



EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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EALA SET FOR A SPECIAL SESSION TO TABLE EAC BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR ON MONDAY 1st July, 2026

EAC HQs, Arusha, Tanzania- May 29, 2026– The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) will hold a special virtual sitting on Monday, 1st June 2026, at 3:00 p.m., to table and debate the East African Community Budget Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027.

The sitting, convened by the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Assembly under Rule 10(2) of the EALA Rules of Procedure, will also feature the administration of the Oath of Office to new Members of the Assembly. Members will convene via the Zoom virtual platform, with full details of the meeting link and access credentials circulated to all participants.

The EAC Council of Ministers, during its 60th Extra Ordinary Meeting, approved a total budget of **USD 110,863,576** for the **2026/2027** financial year, covering the activities of all EAC organs and institutions. The largest allocation, amounting to **USD 59,761,468**, has been earmarked for the EAC Secretariat, which coordinates the implementation of the Community's programmes and projects, a slight increase compared to the last Financial Year 2025/2026. The East African Legislative Assembly itself has been allocated **USD 19,162,080**, a slight drop from last year's budget, while the remaining funds are distributed among other key organs and institutions.

In addition to the main budget estimates, the Assembly will also consider a **Supplementary Budget of USD 4,794,593** for the current financial year **2025/2026**. This supplementary allocation, sourced from reserve funds and other revenues, is intended to address urgent financial requirements across various EAC organs. Key initiatives set to benefit from the supplementary budget include the EAC Pandemic Project, procurement of critical ICT equipment, and the implementation of health and environmental programmes that have been identified as underfunded.

The special sitting underscores the Assembly's commitment to its oversight and appropriation functions, ensuring that the financial resources of the Community are allocated efficiently and transparently to support regional integration and development. The budget estimates reflect the EAC's strategic priorities for the coming year, with detailed funding sources and specific projects attached to each budget line.

Members of the Assembly are expected to scrutinize the estimates, engage in debate, and provide legislative guidance on the financial roadmap for the Community ahead of the new financial year. This is the first budget making under the new EAC Secretary General, H.E. Amb. Stephen Patrick Bundi.

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