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly.
5. Hon. Victor Kawawa – Member of Parliament representing the Speaker of the United Republic of Tanzania
6. The Deputy Speaker, Transitional National Assembly of the Republic of South Sudan
7. The former Speakers of the EALA:
 - i. Rt. Hon. Abdulrahman Kinana - The First Speaker of the Assembly
 - ii. Rt. Hon. Abdirahim Haithar Abdi – Speaker of the Second Assembly
 - iii. Rt. Hon. (Dr) Margaret Nantongo Zziwa – Speaker of the Third Assembly, first two and a half years.
 - iv. Rt. Hon. Dan Kidega – Speaker of the Third Assembly, the last two and a half years.
 - v. Rt. Hon. Martin Karoli Ngoga – Speaker of the Fourth Assembly.

(Applause)

That is the first round of dignitaries. Shortly after performing some functions, we shall be recognising the other dignitaries so that we get to know their presence in the gallery.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Aware that this item on administration of oath has already been called out, honourable members, Section 8 of the Oaths Act, 2019 requires each Member of the Assembly to take oath in the first sitting. Our Rules of the Assembly further requires that you can only sit or vote in the Assembly after taking the oath of affirmation of allegiance to the Treaty. That is specifically in Rule 5(4).

Aware that you are lined up to take important activities after administration of oath, Rule 5 requires the Clerk to administer the oath of affirmation or allegiance to the Members.

Having confirmed that the list and names of Members have complied with the requisite legal requirements, I now proceed to administer the oath of office or affirmation of allegiance to each member in alphabetic order.

The process shall entail the Clerk reading out your name. You will move forward to the Clerk's Table and that is where you will take oath. You will either use the Bible or Quran or undertake an affirmation of allegiance, whichever you opt for and you should indicate that to the clerk administering the oath.

After that, you will sign and bring to me the oath form for authentication. I request the clerks at the Table to get ready for this important exercise. After taking the oath at this point, you will proceed to sign the oath form at that table on my right. There will be an officer to guide and he will also help you reach my desk.

We will do it in alphabetic listing. There is also a request from the Rt. Hon. Kadaga to take her oath, possibly after the first two Partner States. Proceed.

Republic of Burundi

The Oath was administered to:

1. Hon. Bigirimana Goreth
2. Hon. Burikukiye Victor
3. Hon. Karerwa Mo-Mamo
4. Hon. Kezimana Cathy
5. Hon. Dr. Kibeya Saidi
6. Hon. Manirambona Anastase
7. Hon. Nkurunziza Olivier
8. Hon. Ntakarutimana Joseph
9. Hon. Ntisezerana Gabriel

Democratic Republic of Congo

The Oath was administered to:

1. Hon. Boulu Ipenda Désiré
2. Hon. Ewanga Is'ewanga Iwoka Jean Bertrand
3. Hon. Kalala Kwete Evariste
4. Hon. Kaubo Kalwa Géraldine
5. Hon. Masirika Nganiza Dorothée
6. Hon. Maswama Ilenda Jérémie
7. Hon. Mundela Mbombo Joseph
8. Hon. Mwetaminwa Nyota Stella
9. Hon. Ngate Mangu François

The Clerk: As I indicated earlier, we will be recognising dignitaries in phases. This round includes:

1. Hon. Assumani Amani – Deputy Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, DRC - (*Applause*)
2. Hon. Kambayi Tshimbumbu Denis – Deputy President of the Senate – DRC - (*Applause*).
3. Hon. Kornelio Kon Ngu – Third Deputy Speaker, South Sudan - (*Applause*).
4. H.E. Dr. Kalonzo Musyoka – Former Vice President, Kenya - (*Applause*).
5. Hon. Ida Odinga – Spouse to Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, former Prime Minister of Kenya. (*Applause*).
6. Ms. Vivian Onano – The Obama Foundation of East Africa - (*Applause*)

We shall proceed to administer oath to the Rt. Hon. Kadaga and all the other *ex-officio* members.

Oath of allegiance was administered to the *ex-officio* members.

1. Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of East African Community Affairs, Republic of Uganda.
2. Hon. Amb Ezechiel Nibigira, Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture, Republic of Burundi.
3. Hon. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community (EAC), ASALs and Regional Development, Republic of Kenya
4. Hon. (Dr.) Peter Mutuku Mathuki, the Secretary General, East African Community (EAC)
5. Hon. (Dr) Anthony L. Kafumbe, the Counsel to the East African Community
6. Dr. Stergomena L. Tax, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation – United Republic of Tanzania

Republic of Kenya

Oath of allegiance was administered to:

1. Hon. Hassan, Hassan Omar
2. Hon. Iman, Falhada Dekow
3. Hon. Kalonzo, Kennedy Musyoka
4. Hon. Kega, James Mathenge Kanini
5. Hon. Kering, Zipporah Jesang Kurgat
6. Hon. Mwangi, Godfrey Maina
7. Hon. Odinga, Winnie Irmgard
8. Hon. Sankok, David Ole
9. Hon. Shahbal, Suleiman Said

Oath of allegiance was also administered to the following *ex-officio* member:

Hon. Amb. Mbarouk Nasoro Mbarouk Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Corporation, United Republic of Tanzania.

