



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING PARTNER STATES TO TAKE
STRATEGIC MEASURES IN BOOSTING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATIONS**

**BY: Hon. Sebtuu Nassor and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday, 26th
May 2011**

WHEREAS Article 103 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community recognizes the fundamental importance of Science and Technology in economic development, and further compels the Partner States to undertake to promote cooperation in the development of science and technology within the Community;

AND WHEREAS world powers and more developed countries are heavily reliant on technological advancement and scientific research to enhance their strengths and development trends;

CONVINCED that science and technology when properly harnessed and aligned to local aspirations of people provides effective backstopping to overall development for those countries having serious undertakings in science and technology;

FURTHER CONVINCED that science and technology are powerful vehicles to drive the economic, social and agricultural activities of the East African region;

APPRECIATING the decision in January 2007, in which the Summit of the Heads of States and Governments of the African Union, being devoted to "Science,

Technology and Scientific Research for Development and the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) as a driver of economic growth and poverty reduction in Africa", decided that new efforts to build constituencies and champions for STI in Africa are put in place and further urged Member States to allocate at least 1% of their National Gross Domestic Product for research and development. The Summit also being mindful of the importance of South – South and North – South Cooperation in STI, decided to adopt the architecture of Cooperation;

FURTHER APPRECIATING the fact that the Assembly through the leadership of the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on General Purpose have over the last three years worked closely with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union to establish an Inter-Parliamentary Forum on science, innovation and technology in Africa; and as a result EALA has been selected to Chair the Forum for one year and run the sector of the forum to two years and use its ability with support from UNESCO, to set up its Charter and structures ready for its launch;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly:-

1. Appreciates all the efforts of the Speaker of EALA to set up the Inter-Parliamentary Forum currently Chaired by EALA;
2. Urges the Partner States through the Council of Ministers to support the African Union Resolution of increasing funding to science and technology to at least 1% of GDP and direct a portion of the funds to:
 - realign Science and Technology appropriately related to the needs and problems of the peoples of East Africa;
 - support appropriate knowledge creation of industry in the region with emphasis on agriculture and local manufacturing of goods;
 - accelerate science education in schools/tertiary institutions /universities through provision of appropriate facilities, training of

science educationist as well as encouraging students through innovations;

3. Urge the EAC National Parliaments to join the Inter-Parliamentary Forum and actively participate in its activities. In so doing, directs the Clerk of the Assembly to transmit this Resolution to the Clerks of the respective National Parliaments.

CERTIFIED BY:



DATE: 2ND JUNE 2011

**KENNETH MADETE
CLERK**