

## CSR Awards to recognize companies



and ethical business experts chaired by Elvis Musiba, former President, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

The panel includes:

- Dr William Kalema (Managing Director DCDM Uganda)
- Keli Kiilu (Vice Chairman of the East African Business Council)
- Ms Jane Nelson (Director of CSR Initiatives, Harvard Business School)
- Dr Judy Muthuri (CSR Lecturer, Nottingham University)
- Mr Steve Kenzie (Programme Manager for Responsible Business, International Business Leaders Forum and UK Focal Point for UN Global Compact).

Companies will be honoured under the following categories:

- (i) Best workplace practice;
- (ii) Environmental excellence;
- (iii) Most ethical & responsible business practice for supply chains; and
- (iv) Most sustainable & scalable community investment.

East African Business Council together with Africa Practice will on May 4 honour East Africa's most socially responsible companies at the first ever East African CSR Awards.

The event to take place at Southern Sun Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum will attract high profile business executives from the region and beyond.

East African companies will be honoured for their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities and awarded for outstanding, innovative and high-class initiatives and programmes that create a high social and environmental benefit for the community and the business.

Winning companies will be selected by an independent panel of distinguished international and regional CSR, corporate governance

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# Second regional workshop on EAC-EU



EABC with support from TradeCom Facility, between 12th and 13th March, 2010 held workshop titled: Building Consensus on Common Private Sector Positions on Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiation.

The second regional workshop sought to consolidate on the outcomes of the first regional workshop held in November last year where participants agreed to consult stakeholders and come up with harmonized position on various EPA clusters of interest to the private sector.

Workshop participants were drawn from national private sector apex bodies, manufacturers associations and other sector associations who have indirect or direct trade relations with the European Union (EU); government officials involved in EPA negotiations; as well as a team of EPA experts.

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Its objectives were: to build consensus on common private sector positions on various EPA clusters; enhance involvement of the private sector in the negotiations through consultations with key public officials involved in the EPA; articulate the interests of the private sector in the on-going EPA negotiations.

Participants reviewed and adopted the draft EABC Private Sector EPA Negotiations Manual generated from the draft position papers which were presented at the First Regional Workshop and subsequently circulated to members and stakeholders of EABC for their input.

The manual articulates private sector interests in EPA negotiations and will act as key guiding document for EAC EPA negotiators during comprehensive EPA negotiations expected to be completed by the end of this year.

# EAC States to revitalise railway systems



East African Community Secretariat, the World Bank, and African Development Bank organized a regional railway conference between 11th and 13th February 2010 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The conference was held as part of the process of actualising the East African Railway Master Plan and revitalising the railway system in the region

It came up with a set of recommendations which, once implemented will go a long way in revitalising the railways systems for enhanced regional integration and economic growth.

The Conference recommended, among other things establishment of a Marshall-like Plan for the revitalisation of the EAC Railways underpinned by the following core team: Ministers responsible for Infrastructure and Finance; EAC Secretary General; EABC Chairman; World Bank; African Development Bank; European Union; and JICA

The EAC Secretariat to draft and share the TORs and working modalities of the Core Team by end of April 2010  
2.Resolving issues with the current concessions within one year to lay a firm ground for long term planning for railways;  
3.Prioritization of the railways EAC projects laying emphasis on connectivity:  
a.Proposal is to focus attention at the re-

**Technicians work on Kenya-Uganda Railway. East African governments have hatched a plan to revitalise railways**

gional level on the existing railways and the connectivity into Burundi and Rwanda linking all the EAC Partner States and neighboring countries to the Ports of Mombasa and Dar es Salaam and selected inter connectivity links between the networks and inland waterways; and  
b. Development of detailed designs and bankable projects for the prioritized network by 2011 with clear determination of gauge size.

4.Conclusion of a regional policy and legal framework for the Public Private Partnership for railways development by August 2010  
5.The Secretariat to draft the ToRs for the preparatory studies and share the drafts with the World Bank,ADB,JICAandtheEUbyendofApril2010with some focus on how to leverage private resources.  
6.Establishment of an EAC Railways Regulatory Authority to coordinate among others policy, investment, development and competition issues in the sub-sector by June 2011.  
7.Establishment at the EAC Secretariat of a Project Implementation Unit dedicated to railways projects development and implementation. The EAC Secretariat to develop a proposed structure for the PIU and share with the Partner States and the development partners by end of April 2010; and  
8.Entrenching railways development as a core collaboration sector of the Tripartite (COMESA, EAC and SADC),includingtheorganizationofatripartite Aid for Trade conference on railways development.  
9.Need to establish a railways infrastructure development fund informed by the existing road development fund authorities in the region.

## Workshop to create synergies across sectors

East African Business Council with support from Commonwealth Secretariat will between April 23rd and 23rd hold a workshop in Kigali, Rwanda aimed at creating synergies across the livestock industry in the region.

The Workshop will focus on 3 sub-sectors of the Livestock Industry, which include: Leather and Leather products; Milk and milk processing; Meat and Meat processing

The livestock sector is important to EAC countries

and has a great potential for expansion, both within EAC and beyond.

The workshop is expected to: Identify constraints in the industry, both supply side and demand side; to strengthen value chains across the livestock industry in EAC; to create linkage among the stakeholders in each sub-sector, through providing a networking platform; to come up with a framework for creation of synergy across the sector and an indication of needed policies.

## Upcoming events

● **April 23rd to 24th ;**

Workshop on creating synergies across sectors in Kigali, Rwanda focusing the Dairy Industry (Milk, meat, leather, among others).

● **April 26th to 30th**

Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers on Institutional Structure for the Common Market

● **April 27th to 30th**

3rd EAC Investment Conference— this is one of EAC's key activity in the private sector development department in Kampala, Uganda.

● **May 3rd to 4th**

Investment Climate Facility for Africa Summit in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

● **May 4**

East African CSR Awards

● **May 5th to 7th**

World Economic Forum in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

## Management changes at secretariat



The EABC Executive Committee sitting on February 17, 2010 in Kigali, Rwanda appointed Ms Agatha Nderitu as the new Executive Director of EABC. Ms Nderitu has been the Acting Executive Director since the departure of Mr Charles Mbogori in February 2010 who stepped down at the end of his contract.

Ms Nderitu will be responsible for implementing the organisation's new Strategic Plan that seeks to enhance EAC private sector's competitiveness regionally and globally. Prior to her appointment, Ms Nderitu was EABC's Marketing & Communications Manager.



Michael Baingana has been appointed Research and Policy Advisor under DFID funded project. Mr Baingana has extensive work experience in both Public and sector. In the Public sector, he worked with the Ministry of Finance in Rwanda (1994-2005) as the director multilateral external finance, responsible for mobilization, negotiation and execution monitoring of resources from multilateral organizations to support Rwanda's development agenda. He also worked Rwanda Revenue Authority. Michael holds a Masters in Economics from Columbia University, New York, USA, specializing in economic policy management and a Bachelor degree in Economics and Political Science from Makerere University, Kampala - Uganda. He also holds a number of professional certificates in trade development, among others

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