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Reports of the Meetings for the National Consultative

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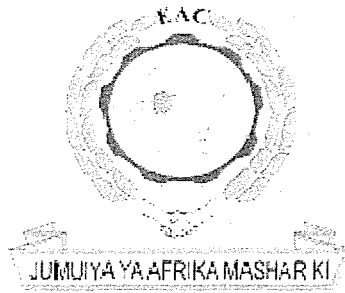
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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN EAC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA

7th August 2012

REPORT OF THE MEETING

REF: EAC/TF/314/2012

**EAC SECRETARIAT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Consultative Meeting of the National stakeholders/Experts on the Development of an EAC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy for the United Republic of Tanzania was held on 7th August, 2012 in Dar-es-Salaam.

The meeting was held in accordance with the approved EAC Calendar of Activities for July to December 2012. The consultative stakeholders meeting follows the first taskforce meeting on DRR held in Bujumbura on 6th June 2012.

1.1 Objectives of the Meeting

The objectives of the meeting was to:


- i) Assess the progress made in the development of the DRRM Strategy; and
- ii) Enlist national contributions for inclusion into the DRRM Strategy

1.2 Participation

The meeting was attended by Experts drawn from the Office of the Prime Minister, Department of Disaster Management, Ministries of Water; Livestock and Fisheries Development; Defense and National Service; Transport (Tanzania Ports Authority); Home Affairs (Fire and Rescue Force); Health and Social welfare (Tanzania food and Nutrition Centre); East Africa Cooperation. The list of participants is hereto attached as **Annex I**.

The National consultative meeting was chaired by Stephen Mbundi, Assistant Director; Ministry of East African Cooperation and Agness Macha, Political Officer, Ministry of East African Cooperation was the Rapporteur.



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1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was considered and adopted and is hereto attached as **Annex II.**

2.0 OPENING REMARKS

The EAC Secretariat, the Chairperson and a representative from the Ministry of East African Cooperation addressed the participants at the meeting and below is a brief overview of their remarks.

2.1 Remarks by EAC Secretariat

The Principal Environment and Natural Resources Officer at the EAC Secretariat, Mrs. Wivine Ntamubano welcomed the participants to the meeting. She briefed the participants on the genesis and the steps already taken so far on the development of an EAC DRRM Strategy. She hailed the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agencies (JICA) for supporting the Secretariat in this important venture. She concluded her remarks by reiterating the importance of the stakeholders to be critical in their contributions so that we can develop a good disaster management tool for the region which is usually prone to both natural and manmade hazards.

2.2 Remarks by the Chair

The chairman welcomed the participants and thanked the EAC Secretariat for these initiatives. He also thanked JICA for the support. He emphasized the need to focus on national needs and priorities which need to be captured into the DRR Strategy. He urged the participants to contribute positively and wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

3.0 ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAC DRRM STRATEGY

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4.0 NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY EXPERTS TO THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

The DRRM Strategy is intended to provide a comprehensive framework for management of and response to disasters in order to reduce their impacts and hence increase the resilience of communities to disasters in the region.

Observations:

The Meeting agreed that the draft strategy is not ready, and they have to make their input on National Priorities to be included into this strategy.

The following were the critical issues observed that should be considered in the development of the Disaster Risk Management Strategy;

- (1) there is need to adhere to the TORs including undertaking a SWOT analysis in each priority area of Hyogo Framework for Action and prioritize according to situation in each Partner State as it may differ from one another.
- (2) Include the issues of Search and Rescue as it is not featured
- (3) Work out the Country profiles on disasters for each partner state
- (4) Need to pay attention to social and other sectoral impacts which play an important role in development activities on the region.
- (5) Local Communities Traditional Knowledge on DRR should be considered in the development of this strategy as local

knowledge plays an important role in coping and management of localised disasters

- (6) Need to consider the issue of Compensation during and after disaster
- (7) Include the development of an evacuation plan during emergencies
- (8) The scope of the strategy should be expanded to include epidemics (human and livestock), accidents, forest fires, structural fires and new also new emerging development.
- (9) Legal framework to be considered for handling among others, people who uses disaster as an opportunity for damping and profit making
- (10) Regional Standard Operating Procedures for disaster management be developed
- (11) This Strategy is being developed without a prior regional policy and hence there is need to identify which areas for harmonization within Partner States existing policies
- (12) Monitoring and evaluation framework should be developed and explicitly elaborate activities to be monitored by Partner states and those by EAC secretariat
- (13) In addition to the HFA and the Africa DRR strategy, there is need to reflect other EAC instruments.
- (14) Disaster Risk Management Strategy to focus more on DRR rather than on response.
- (15) Identify and assign roles of actors in disaster management
- (16) Reference on disaster experience should cover all Partner States

Recommendations:

The meeting recommend to the EAC Secretariat and the JICA team of experts to consider the observations made when making the draft EAC Disaster Risk and Management Strategy.



