



THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)

The Official Report of the Proceedings of the East African Legislative Assembly 57TH SITTING – SECOND MEETING – THIRD SESSION - FIFTH ASSEMBLY

Monday, 14th July, 2025

*The East African Legislative Assembly
met at 11.42 a.m. virtually.*

2020 to 12th July 2025. I beg to lay.

*(Honourable Karerwa Mo-Mamo laid the
document electronically.)*

PRAYER

(The Speaker in the Chair)

(The Assembly was called to order.)

The Speaker: Honourable Members,
Good Morning!

Today, I do not have any communication
to make. We can proceed.

(II) THE REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION,
TRADE AND INVESTMENT
ON THE RECONSIDERATION
OF THE EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY STANDARDIZATION,
ACCREDITATION AND
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BILL,
2023

LAYING OF PAPERS

(I) THE REPORT OF THE EALA COMMISSION

The Speaker: Honourable Karerwa Mo-
Mamo, proceed to lay the report.

The Speaker: Honourable members, I
have been informed that the Committee
on Communication, Trade and Investment
(CTI) was unable to meet the members
of the Council. This Bill is a Council
business. That requires that the Council
meets with the Committee.

11.45

Ms Karerwa Mo-Mamo (Burundi):
Honourable Speaker, I beg to lay on
the table of the House report of the
Commission for the period of December

11.47

Mr David ole Sankok (Kenya):
Honourable Speaker. Procedure. The
CTI Committee Members met, but the
Council of Ministers failed to show up.

So the meeting of CTI took place but was adjourned because the Council Members were not present. I just wanted to make that clarification that the Members met. However, the adjournment was due to the Council of Ministers not being present.

The Speaker: That is what I was saying. The information that I am giving to the House came from you. I stated that the Committee could not meet the Ministers. These Bills are Council of Ministers Bills. If we proceed with the to report on the Bill, it will not be assented to. Meaning that we have to hold the laying of the report again. I confirmed that the Committee met, but you could not meet any Council Members. It is a matter that I have to remind everyone that this is a business of the Council. Have been delayed in laying the report once again. Remember when we were in Kenya last year, the Committee was ready, but we could not proceed.

Last year in November in Kampala, the Committee was ready, but because we did not have Council Members, we could not proceed. Today, we cannot proceed again yet we have given priority to this Council business.

Let us hope that next time, the Council Members will be available and will allow us to proceed with these two Bills. I request that this matter be handed or transferred to the next CTI Committee to start from where the committee stopped. I know that the membership may not change because we have just finished the nomination. I also advise that the Committee prepares a short handover report on this matter. If this is agreeable, I request them to put this report on the Order Paper again.

(Laying of the report of the Committee on Communication, Trade and Investment on the Reconsideration of the East African Community Standardization, Accreditation and Conformity Assessment Bill, 2023 postponed.)

I propose that we start with item number 10, then item number 11, then 9.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMENDING THE OUTGOING EALA COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND FELICITATING THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EALA COMMISSION OF THE 5TH ASSEMBLY FOR BEING DULY ELECTED TO SERVE EALA AND EAC.”

(Moved under Articles 49, 59(1) and 62 of the Treaty and Rules 26, 80 and 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)

The Speaker: Honourable Dr. Makame, move your Motion. Honourable Makame, are you in?

Does he have a seconder?

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Yes, Dr. Siranda is seconding.

The Speaker: As the mover is not there, you can move this motion.

We have the next item.

(Moving of the Motion postponed.)

Let us go to the next Order.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION
OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
TO RENEW AND EXTEND THE
CONTRACTS FOR SHORT-TERM
STAFF TO FACILITATE CONTINUED
OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANS
AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE
COMMUNITY

(Moved under Articles 45(1), 49(2)(d) and (f), 59(1) and 70 of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)

11.54

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity provided to me to move this motion.

Right Honourable Speaker, I beg to move a Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly Urging the Council Of Ministers to Renew And Extend the Contracts for Short-Term Staff to Facilitate Continued Operations of the Organs And Institutions Of The Community. This Motion is Moved under Articles 45(1), 49(2)(d) and (f), 59(1) and 70 of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly).