Visiting Delegations from Various National Parliaments

Honourable members, we proceed to recognise the presence in our gallery, the following:

Hon. Wanjiku Muhia – Former Member of EALA and currently a Member of the National Assembly of Kenya and Chairperson of Committee on Regional Integration. She has come with the entire Committee– (*Applause*).

Members of Parliament of Kenya, both from the National Assembly and the Senate; Members and staff from the Parliament of Uganda; Members of Parliament and staff from the National Assembly of the Republic of Burundi—(*Applause*).

Members of Parliament and staff from the National Assembly and the Senate of the Democratic Republic of Congo; Members of Parliament and staff from the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda; Members of Parliament and staff from the Transitional National Assembly (TNLA) of the Republic of South Sudan; Members of Parliament and staff from the United Republic of Tanzania; You are all most welcome for this occasion.

In the same vein, allow me to recognise the Hon. Francis Mwangangi, Deputy Governor of Machakos County. Allow me to recognise clerks and representatives of Clerks of National Assemblies; Susan Katono, Parliament of Uganda; Jean Nguvulu Khoji, Secretary General, National Assembly, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); Jean Mukwala Beteke, Secretary General, Senate, DRC; Kipkemoi Arap Kirui, Kenya National Assembly; Rt. Hon. Parmena Awerial Aluong – Second Deputy Speaker, TNLA, Republic of South Sudan; Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, Minister, Parliamentary Affairs, Republic of South Sudan; Hon. Norbert Mao President General, Democratic Party of Uganda (DPU) and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Republic of Uganda. – (*Applause*).

We also have Mr. John Mwongela – Regional Commissioner, Arusha. This is our host- (*Applause*).

Members of the Diplomatic Community in Tanzania:

1. H.E Amb. Isaac Njenga, Kenya High Commission – (*Applause*)
2. H.E Amb. Loyan Pokot and representatives – Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan – (*Applause*).
3. H.E Rtd. Col. Fred Mwesigye, Uganda High Commissioner, Tanzania.
4. H.E Amb. Gervais Abayeho and representatives, Republic of Burundi
5. H.E Amb. Jean Pierre Masala, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
6. H.E Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba, High Commissioner, Republic of Rwanda;
7. Amb. Anne Katusiime Kageye, Head EAC Liaison Office, Arusha, Republic of Uganda;
8. Counsellor Damalie Kironde, Uganda High Commission;
9. The Consular General and the Head of Consulate, Burundi; and
10. His Lordship Justice Nestor Kayobera, Judge President of the East African Court of Justice (*Applause*).

With that, we can proceed to the next Partner State, the Republic of Rwanda.

Republic of Rwanda

The oath of allegiance was administered to:

1. Hon. Bahati Alex
2. Hon. Amb. Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndangiza
3. Hon. Iradukunda Alodie
4. Hon. Harabemungu Mathias
5. Hon. Kayonga Caroline Rwivanga
6. Hon. Musangabatware Clément
7. Hon. Nyiramana Aisha
8. Hon. Rutazana Francine
9. Hon. Uwumukiza Françoise

Republic of South Sudan

The Oath was administered to:

1. Hon. (Dr.) Arol Gabriel Garang Aher
2. Hon. Ayason Mukulia Kennedy
3. Hon. Deng Gai Nhial
4. Hon. Dobo Sadia James Sebit
5. Hon. Duop Kim Gai Rut
6. Hon. Dr. Woda Jeremiah Odok
7. Hon. (Dr.) Leonardo Anne Itto
8. Hon. Teny Luke Thomson Thoan
9. Hon. Thoar Gideon Gatpan

United Republic of Tanzania

The Oath was administered to:

1. Hon. Kachwamba Ansar Abubakar
2. Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles
3. Hon. Machano Ali Machano
4. Hon. (Dr.) Maghembe Ng'waru Jumanne
5. Hon. (Dr.) Makame Abdulla Hasnuu
6. Hon. Mashaka Khalfan Ngole
7. Hon. Millya James Kinyasi
8. Hon. (Dr.) Shogo Richard Mlozi
9. Hon. Nadra Juma Mohamed

Before we proceed to the next Partner States, allow me to recognise the following:

Mr. Abdi Dubat, Principal Secretary EAC Affairs, Republic of Kenya, (*Applause*).