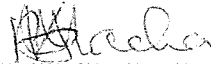
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There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1.00pm on this the 7th day of August, 2012.

Signed on 7th day of August, 2012.



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NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN EAC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

KIGALI, RWANDA

8th August 2012

REPORT OF THE MEETING

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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1.2 Participation

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The National consultative meeting was chaired by Fred Daniel Nzasabimana, Environment and meteorology Expert, Ministry of East African Cooperation and Justin Kayira, Director of Disaster Management from the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs was the Rapporteur. Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs was the Rapporteur.

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Observations:

The following were the critical issues observed that should be considered in the development of the Disaster Risk Management Strategy;

- (1) Need to have a clear definition of what constitute a Disaster or an emergency situation within the EAC region,
- (2) Need to consider what exists in the region for example Rwanda has its DRR Strategy,
- (3) Floods affect mainly agriculture, Strategy to promote alternative livelihoods is essential,
- (4) Need to project on the Population growth dynamics in the region as it is a major concern in view of limited resources.
- (5) Need for a regional multi-sectoral contingency plan, a response plan and periodically updated if need be and harmonised on national and regional scale,
- (6) Identified critical disasters are: Floods , earthquake, landslide, fires, thunder storms , epidemics, drought, volcanic eruption, insects and pests, accidents and strong winds,
- (7) Response team for intervention that is ready and equipped (first aid kits, Organized communication gargets, ability),
- (8) Develop Search, Rescue and Evacuation plans,

- (9) Activate contingency plan with all components of communication systems; evacuation; First aid; Rapid assessments in place,
- (10) Having a disaster response fund which can be rapidly discharged to the affected areas,
- (11) Develop Regional and National Multi-sectoral contingency plan which should be periodically updated,
- (12) Develop a sound regional and national disaster response plan for common disasters,
- (13) Provide immediate assistance to affected people (livelihoods, health needs etc),
- (14) All partner states should plan for response activities for trans-boundary effects,
- (15) Have an effective coordination mechanism of all institutions involved in DRM,
- (16) Enhance the Coordination mechanisms and information sharing from central level to decentralized levels for DRR around the EAC Partner States,
- (17) Strengthening of disaster early warning through joint cooperation with Early Warning producing centres mainly the National Meteorological and hydrological centres,
- (18) Strengthening environmental and ecosystem based management strategies,
- (19) Risk assessment and mapping of the areas prone to Disasters,
- (20) Relocation of the communities living in Disaster prone areas and reinforce the settlement policies,
- (21) Prepositioning of disaster response items (food and non-food),
- (22) Strengthen the political federation in terms of DRR in partner states,
- (23) Strengthen the capacity development and raising awareness for DRR at all level, and
- (24) Need to develop an EAC DRR Policy to guide the EAC DRR strategy.




Recommendations:

The meeting recommended to the EAC Secretariat to ensure that the above observations are considered during the development of the Disaster Risk Management Strategy.

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5.00pm on this the 8th day of August, 2012.

Signed on 8th day of August, 2012.


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Observations:

The following were the critical issues observed that should be considered in the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy;

1. The need to include Plant Diseases in potential disasters for the region
2. The need to Include Assistance for promotion for water resources Security as a priority
3. Establish an EAC DRR&M Fund
4. Establish and operationalize a Multisectoral multihazard EWS in the sub-region
5. Strengthening Early warning Generating Institutions/Centres for more accurate DRR information
6. Regional coordination mechanisms for enhance regional action
7. Earthquake to be considered as a Potential Disaster in the region
8. Need to identify and establish relocation Centres for victims of disasters
9. Capacity Building and sensitization at all levels
10. Need to conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to all projects (ESIA) and provide mitigation measures.
11. Ecosystem management (Soil protection), Urban and land



Planning

12. Respect environmental Standards
13. Implementation of the National emergency Plan
14. Capacity Building for all sectors at all levels
15. Identify vulnerable sites for Disasters for urgent intervention
16. Government need to be strict in implementation of Laws
17. Improve sanitation in urban and rural areas
18. Strengthening Agriculture and Forestry research on improved crops resistant to Common disasters.

Recommendations:

- i. **The meeting recommended to the EAC Secretariat to ensure that the above observations are considered during the development of the Disaster Risk Management Strategy**
- ii. **For reasons of continuity in this process of development of the EAC DRR&M Strategy, the meeting further recommended that participants to the next activities are drawn from Experts who attended the Consultation meeting.**

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS


There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5.00 pm on this the 10th day of August, 2012.

Signed on 10th day of August, 2012.

