EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
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THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

- COMPRISSES THE REPUBLICS OF KENYA, UGANDA AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

- TOTAL COMBINED AREA 1.8 MILLION SQUARE KILOMETERS

- COMBINED POPULATION APPROXIMATELY 83 MILLION
WHY INTEGRATION?

• IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF DEVELOPMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES

• TO PROTECT AND EXPAND MARKETS - THROUGH HARMONISATION OF INTERNAL TARIFFS AND ADOPTION OF COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFFS

• CONSERVE CULTURAL HERITAGES

• PROMOTE COMMON PROJECTS IN TRANS BOUNDARY ISSUES SUCH AS ENVIRONMENT, SECURITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, TOURISM, ENERGY, WATER RESOURCES ETC.

• TO FACE THE NEW WORLD TOGETHER IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH AS IN WTO AND IN ORDER TO TAKE COMMON POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS AT THE UN
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<td>Customs Union established between Kenya and Uganda - Tanganyika joined in 1922</td>
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<td>Common Services Organisation established</td>
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WHY THE COMMUNITY COLLAPSED

• INTRA-COMMUNITY POLITICAL DIFFERENCES

• DIFFERENCES ON THE SHARING OF BENEFITS FROM JOINTLY OWNED COMMON SERVICES ORGANISATIONS AND LACK OF POLICY TO REDRESS THE SITUATION

• THE THEN EAST/WEST DIVIDE POLARISING THE WORLD INTO CAPITALISTS AND SOCIALISTS

• LOW PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY INPUT IN THE RUNNING OF THE THEN COMMUNITY
REVIVAL OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

• 30 NOVEMBER, 1993 - PERMANENT TRIPARTITE COMMISSION FOR EAST AFRI CAN CO-OPERATION ESTABLISHED

• 14 MARCH, 1996 - THE CO-OPERATION SECRETARIAT AT LAUNCHED IN ARUSHA AS THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION

• 30 NOVEMBER, 1999 - THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE EAST AFRI CAN COMMUNITY IS SIGNED

• 7 JULY, 2000 - ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY AND COMING INTO BEING OF THE NEW EAST AFRI CAN COMMUNITY

• 15 JANUARY, 2001 - FORMAL LAUNCHING OF EAST AFRI CAN COMMUNITY BY THE THREE HEADS OF STATE
East African Heads of State Sign the Treaty for the Establishment of EAC, 30 November 1999
INAUGURATION OF THE EA COURT OF JUSTICE

East African Heads of State During Inauguration of the EA Legislative Assembly and EA Court of Justice, 30 November 2001
INAUGURATION OF THE EA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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WHY COMMUNITY?

- COMMON HISTORY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
- HISTORY OF CO-OPERATION
- GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGE
- INFRASTRUCTURAL NETWORK LINKAGE
- COMPETITIVE POSITIONING IN GLOBALISED WORLD MARKETS
- ACCELERATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF EAST AFRICA
- ADOPTION OF HARMONISED SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY FRAMEWORKS
OBJECTIVES OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

DEEPENING CO-OPERATION AMONG PARTNER STATES, IN AMONG OTHER AREAS:

- ECONOMIC
- POLITICAL
- DEFENCE
- SOCIAL
- CULTURAL
- SECURITY
- LEGAL

PHASES OF INTEGRATION WILL INVOLVE ESTABLISHMENT OF:

- A CUSTOMS UNION AS THE ENTRY POINT INTO THE COMMUNITY;
- A COMMON MARKET;
- A MONETARY UNION; AND ULTIMATELY
- A POLITICAL FEDERATION OF THE EAST AFRICAN STATES
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF EAC

• MUTUAL TRUST AND POLITICAL WILL
• PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND GOOD NEIGHBORLIKENESS
• PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES
• GOOD GOVERNANCE
• EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS
• CO-OPERATION FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS
OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMUNITY

• PEOPLE CENTERED AND MARKET DRIVEN COOPERATION
• PROVISION OF ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT SUCH AS CONducIVE POLICIES AND BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE
• ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPORT ORIENTED ECONOMY WITH FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS, PERSONS, LABOUR, SERVICES, CAPITAL, INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY
• THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY WITH EMPHASIS ON MULTI LEVEL PARTICIPIATION
• THE PRINCIPLE OF VARIABLE GEOMETRY WHICH ALLOWS FOR PROGRESSION IN COOPERATION AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS
• EQUITABLE, BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNER STATES
• THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPLEMENTARITY
• PARTNER STATES UNDERTAKE TO ABIDE BY PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE
ORGANISATION OF THE EAC

SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

SECRETARIAT

CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

SECTORAL COMMITTEES

WORKING GROUPS OF EXPERTS

COURT OF JUSTICE

SECTORAL COUNCILS
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

FIRST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

• APRIL 1997 - EAST AFRICAN CO-OPERATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (1997 - 2000) LAUNCHED

• LAID DOWN BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN PROCESS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION

MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY

• WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE MARKET AND INVESTMENT AREA IN THE REGION
STRATEGY IDENTIFIED KEY AREAS OF COOPERATION AS:

• HARMONIZATION OF POLICIES TO:
  - PROMOTE CROSS BORDER TRADE AND INVESTMENT
  - EASE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS OF GOODS AND PERSONS

• DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

• ENHANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES
   - SETTING UP A DEFENCE LIASON OFFICE AT THE SECRETARIAT AND THE SIGNING OF A MOU FOR CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE
   - SIGNING OF MOU ON FOREIGN POLICY CO-ORDINATION
2. HARMONISATION OF POLICIES

- CONVERTIBILITY OF CURRENCIES.
- READING OF BUDGET STATEMENTS ON THE SAME DAY AND TIME.
- IMPLEMENTATION OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFF DISCOUNT.
- HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS OF GOODS AND SERVICES AS EAST AFRICAN STANDARDS.
- MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY NATIONAL BODIES FOR GOODS TRADED IN EAST AFRICA.
3. EASING OF CROSS BORDER MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS
   - EAST AFRICAN PASSPORTS
   - 7 DAYS GRACE PERIOD FOR PERSONAL MOTOR VEHICLES
   - IMMIGRATION DESKS FOR EAST AFRICANS AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
   - RE-INTRODUCTION OF INTERSTATE PASSES
   - WITHDRAWAL OF VISA CHARGES FOR STUDENTS

4. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
   - IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ROADS, CIVIL AVIATION, POSTS, METEOROLOGY, ENERGY AND RELATED AREAS
KEY PROJECTS
- EAST AFRICAN ROAD NETWORK
- POSTAL AUTOMATION PROJECT
- CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY PROJECT
- FIVE YEARS METEOROLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- LAKE VICTORIA SAFETY NAVIGATION PROJECT
- POWER MASTER PLAN

5. LEGAL AND JUDICIAL CO-OPERATION
- SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION
- SIGNING OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT AND INLAND WATERWAYS AGREEMENTS
- Signing of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community
- Signing of MOU on Cooperation in Environment Management
- Signing of the Protocol for the Establishment of the Inter-University Council
- Signing of the Headquarters Agreement between Inter-University Council and the Government of Uganda
6. DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- REVITALIZATION OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
- SETTING UP OF THE EAST AFRICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
- OPERATIONALISING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING

7. HEALTH

FORMATION OF THREE WORKING GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF:
- CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HIV/AIDS
- CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
- HEALTH RESEARCH, POLICY AND HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
8. PROCESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC CUSTOMS UNION

- HARMONISATION OF THE EXEMPTION REGIMES
- HARMONISATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS DOCUMENTATION
- DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL HARMONISED INVESTMENT CODE
- HARMONISATION OF COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM
- FORMULATION OF A PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS ON-GOING
- CONTINUING WORK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF (CET); EAC RULES OF ORIGIN AND PROGRAMME FOR ELIMINATION OF INTERNAL TARIFF
9. DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE VICTORIA AND ITS BASIN
   - UNDERTAKING A STUDY ON INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE AND ITS BASIN
   - SIGNING OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAC AND KEY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS HAVING PROGRAMMES ON THE LAKE I.E. SWEDEN; NORWAY; FRANCE; EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK; WORLD BANK
SECOND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2001 - 2005

• THE SECOND EAC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COVERING YEARS 2001 - 2005 WAS LAUNCHED BY THE EAC SUMMIT ON 24 APRIL 2001

• MAIN FOCUS IS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY I.E.
  - ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUSTOMS UNION AND A COMMON MARKET
  - WIDENING AND DEEPENING COOPERATION FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT OF PARTNER STATES
PRIORITY PROGRAMMES FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS STIPULATED IN THE STRATEGY

• ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUSTOMS UNION AND A COMMON MARKET

• CONTINUATION OF REGIONAL PROGRAMMES REFLECTED IN THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

• LIBERALISATION OF CROSS BORDER TRADE AND MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

• MACRO-ECONOMIC STABILITY TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT AND CREATE ECONOMIC GROWTH

• ENHANCEMENT OF SUPPLY CAPACITIES IN THE MAIN PRODUCTION SECTORS
• DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

• DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

• OPERATIONALISATION OF OTHER ORGANS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE COURT AND THE ASSEMBLY

• STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF COOPERATION

• POLITICAL COOPERATION IN ENHANCING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION
**COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS**

**ORGANISATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS**

- EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (EABC)
- EAST AFRICAN TRADE UNION COUNCIL (EATUC)

**ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR OBSERVER STATUS**

- INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
- EAST AFRICAN YOUTH COUNCIL
- EAST AFRICAN MAGISTRATES’ AND JUDGES’ ASSOCIATION

**CLOSELY COOPERATING ORGANISATIONS**

- EAST AFRICA JUA KALI/NGUVU KAZI ASSOCIATION
- EAST AFRICA LAW SOCIETY
- UONGOZI INSTITUTE
FUTURE PROSPECTS

• Based on the existing political goodwill the community is confident that the milestones set-out under the current strategy will be achieved.

• The priority programme of action will include the following:
  - Establishment of the Customs Union by 2003
  - Continuing implementation of the Lake Victoria Development Programme
  - Implementation of infrastructure projects to support development in other sectors
  - Adoption of strategies to negotiate as a block on international matters
  - Increased outreach programmes to educate East Africans on the benefits of integration
  - Harmonisation of enabling policies in the cooperating sectors
EAC SECRETARIAT AT ARUSHA