The Speaker: Do you have Seconders?

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, the main Secunder of this Motion is Dr Makame.

The Speaker: You can justify your Motion.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I beg to move a Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly

Urging the Council Of Ministers to Renew And Extend the Contracts for Short-Term Staff to Facilitate Continued Operations of the Organs And Institutions Of The Community. This Motion is Moved under Articles 45(1), 49(2)(d) and (f), 59(1) and 70 of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly).

WHEREAS Article 70 of the Treaty provides that there shall be such officers and staff in the service of the Community as the Council may determine;

AND WHEREAS for a considerable time, the Council has appointed several East Africans on short-term contracts to support the Organs and Institutions of the Community;

RECOGNISING that in the Assembly, short-term staff support the Committees of the Assembly as Committee Assistants, to produce research which is utilised by Committees and Members to conduct oversight, investigations and scrutinise Bills, to maintain the official record of the Assembly in the Hansard, Accounts and in application of technology to support virtual meetings of the Assembly;

ACKNOWLEDGING that in June, 2024, the Council directed the Secretariat to issue non-renewable contracts of 1 year to the short-term staff in order to facilitate their absorption through the recruitment of eligible existing short-term staff into the structure of the Community.

OBSERVING that one-year contracts granted by the Council ended on 30th June 2025;

RECOGNISING that whereas the Council granted the one year to facilitate absorption of short-term staff through recruitment, the Community has not conducted any recruitment since June 2024 when the Council made the decision;

NOTING that since the beginning of July, five senior officers of the Assembly have separated from the service of the Community which has created huge gaps in the technical and administrative support to the Committees and the Assembly;

CONCERNED that recruited members of staff from the market take a considerable time learning how to efficiently deliver in a regional integration entity, and that at the peak of performance, the two term five years tenure contract ends, requiring the Community to recruit afresh from the market (and thus train afresh) while at the same time losing experienced manpower to the market, which in many cases is absorbed in other regional integration entities at the loss of the Community,

APPRECIATING that at the EAC, Rules and Regulations as well as Council and Summit Decisions are taken to better achieve the objectives of the Community; and that the staff rotation caused by tenure limits denies experienced manpower service to the Community;

FURTHER APPRECIATING that the Council can consider abolishing the two-term tenure limit by ensuring proper performance evaluation is undertaken and that members of staff who deliver are retained to serve the Community to a retirement age that will be determined by the Council;

AWARE that apart from the Assembly, short-term staff also support the Departments of Accounts, Human Resources, Procurement in the EAC Secretariat and are also utilised in maintaining operations of institutions;

CONCERNED that if the contracts of the short-term staff are not urgently extended, the work of the Assembly, Secretariat, the Court and several institutions of the Community will be severely disrupted and impaired;

CONVINCED that it is in the interests of the Community for the Council to extend the contracts of the short-term staff to avoid paralysing the operations of the Organs and Institutions of the Community as the Council awaits recruitment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS: -

- 1. THAT in accordance with Articles 45(1), 49(2)(d) and (f), 59(1) and 70 of the Treaty, the Assembly Urges the Council of Ministers to urgently extend the contracts of the short-term staff for one year to facilitate the operations of the Organs and Institutions of the Community pending the recruitment of staff in the service of the Community;*
- 2. The Council of Ministers advertises internally for the open vacancies of established positions so as to create an absorption mechanism of eligible short-term staff. That does not take a lot of time and the other processes are already internal as they have already fulfilled the requirement;*
- 3. THAT the Council of Ministers considers extending on a consideration*

of urgency the tenure of 5 Senior Members of Staff of the Assembly for at least two years so as to avoid operations of the Assembly to be stagnated as the recruitment is not immediate;

4. *The Council to consider scrapping the two-term tenure limit for members of staff and replace that with renewable contracts until attainment of a retirement age to be determined by the Council subject to satisfactory performance evaluation*

Honourable Speaker, I beg to move. The motion is seconded by Honourable Makame.