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**NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN EAC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**Hotel Africana
KAMPALA, UGANDA**

14th August 2012

REPORT OF THE MEETING

REF: EAC/TF/316/2012

**EAC SECRETARIAT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Consultative Meeting of the National stakeholders/Experts on the Development of an EAC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy for the Republic of Uganda was held on 14th August, 2012 in Kampala.

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The objectives of the meeting were to:

- i) Assess the progress made in the development of the DRRM Strategy; and
- ii) To enlist national views on DRR & M strategy in order to strengthen its usability, applicability and acceptability across the partner States.

1.2 Participation

The meeting was attended by Experts drawn from the Office of Prime Minister; Ministries of East African Community Affairs, Gender, labour and social Development, Internal Affairs (Uganda Police Force), Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Water and Environment, Health, Education and Sports, Works and Transport, Experts from the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Uganda Red Cross, JICA and EAC Secretariat Staff were also in attendance. The list of participants is hereto attached as **Annex I**.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Edward Sebina, from the Ministry of EAC Affairs, while Mr. Moses Mafabi, from the Ministry of East African Community Affairs was the Rapporteur.



1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was considered and adopted and is hereto attached as **Annex II**.

2.0 OPENING REMARKS

The EAC Secretariat and the Chairperson addressed the participants at the meeting and below is a brief overview of their remarks.

2.1 Remarks by EAC Secretariat

The Principal Environment and Natural Resources Officer at the EAC Secretariat, Mrs. Wivine Ntamubano welcomed the participants to the meeting. She briefed the participants on the genesis and the steps already taken so far on the development of an EAC DRRM Strategy. She hailed the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agencies (JICA) for supporting the Secretariat in this important venture. She concluded her remarks by reiterating the importance of the stakeholders to be critical in their contributions so that we can develop a good disaster management tool for the region which is usually prone to both natural and manmade hazards.

2.2 Remarks by the Chair

The chairman welcomed the participants and thanked the EAC Secretariat for the initiatives and keeping up with the calendar of activities. He also thanked JICA for the support. He emphasized the need to focus on national needs and priorities which need to be captured into the DRR Strategy. He urged the participants to contribute positively and wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

3.0 ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAC DRRM STRATEGY

The EAC DRR advisor Mr. Julius Kabubi gave a presentation highlighting on the key elements for a good and user friendly strategy. He emphasized the need to have a holistic strategy that addresses all the disaster management cycle. It should be simple to implement in view of the poor communities in the region and should be community



centered. The strategy should be a tool to accelerate socioeconomic growth in the region.

A presentation on the preliminaries of the development of the strategy was made by Mr. Chuwa Fredrick, the local JICA consultant for this assignment. He outlined the structure and content of the strategy borrowing from both the Hyogo frame work for action and the Africa regional DRR strategy. The two presentations highlighted above are hereto attached as **Annex III and IV respectively for** further reference.

4.0 NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY EXPERTS TO THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

The DRRM Strategy is intended to provide a comprehensive framework for management of and response to disasters in order to reduce their impacts and hence increase the resilience of communities to disasters in the region.

Observations:

The following were the critical issues observed that should be considered in the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy;

1. Involvement of the CSO, CBOs, and NGO for example the Red Cross and the Red Crescent
2. Situational analysis should quantify disasters data to determine their real impacts for example in terms affected people, where and economic loses
3. Promote development of EAC hazard maps for Partner states
4. There is need to define what constitutes a Hazard/disaster in the region and other terminologies used in disaster risk management
5. There is need to capture small scale hazards like Inter-tribal conflicts, refugees, armed conflicts which cumulatively have significant impacts on the community
6. The strategy should capture both animal and human epidemics and pandemics
7. Need to synergize with other RECs for example IGAD which is implementing a conflict Early warning with several of aspects such poverty and natural resource management

8. The EAC should align its Institutional structure to accommodate DRM and avoid duplication across sectors
9. The need to consult Partner States on DRR curriculum development with clear guidelines as to how, who and when this is going to happen
10. Carry out a detailed situational analysis on existing and potential disaster threats in the region
11. Need to categorize risk into high, medium and low in terms of magnitude and impacts in order to prioritize actions
12. Carry out thorough assessment of financial, technological and human capacity and an inventory of existing response capacities in the region
13. The strategy should capture issues of food security as well as feed security for livestock
14. Should also have a focus on disasters from emerging developments opportunities such as gas, petroleum which may pose some potential disasters in the future
15. Should recognize the Natural habitats and ecosystems in terms of wildlife and other tourism attractions
16. Need to pay attention to preparedness levels in terms of stock piling, food strategic reserves and taking advantage of harvests
17. Analyse as much as possible the existing policies, legislation and DRM tools and practices within the Partner States
18. Promote harmonized cross border DRR initiatives through joint planning and coordination among Partner States
19. Promote adaptation and resilience including preparedness and response for example as it relates to, population growth, animal stock levels and climate change impacts among others
20. Consideration of gender and persons with special needs in response and preparedness
21. Promote development of contingency plans at national level
22. Need for a regional legal framework to implement the DRM strategy
23. Propose enforcement mechanism to support implementation of the strategy
24. Need to embrace new Communication technologies for example Mobile phones, social media networks and radio in hazard early warning
25. Communication plans in view of wide diversity of languages
26. Mainstreaming and strengthening DRR into Ministries, Departments and Agencies



