



## **“Building Consensus on Private Sector Positions on the EPA” 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Workshop**

**12th - 13th March 2010, East African Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania**

### **FINAL AGENDA**

<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>	
8:00 - 8:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
8:30 - 9:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Charles Yegella, Trade Officer / Fellow (EABC)</li><li>• Mr. Peter Kiguta, Director General, Trade and Customs (EAC Secretariat)</li></ul>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>Session I: Exchange of views on Status on EAC-EC EPA Negotiations</b> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views between the private and public sector on the state of play in the EPA negotiations. Also the session will provide an opportunity for the two parties to look the contentious issues and proposals way forward.</p> <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>State of Play in the EPA Negotiations</u> – Mr. Adrian Njau, Local Coordinator</li><li>• <u>Contentious Issues under EAC-EC EPA Configuration</u> – Ms. Marie-Angélique Umulisa, Trade Policy Development Expert, EAC Secretariat</li></ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>





10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session II: Introduction of the Draft EABC Private Sector EPA Negotiations Manual - by Frederick Alipui, Team Leader</b></p> <p>The session will review the Draft EABC Private Sector EPA Negotiations Manual with the aim of finalising the draft common positions or recommendations and transforming the same into the EABC Common EPA Negotiations Position including the thematic clusters under Market Access and Rules of Origin. More focus would be directed on Rules of Origin due to the fact that the negotiation in respect of RoO has not been launched.</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Trade Negotiations Techniques</u> – Mr. Frederick Alipui, Team Leader</li> <li>• <u>EAC–EC Market Access Offers on Trade in Goods</u> – Mr. Adrian Njau, Local Coordinator</li> <li>• <u>Customs &amp; Trade Facilitation</u> – Mr. Peter Steele, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Rules of Origin</u> – Mr. Peter Steele, Subject Specialist</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 - 15:30	<p><b>SESSION III: Introduction to the Negotiations on Trade in Services and other issues</b></p> <p>This session will review issues pertaining Trade in Services with aim of coming up with appropriate recommendations or positions on how private sector' interests should be articulated in on-going negotiations</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Trade in Services</u> – Mr. James Mc Leod, Subject Specialist &amp; Charles Yegella, Services Trade Fellow</li> <li>• <u>Institutional Arrangements Dispute Settlement and Trade Remedies</u> – Prof. G. Erasmus, Subject Specialist</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:30 - 15:45	<b>Coffee break</b>





15:45 - 18:00	<p><b>Session IV: Introduction to the Agriculture and Economic &amp; Development Cooperation under EPA</b></p> <p>During this session the focus will directed on need to come up with private sector positions or recommendations on Agriculture text and Economic &amp; Development Cooperation text under framework of EPA</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EAC-EPA Negotiations: Development and Economic Cooperation</u> – Prof. G. Erasmus, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) &amp; Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)</u> – Mr. Frederick Alipui, Team Leader</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>	
8.00-8.30	<b>Registration of the Participants</b>
8:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Session V Introduction to the Negotiations on Trade Related Issues</b></p> <p>During this session the participants will articulate private sector positions and recommendations on the thematic clusters on trade related issues which are of interests to private sector.</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Competition Policy</u> – Mr. James Mc Leod, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Investment and Private Sector Development</u> – Mr. James Mc Leod, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Intellectual Property Rights</u> – Mr. James Mc Leod, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Public Procurement</u> – Mr. James Mc Leod, Subject Specialist</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp; A</b></p>
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 - 13:30	<p><b>Way forward and recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Way forward</u> – Mr. Frederick Alipui, Subject Specialist</li> <li>• <u>Communication Strategy</u> – Mr. Frederick Alipui, Team Leader</li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch &amp; Departure</b>