12.06

Mr James Mathenge Kanini Kega (Kenya): Procedure Honourable Speaker. Before the Motion is seconded, Honourable Speaker, I do not want to interrupt my good friend Dr. Siranda. He has brought a very substantive motion and from the motion I have been waiting to hear the names of these officers because these are very substantive positions in the motion. I was waiting for him to mention the names and more importantly I will also be interested to know the countries they come from and the quota because you need full disclosure in this type of a motion. Before we deliberate on the motion we need full disclosure.

My request would be Honourable Dr Siranda to provide the names of the officers he wants their term extended, the country they come from and the quota, whether the country has exhausted the quota or the country is still within the quota because what he is requesting the Council to do is to extend for another one year when

the Council had pronounced itself a year before and they say that they are giving the short-term employment for one year.

To me, it is more important that we get the names, the countries they are from and whether they have the quota points or the quota that each country has.

Honourable Speaker. I beg you to submit.

12.08

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I presented the Motion here without objection.

The Speaker: Honourable Siranda, you have not justified it your Motion.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Speaker, I was going to the justification but then there is an objection.

The Speaker: I am now addressing Honourable Kanini Kega. Once the Motion is moved, we will raise all of the issues and then we will consider.

Honourable Siranda, proceed to justify your motion.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, there is no organisation in the world, that spends a lot of time on recruitment, spends a lot of time on training and at the end of the day, you just lose them.

Right Honourable Speaker, we just seconded the motion and passed during the budget. We presented that over 130 staff, will be executing the Community. Already somehow we started. Right Honourable Speaker, unless if this motion is not

treated with the urgency that it is, we risk stagnating and not moving. Parliament and all the other organs cannot move without the staff. We look at the situation we are in now, you need the IT and other support people. Already five senior staff members have exited the Assembly. We now depend on short-term staff and the few that are there to manage and multitask here and there.

Right Honourable Speaker, it is an urgent issue that we look at renewing the contracts of the temporary staff for another one year as we go through the process of recruitment. It is one year now since Council decided and took a decision in 2024. The contracts of the short term staff have expired. The process of recruitment has stagnated. We do not even know when the recruitment will happen. Despite the directive, nothing has happened. We believe that as we wait for the decision of the Council, it is urgent that Council revises the decision to extend the contract of the short term staff for one year as we wait for the processes of recruitment.

I hear the question of quota, those that know which quota and which quota. The quota, points apply for the technical and approved staff. We should not mix the question of short-term staff with the technical staff.

12.11

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Mr Speaker, point of information.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I am not taking information. I want to proceed and then I will pick everybody's contribution to this motion.

Right Honourable Speaker. I am justifying and almost done. I believe that, technically speaking, since the one year elapsed, we will not have any staff, even the short-term staff. The very few you have are already stressed, squeezed. They cannot effectively offer services if you have two or three committees working.

Right Honourable Speaker, you will not have any mechanism of a person to support you. The short-term staff have been very handy in terms of writing the reports, being committee assistants and guiding members. When we come to the Committee, each has one clerk who has to take all the minutes.

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Mr Speaker, Information.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I am not taking information.

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Mr Speaker, Information -

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, it is me who grants information. I do not want information, Right Honourable Speaker.

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Mr Speaker, before Dr Siranda finishes moving the Motion, can he list the names of those staff so that we deliberate on this? We need the list and the name.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, I am not taking that information. I will take it when we open the debate on the Motion. There are several, temporary staff from the

Secretariat and all the other organs of the Community.

In my own committee, all the short-term staff do not have a contract. As I speak, all the two committees I sit in, in; Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges and the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution, the staff that are short-term do not have contracts. The Clerk, Mr Wimile, was even bid him farewell, he left.

Right Honourable Speaker, as I speak now, my own two assistants in the Committee of regional do not have a staff. The staff that was supporting, Ms Anastacia, while also serving in the HANSARD has left and the short term staff do not have contracts. As we debate and appreciate the spirit of this Motion, the clerk will provide all the details of the short-term staff.