Honourable Christophe ole Sendeka – National Assembly, Tanzania;

Honourable Edward ole Lekaita; National Assembly, Tanzania;

Comrade Hamdu Shaka; Ideology and Publicity Secretary, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Party, Tanzania;

Mr. Hamud Abu Juma; Member, National Executive Committee of Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CMM);

Amb. Simon Juat, High Commissioner of the Republic of South Sudan to Uganda– (*Applause*).

You are all most welcome. This occasion is also graced by two Speakers of County Assemblies of Kenya: Honourable Muteti Murimi, Speaker, Kirinyaga County Assembly, Kenya and Hon. Johnson Mukuha – Speaker, Muranga County Assembly, Kenya – (*Applause*).

Now we proceed to the last Chapter, the Republic of Uganda.

Republic of Uganda

The Oath was administered to:

1. Hon. Akol Rose Okullu
2. Hon. Amongin Jacqueline
3. Hon. Kadogo Veronica Babirye
4. Hon. Kakooza James
5. Hon. Mugenyi Mary Rutamwebwa
6. Hon. Musamali Paul Mwasa
7. Hon. Namara Dennis

8. Hon. Odongo George Stephen
9. Hon. Siranda Gerald Blacks

We have come to the end of administration of oath. The oath is a very important activity in the commencement of a new Parliament. It enables you to sit and vote in the House. Along the way in your term, the main business of the House will be determined by your votes. What you have just undertaken enjoins you in doing that.

I have given each one of you a copy of the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC. The confines of the laws of the Community are embedded within that Treaty. Read and use it. Have the opportunity to exercise rights of Members in line with the Treaty.

I have also availed you a copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. Every Parliament is governed by rules. All you need to do in the House, how to do it, how to exercise it, is embedded within the rules. Read it and make use of it. Understand the provisions therein and how to apply them.

Subsequent to the oath, we shall undertake a deliberate induction programme for members of the Assembly on the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Treaty and other matters. That will be at an opportune time after you have decided your leadership.

Allow me to thank the Speakers of the EAC national parliaments, together with the Deputy Speakers and Members of the Speakers' panels for gracing this occasion. Allow me to thank the Judge President of the EACJ for gracing this occasion. – (*Applause*).

Allow me to thank the former Speakers of the four successive East African Legislative Assemblies for gracing and being part of this occasion – (*Applause*).

Allow me to thank the former Vice President of the Republic of Kenya and the spouse of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya for gracing this occasion. – (*Applause*).

Allow me to thank the MPs of the Parliaments of Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda. They have all ably represented their respective Parliaments.

Allow me to also thank the Permanent Secretaries (PSs), Ambassadors, members of political parties and Ministers from Partner States who are here with us today. – (*Applause*).

From the Republic of Uganda, we were expecting the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja and Hon. Denis Hamson Obua, the Chief Whip. However, they were unable to make it. You are all most welcome and we thank you for gracing our occasion.

Allow me to thank the Regional Commissioner for Arusha for keeping the peace in the region. It is not easy to host a very big number of dignitaries. However, everything has moved on smoothly. I thank the Mayor, all the staff of the City Council and everybody – (*Applause*).

I would also like to thank the Council of Ministers and all the *ex-officios* for being present. For those Members of the Council who have not taken oath, an opportunity will avail itself at the next sitting. That shall not be performed by me as mine ends here today. The rest will be by the Speaker who will be elected. – (*Applause*).

Allow me to also thank the Secretary General. He was in the United States of America (USA) and he arrived this morning. You can imagine what he went through to reach here. – *(Applause)*.

Allow me to also thank the Counsel to the Committee (CTC), who has so often helped us with this processes. On a personal note, allow me to thank the clerks who have enabled me perform this function. They have been a wonderful lot of clerks. The Principal Legislative Draftsman who has been present with us. – *(Applause)*. The office of the Serjeant-at-Arms is ever present with us. – *(Applause)*.

Our protocol staff did a wonderful job. Our staff in documentation, thank you for making the documents available. Our staff in hospitality, thank you so much – *(Applause)*.

In the event we have a successful meeting tomorrow, the Speaker so elected, will arrange a cocktail dinner for every one of you in your various capacities. Cards have already been issued. The card reads:

“The Speaker of the Fifth East African Legislative Assembly has the pleasure to invite all of you to a dinner in honour of the inauguration of the Fifth Assembly on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022, at Mt. Meru Hotel, Arusha, starting at 7.00 p.m.”

The Speaker so elected will extend this invitation personally. Mine is just to inform you so that you plan ahead for tomorrow’s dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

The Clerk: I now adjourn this formal meeting to tomorrow, Tuesday, 20th December, 2022 the Year of our Lord, starting at 11.30 a.m.

(The EAC Anthem was played)

*(The House rose at 5.00p.m to reconvene on
Tuesday, 20th December 2022 at 11.30 a.m.)*