

5. RECOMMENDATIONS & SEMINAR RESOLUTIONS

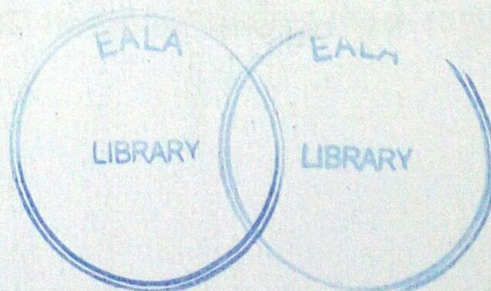
At the end of the Nanyuki (VII) seminar, the following recommendations were made:

1. Political Parties, National Assemblies and Local Authorities

- a) The EAC should build strong institutions for sustainability and for the continuity of the Community.
- b) EALA and National Parliaments are urged to establish a mechanism to review the Nanyuki Series participation and audit the implementation of its recommendations for better performance.
- c) EALA and National Parliaments are urged to establish standardised reporting and information dissemination mechanism for the Nanyuki Series to respective parliaments.
- d) The Council of Ministers should promote Kiswahili language as a lingua franca of the Community as per Article 137 Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC to uphold among others the East Africanness as an identity.
- e) The Council of Ministers should establish a mechanism of reaching out to the people of East Africa as well as espouse and promote the fundamental principles of the Treaty in Article 7.
- f) The Council of Ministers is urged to establish a mechanism to create linkages between political parties of similar ideological leanings in the region.
- g) The Council of Ministers is urged to develop an elaborate and detailed policy platforms around regional integration issues
- h) The Council of Ministers is urged to mobilize and influence both political will and commitment as facilitators of integration.

The Council of Ministers is urged to prioritize the issues of peace and security in the region at forefront by expediting institutionalization of conflict prevention, reconstruction and management mechanisms.

The Council of Ministers is urged to explore mechanisms to strengthen the EAC integration matters through the Local governments/Authorities **EALA should team up with the East African Local Government Association to organize the Nanyuki Series at local levels with Councillors to facilitate integration message reach out the majority East Africans at that level**



2. Academia, Media and Civil Society

- a) The Council of Ministers is urged to initiate national dialogue platforms between Civil Society Organizations, EALA and Ministries of East African Community Affairs in the partner states.
- b) The Council of Ministers is urged to carry out all encompassing, comprehensive and deeper sensitization programmes to the East African populace on the EAC integration agenda;
- c) The Council of Ministers is urged to establish a standardized, consolidated, harmonized and integrated reporting mechanism to advance the EAC integration agenda.
- d) The Council of Ministers is urged to empower the media in terms of enhancing human resources and promote the unit to a directorate level.
- e) EALA should make funds available to the media to facilitate them participate in sensitization and popularizing of the EAC integration agenda.
- f) The Civil Society Organizations are urged to organize themselves regionally by forming an apex body in order to seek for observer status within the EAC structures.
- g) Consultation should be made between Civil Society Organizations and the Partner States, EAC Secretariat and EALA to improve on how the various stakeholders can engage each other to enhance the integration agenda.
- h) The Council of Ministers is urged to set up think tanks for all domains including political, economic, social, intellectual and ideological and ensure their implementation.
- i) The Council of Ministers is urged to set up research institutions and give them programmes/agenda and time frame in all the fields for universities and institutions of higher learning and research.
- j) The Council of Ministers is urged to expedite the harmonization of educational systems and curricula from nursery to university level with a focus on regional and continental issues and interests.
- k) The Council of Ministers is urged to draw viable development projects to harness the regional resources for regional benefits through Public-Private-Partnerships

(PPP) e.g. oil and gas mining, refining and marketing; manufacturing, industrialization and human resources employment; internal cohesion, security, larger economic opportunities and social services.

- 1) The Council of Ministers is urged to take due attention the political federation to provide political direction with strong voice, internal cohesion, security, larger economic opportunities and social services.

3. Private Sector, Gender & Youth

- a) The EAC Secretariat and EALA are urged to implement the recommendations of the Council of Ministers, create an East African Youth Council and also ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the social development programs of the EAC.
- b) The Council of Ministers should urge the EAC partner states which have not ratified the African Youth Charter, to do so.
- c) The Council of Ministers is urged to develop employment creation and productivity enhancement strategies for the youth within the EAC regional Social Development Framework.
- d) The Council of Ministers is urged to establish and develop regional youth centers, exchange programme, skills and entrepreneurship to promote the youth agenda in the region.
- e) The Council of Ministers is urged to initiate the process of harmonizing fees, forms and procedures with regard to the issuance of work permits in the region.
- f) The EAC Secretariat and EALA are urged to facilitate the women gender caucus to facilitate perform its work on the integration agenda more efficiently and effectively
- g) EALA should organize a forum between the Rt. Hon. Speaker – EALA and the East African Business Council to enable the two interface on matters of EAC EALA integration.

5. CLOSING

5.1 Closing Remarks by the Deputy Secretary General – Political Federation - Dr. Rotich

In his closing remarks, Dr. Rotich the EAC Deputy Secretary General on behalf of the Secretary General thanked the all the participants for successfully concluding the Nanyuki II Seminar.

He noted that all future seminars should invite the relevant technical people (both from EAC and partners states) since they are tasked with making follow-up on whatever has been agreed during deliberations. He in particular requested that all Permanent Secretaries responsible for the Ministries for East African Community (MEACA) in the partner states as well as the EAC Deputy Secretary Generals be invited to attend subsequent seminars since they are critical when it comes to the implementation of the recommendations made.

He thanked the Chief Guest H.E Yoweri Museveni for his candid talk and guidance noting that the Secretariat was exceedingly happy for the support got from him and other heads of states. He also thanked the people and parliament of Uganda for the hospitality.

He in conclusion he promised to make follow-ups to see that national parliaments act on the recommendations.

6.2 Closing Remarks by the Speaker of EALA – Rt. Hon. Margaret Zziwa

Hon. Zziwa thanked the EALA secretariat for the wonderful Nanyuki Seminar. She also thanked the participants for honoring the invitations and for the lively debate.

She further expressed gratitude with the address of the Chair of the Council of Summit and especially the elaborate ideas and constant support accorded to EALA. She also thanked the Ugandan Parliament and the Speaker in particular for hosting them.

Hon. Zziwa noted that the EAC integration is a must and she committed herself to operationalize the Speakers' Forum with the EA Business Council. She further expressed the resolve of EALA to spearhead the integration process.

She further thanked AWEPA and EAC Secretariat for funding the seminar and other activities of the Assembly.