Right Honourable Speaker, we have a very competent Clerk who has the records of all these staff, In one hour or as the debate goes on, before this debate ends, I will be in position to lay down the names of the staff.

Right Honourable Speaker. I beg to move this is a timely motion. I encourage all our colleagues to support it, without thinking about where we come from, where the staff are from. The spirit of these technical people and the short-term staff and how they have helped the Community specifically, we members of Parliament, the institutions of the Community, the organs, the Council and the court.

Right Honourable Speaker, it is very important that the contracts of the short term staff be extended unless we are saying we are closing business today.

I beg to move and request that my main seconder, the Honourable Dr Makame, as the principles or the main seconder and a co-sponsor of this motion, first be given the opportunity to speak.

Right Honourable Speaker. I beg to move.

The Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Dr Siranda.

Honourable Members, I propose that this Assembly do resolve to urge the EAC Council of Ministers, to renew and approve the contracts for short-term staff to facilitate continued operations of the organs and institutions of the Community.

(Question put and agreed to.)

The debate is open, and we will start with the one who seconded it, Honourable Dr Makame.

12.16

Amb. Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndagiza (Rwanda): Point of procedure, Right Honourable Speaker Because of the importance of the Motion, I would like to know whether there is a Council Member around because we are communicating to the Council.

The Speaker: We have a Council Member with us; the Honourable Minister in charge of EAC Affairs in the Republic of Uganda. We can proceed.

Dr. Abdullah Hasnuu Makame (Tanzania): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. From the outset, I would like to thank Honourable Dr Siranda.

Amb. Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndangiza (Rwanda): Right Honourable Speaker, can you confirm that we have a Council member, because we do not want to speak to ourselves.

The Speaker: The Minister in charge of EAC from Uganda was logged in. She was there a few minutes ago. I cannot see her now, but she is around.

Honourable Minister, I can see you. Welcome.

Honourable Minister, Kadaga, you are welcome. The Honourable Members were expecting your presence, or the presence of a Council Members, because the motion on the floor needs to be debated when Council Members are with us. We can start now debating this motion, which is about the short term staff.

Honourable Dr. Makame, the seconder, you have the floor.

Dr. Abdullah Hasnuu Makame (Tanzania): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the floor to add my voice on this very important motion which I seconded. At the outset, I congratulate my brother, Honourable Dr. Gerald Siranda Blacks, for moving this timely motion.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank our Member of the Council from the Republic of Uganda, Honourable Kadaga, for always being with us. Both physically and virtually. She is always there with us. We thank her for her support to the Assembly and Community business.

I am with my colleagues here, Honourable Machano Ali Machano and Honourable

Nadra Mohamed. They are with me here at the East African Kiswahili Commission offices in Zanzibar. I would like to talk about the current issue facing the Kiswahili Commission whereby there are three short-term staff; an IT expert, a programme officer and another one who is a research officer who has not come to office this morning. As such, the Kiswahili Commission, much as it was underserved, it is facing difficulties in operating because of the absence of the short-term staff.

There is one established position for accountant, who has also left the services of the Community. As we are speaking, this organ, the Kiswahili Commission, is facing serious challenges. We spoke about the East African Legislative Assembly, which had 46 positions of staff. Out of those 46 positions, the short-term staff are about 16 whose contracts have expired so they are not supposed to work. We lost five senior members of staff also because they finished their two five-year contract tenures. That means we are going to get very serious operations challenges. Just thinking logically, not talking about issues of how we are going to distribute the new slots or when they are coming. We are just saying we want to remain afloat in operations.

What the motion Mover is seeking, and that is why we seconded him. Other members are also seconding him, but I am the one appearing on the paper. We want the Community, the EAC and the EALA to function. The Council should consider extending more time for these short-term staff to be around and assisting the functions and operations of the organs and institutions of the Community, pending them to conclude their recruitment process.

Word on the ground is that the recruitment exercise is going to commence in January 2026. We have at least six months between now and January. That is when they will commence the recruitment process. When are we going to have fully recruited positions? I do not know. It may take even three years. What do we do? Are we going to operate without staff? That can be very detrimental to the operations. That is why we are saying this motion is timely.

Let us not start enquiring where the short-term staff member come from. There are many short-term staff members, and they are from all over East Africa. They are our East African who have been supporting us in the Assembly and the EAC organs and institutions where the organs and institutions are.

I would ask that we encourage and we ask our Council Members to look at this matter objectively with a mind and a view of attaining a solution. We do not want to paralyse our own Community. On the issue of established positions, we said we are losing five senior members of staff. Last week, we moved the motion to commend them for their successful completion of tenure. But we can fill the gap. The short-term staff tenure in the Assembly and other organisations has also come to an end. Those are two issues. The senior members of staff are also going. The staff establishment will be very thin. We are already thin in staffing, but we will be much thinner. I am not sure whether we can execute the duties of the Assembly and whether other organisations and institutions will also be able to do their work. The Council should consider our motion because these rules are meant to serve us.

The rules and regulations are meant to serve us. These rules and regulations were developed by the Council and adopted by the Council. It is the same Council that when they see these rules are hurting us, they can also offer flexibility. Pending the recruitment time and moment until when we get other people to fill these positions which is are vacant, can the Council consider extending more time for these members of staff who are senior and are required to exit service, but they can support the Assembly?

Mr. Speaker, the members of temporary or short-term staff, some of them have gained a lot of experience, have spent many years in Arusha and other organs and institutions of the EAC, and they remained because they were told eventually they are going to be absorbed in the Community. When the Council, spoke to this in that plenary, when the Council advertises for these openings, can it make internal advertisement to attract the short-term staff to give them first priority, so long as they meet the requirements, and they satisfy the requirements and they meet the quota so that they can also be absorbed, instead of us just leaving them to go and their experience.

Speaking on one other thing, we train our members of staff, they have the first two or three years learning, and after they learn, they start delivering. At the peak of their work experience, when they have a wealth of experience and skills, then their two, five years tenures ends, and then we tell them to leave. When they leave, we invite new people to come and to train them again. These people who are experienced, go to other institutions, like SADC, AU, and we move them out to those institutions. Why

can we not use the people who we have trained here? You know, the wealth of any organisation, the most strategic wealth is the human resource. The Council can also consider looking at performance evaluation and extend the contract for the members of staff beyond the 10 years, if they meet the requirements set by the Council according to the performance evaluation criteria, and maybe set a retirement age, rather than ejecting a member who has served the Community for 10 years, yet they could have even served the Community for another 15 or 20 more years, as they have the energy, the know-how, and has the will.

Mr Speaker, that is how I am supporting this motion. I beg not to extend my submission so that I give time to my colleagues to support the Motion.

Thank you, Right Honourable Speaker.

12.29

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Procedure, Mr Speaker. I rise pursuant to Rule 12. I seek to call for quorum. Rule 12(2) provides that at any timing of the meeting, a member can raise quorum.

If at any time of Sitting, or when the House is in Committee, any Member objects that there is no quorum present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall, on ascertaining it to be true, suspend the proceedings of the House for an interval of fifteen minutes during which a bell shall be rung.

Right Honourable Speaker, I do not think there is a quorum.

The Speaker: Clerk or the Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly call the register to ascertain quorum.

(The Clerk called the register to ascertain quorum.)

Honourable members, we the results. For Burundi, we have seven members are present. For DRC, we have six members present. For Kenya, we have two members present.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, Honourable Kanini Kega logged in and was asking me questions to present the names. You cannot count him absent.

Ms Falhada Dekow Iman (Kenya): Honourable Siranda, you are out of order. He was not there when we did a head count.

Mr Kennedy Aysason Mukulia (South Sudan): Honourable Siranda, the rule is that quorum can be ascertained at any time. So, any time you can be in and move out.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Right Honourable Speaker, we also know that you want to fail meetings.

Ms Rose Okullu Akol (Uganda): Members, allow the Speaker to communicate.

The Speaker: Honourable Members, Order! No one has to floor.

Let me finish readings the results from the roll call. Rwanda, we have eight members present. The Republic of South Sudan, we have eight members present. The URT, has five members present. Uganda, we have three members present. I need to verify for Kenya to make sure that they are only two Members. We have Honourable Falhada

and Honourable Shahbal present. Is there any other from Kenya present?

Honourable Minister from Uganda, do you need to floor?

12.45

Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala KADAGA 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister, East African Community Affairs (Uganda)(Ex Officio Member): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker I have listened to the motion, especially in relation to the issue of recruitment.

The Council decided to postpone the recruitment overall because we were dissatisfied about the issue of points. There are countries that never have points, while there are countries that always have points. We were not satisfied about the issue of points. There are countries that consistently have points, and there are countries that consistently do not have points. Many times, candidates have qualified, and then they have been disqualified at the time of appointment. The candidates are usually eligible at application, then considered ineligible at appointment. We asked the Secretariat to please work out for us the rationale for these quota points before we handle any further recruitment. That is the situation.

However, with regard to the short-term staff, I have already given authorisation for a limited extension for the short-term staff. I have done that one already. I am not sure about my colleagues. That is my submission. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you for your information.

Honourable Members, we do not have a quorum. I suspend the Sitting for 15 minutes.

(Sitting suspended at 12.47 p.m.)

(Sitting resumed at 1.03 p.m.)

1.04

The Speaker: Members, we have to count again, and make sure that you have the quorum.

(The Clerk called the register to ascertain quorum.)

Honourable members, Burundi has eight members present. For DRC we have seven Members present. For Kenya we have two Members present. Rwanda, has nine Members. South Sudan has five members present, Tanzania, has five Members present and Uganda has three Members present.

I suspend this Sitting again for 15 minutes. Thank you.

(Sitting suspended at 1.18 p.m.)

(Sitting resumed at 1.33 p.m.)

1.33

The Speaker: Honourable Members, we have to count again to make sure that you have the quorum.

(The Clerk called the register to ascertain quorum.)

The Speaker: Honourable members, we have nine Members from Rwanda, Kenya has two Members, South Sudan has five Members, Uganda has five Members,



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LAYING OF PAPERS

(I) THE REPORT OF THE EALA
DELEGATION TO COP28 IN DUBAI,
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

PRAYER

(The Speaker in the Chair.)

(The Assembly was called to order.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker: Honourable Members,
Good Afternoon.

This afternoon's Order Paper, for the 58th Sitting will be to consider the establishment of Committees of the EALA. If we miss this chance today, Committee will have to resume their work in October or November. However, I have allowed, one item, that will take us maybe only one or two minutes; tabling of the report by the EALA Delegation to the COP28.

2.37

The Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resource (Ms Françoise Uwumukiza) (Rwanda): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the report of the EALA delegation to COP28 that was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 3rd to 9th December, 2023. Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay.

(Honourable Françoise Uwumukiza laid the document on the Table electronically.)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EALA STANDING COMMITTEES

*(Moved under Article 49, 59(1) and
Rules 26, 79, 80 and 83(5) of the Rules of
Procedure of the Assembly.)*

Amb. Fatuma Ndangiza (Rwanda):

Right, Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the Motion for a resolution to establish the membership of the EALA Standing Committees. Moved under Article 49, 59(1) and Rules 26,79,80 and 83(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

The Speaker: Do you have Seconders?

(Seconded by Hon. Francine Rutazana, Hon. Amb. Mathias Harebamungu and Hon. Françoise Uwumukiza)

Move the Motion.

Amb. Fatuma Ndangiza (Rwanda):

Right, Honourable Speaker, I beg to move that -

WHEREAS Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly establishes Committees of EALA "herein after known as the Standing Committees";

AND WHEREAS Rule 83(5)(b) provides that the EALA Commission nominates Members to the Standing Committees;

AWARE THAT the term of the current Standing Committees has come to an end after serving the mandatory two and a half years since appointment in January 2023 to July 2025;

COGNIZANT of the fact that new Committees have to be established for the period July 2025-December 2027;

NOW THEREFORE THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES TO:

1. *Appoint New Standing Committees for the period July 2025 - December*

2027. The names are:

Accounts Committee

1. *Hon. Rose Akol Okullu*
2. *Hon. George Odongo*
3. *Hon. Veronica Kadogo*
4. *Hon. Amb. Fatuma N. Ndangiza*
5. *Hon. Clement MUSANGABATWARE*
6. *Hon. Francine Rutazana*
7. *Hon. Dr. Boulou Ipenda Desire*
8. *Hon. Mundela Mbombo Joseph*
9. *Hon. Kaubo Kalwa Geraldine*
10. *Hon. Millya James Kinyasi*
11. *Hon. Mohamed Nadra Juma*
12. *Hon. Salema Gladness*
13. *Hon. Gai Deng Nhial*
14. *Hon. Woda Jeremiah Odok*
15. *Hon. Dr. Gabriel Garang Aher*
16. *Hon. Gabriel Ntesizerana*
17. *Hon. Dr. Said Kibeya*
18. *Hon. Cathy Kezimana*
19. *Hon. Winnie Odinga*
20. *Hon. Kennedy Kalonzo Musyoka*
21. *Hon. Hassan Omar Hassan*

To be chaired by the Republic of Uganda.

Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources Committee

1. *Hon. Dr. Woda Jeremaih Odok*
2. *Hon. Gideon Thoar*
3. *Hon. Dr. Gabriel Garang Aher*
4. *Hon. Dr. Amb. Mathias Harebamungu*
5. *Hon. Dr. Nyiramana Aisha*
6. *Hon. Caroline K. Rwivanga*
7. *Hon. Mwetaminwa Nyota Stella*
8. *Hon. Ngate Mangu Francois*
9. *Hon. Kaubo Kalwa Geraldine*
10. *Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles*
11. *Hon. Millya James Kinyasi*
12. *Hon. Machano Ali Machano*
13. *Hon. Mo-Mamo Karerwa*

14. Hon. Gorreth Bigirimana

15. Hon. Victor Burikukiye

16. Hon. Kering Zipporah

17. Hon. Falhadha Iman Dekow

18. Hon. David Ole Sankok

19. Hon. Jacqueline Amongin

20. Hon. Rose Akol Okullu

21. Hon. Veronica Kadogo

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Communication, Trade and Investment Committee

1. Hon. Francine Rutazana

2. Hon. Amb. Fatuma N. Ndangiza

3. Hon. Alodie Iradukunda

4. Hon. Ewanga Isewanga Iwoka Jean Bertrand

5. Hon. Mundela Mbombo Joseph

6. New member to be nominated after the replacement of Hon. Masirika Nganiza Dorothée

7. Hon. Dr. Maghembe Ng'waru Jumanne

8. Hon. Salema Gladness

9. Hon. Mohamed Nadra Juma

10. Hon. Sadia James Sebit

11. Hon. Dr. Anne Itto

12. Hon. Kennedy Ayason

13. Hon. Anastase Manirambona

14. Hon. Gabriel Ntesezirana

15. Hon. Dr. Saidi Kibeya

16. Hon. Winnie Odinga

17. Hon. James Kanini Kega Mathenge

18. Hon. Hassan Omar Hassan

19. Hon. Mary Mugenyi

20. Hon. George Stephen Odongo

21. Hon. Dennis Namara

To be chaired by the Republic of Rwanda.

General Purpose Committee

1. Hon. Dr. Makame Abdulla Hasnuu

2. Hon. Kachwamba Ansar Aboubakar

3. Hon. Machano Ali Machano

4. Hon. Françoise Uwumukiza

5. Hon. Caroline K. Rwivanga

6. Hon. Dr. Aisha Nyiramana

7. Hon. Maswama Jeremie Ilenda

8. Hon. Dr. Boulou Ipenda Desire

9. Hon. Ngate Mangu Francois

10. Hon. Kennedy Ayason Mukulia

11. Hon. Kim Gai Rout

12. Hon. Luke Thompson

13. Hon. Victor Burikukiye

14. Hon. Anastase Manirambona

15. Hon. Olivier Nkurunziza

16. Hon. Falhadha Iman Dekow

17. Hon. Zippoora Kering Kurgat

18. Hon. Ole David Sankok

19. Hon. Mary Mugenyi

20. Hon. Jacqueline Amongin

21. Hon. James Kakooza

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Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee

1. 1) Hon. Kalala Kwete Evariste

2. 2) Hon. Maswama Itenda Jeremie

3. 3) New member to be nominated after the replacement of Hon. Masirika Nganiza Dorothée

4. 4) Hon. Clement Musangabatware

5. 5) Hon. Alex Bahati

6. 6) Hon. Françoise Uwumukiza

7. 7) Hon. Mashaka Ngole

8. 8) Hon. Kachwamba Ansar Abubakar

9. 9) Hon. Dr. Makame Abdulla Hasnuu

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11. 11) Hon. Kim Gai Rout

12. 12) Hon. Gai Deng Nhial

13. 13) Hon. Victor Burikukiye

14. Hon. Cathy Kezimana
15. Hon. Olivier Nkurunziza
16. Hon. Kennedy Kalonzo Musyoka
17. Hon. Suleiman Shahbal
18. Hon. Maina Karobia
19. Hon. Dr. Siranda Gerald Blacks
20. Hon. James Kakooza
21. Hon. Paul Mwasa Musamali

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Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution

1. Hon. Suleiman Shahbal
2. Hon. Kanini Kega
3. Hon. Karobia Maina
4. Hon. Dr. Amb. Mathias Harebemungu
5. Hon. Alex Bahati
6. Hon. Alodie Iradukunda.
7. Hon. Ewanga Ise'ewanga Iwoka Jean Bertrand
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10. Hon. Kizigha Angela Charles
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16. Hon. Mo-Mamo Karerwa
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2. *Mandate the appointed Standing Committees to appoint their respective Chairpersons at the rise of the House.*

Right Honourable Speaker, I beg to move.

2.48

Ms Mary Rutamwebwa Mugenyi: Honourable Speaker, the Motion used the word 'appoint' but I think the correct term should be 'elect'. After the Members have been appointed, they should elect their Chairpersons.

Amb. Fatuma Ndagiza (Rwanda): Right, Honourable Speaker, I thank Honourable Mary for the correction. Let me amend the statement.

The mandate the appointed Standing Committees is to elect their respective chairpersons at the rise of the House.

The Speaker: Honourable Members, the motion on the floor is that this Assembly is that this Assembly do resolve to establish the membership of the EALA Standing Committees as nominated by the EALA Commission.

Honourable Members, the debate is open.

We have a Commission meeting this morning. The Commissioners had consulted enough For us to avoid more debate, if the House agrees, I will put the question.

2.51

Dr. Jeremiah Odok Woda (South Sudan): Right Honourable Speaker, that is in order. The countries have consulted and the Commission has also agreed.

The Speaker: I will put to the question immediately.

Honourable Members, the motion on the floor is that this Assembly do resolve to establish the membership of the EALA Standing Committees as nominated by the EALA Commission. I now put to the question, those in favour, raise your hands.

(Question put and agreed to.)

(Membership of the Standing Committees of EALA adopted.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Honourable Members, I would like to thank everyone. We have done our business virtually. It was not easy. It has been difficult. I hope that in the future, we will find a way to avoid this. We managed to adopt a number of Committee reports. We adopted five resolutions. We approved two supplementary Bills for the Financial Year 2024/2025. We have also approved the budget for the FY2025/2026.
(Interruption)

We have managed this meeting through a very challenging process. These virtual plenary sessions are difficult to handle. We hope that all stakeholders have understood the challenges involved. We want us to use it effectively. Except for special

Honourable Members, as you are aware, from our approved programme, today is the last day for plenary. Before I adjourn, I want to congratulate the new Commission Members. I hope that we will be good examples or a mirror to the rest of the Honourable Members. I do not doubt that you are qualified enough. I do not doubt that you will do your job with expertise and professionalism and that the House will enjoy your professionalism.

Honourable Members, I adjourn this House sine die.

House adjourned at 2.55 p.m. sine die.