27. Promote Knowledge sharing of good practices and information within partner States and other regions
28. Promote piloting of DRR projects and demonstrations in the region
29. Need to develop a robust M&E framework for implementation
30. Promote Research and Development in the region

Recommendations:

- i. The meeting recommended to the EAC Secretariat to ensure that the above observations are considered during the development of the Disaster Risk Management Strategy**
- ii. For reasons of continuity in this process of development of the EAC DRM Strategy, the meeting further recommended that participants to the next activities are drawn from Experts who attended the Consultative meeting.**


5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.34 pm on this the 14th day of August, 2012.

Signed on 14th day of August, 2012.



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AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM) STRATEGY

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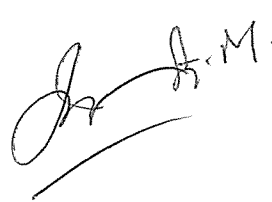
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2.2 Remarks by the Chair

The chairman welcomed the participants to Nairobi and thanked the EAC Secretariat for the initiatives. He recalled the aim of the meeting is to discuss DRR Strategy which is coming timely because of frequent disasters the region is facing. He recalled that Kenya has his own challenges that need to be addressed by the Strategy and we need to be prepared for the disasters. He also thanked JICA for the support. He emphasized the need to focus on national needs and priorities which need to be captured into the DRR Strategy. Mr. Mwabu further recalled participants that the Community is moving towards political federation and we need to ensure prosperity but also safety and security and people are protected over disasters. He finally urged the participants to contribute positively and wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

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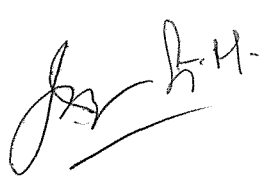
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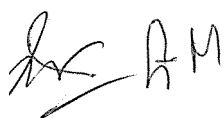
Observations:

The following were the critical issues observed that should be considered in the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy;

1. The need for a legal framework for effective response in disaster with clear mandate.
2. Need to create a fund both at national and regional level for disaster management with clear responsibility
3. Need for a clear definition of what constitute a Disaster in the regional context to trigger mobilization of resources for response
4. Create a Disaster Management Unit at EAC Secretariat which is funded and can mobilize resources
5. Create a disaster database showing the human and institutional capabilities for response in the region
6. Develop adequate human capacity at EAC to manage the DRM unit



7. Procurement: Avoid bureaucracy in the procurement procedures for immediate response both food and non-food items
8. Assessment: The experts in the field to undertake capacity in terms of education/awareness needed to support the public to cope with disasters.
9. Need to develop curriculum and mainstream DRM programmes for schools
10. Develop common standardized operating procedures for response in various hazards
11. Build regional capacity for search and rescue
12. Enhance coordination and evacuation procedures and planning during disasters
13. Develop effective hazard Early Warning system
14. Communication is the nerve of the Co-ordination and hence the need for an elaborate communication strategy for hazard warnings
15. Strengthen participation of Public Private Partnership in disaster risk
16. Need to synergize climate change adaptation and DRR
17. Element of response need to establish Data Collection, Archiving and modeling to build adequate information for promotion of research
18. Promote interoperability in the EAC region
19. Need to mainstream disaster issues in all sectors of the EAC.
20. Explore the possibility of promoting and using indigenous Knowledge within the community to Adapt and cope with disasters
21. Need to Operationalize the strategy for the benefit of communities
22. Mainstream DRM in infrastructural development
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24. Establish Centres of Excellence for DRM
25. Engage education networks, media, social networks to support DRR programmes for creating awareness
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28. Promote Food Security to areas prone to disasters.

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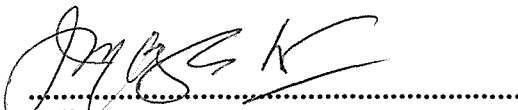
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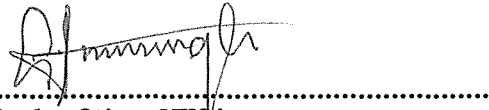
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There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4.00 pm on this 15th day of August, 2012.

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ANNEX 4

Report of the Meeting for the Second Task Force Meeting

(20-22 August 2012)



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**SECOND TASK FORCE MEETING ON THE DEVELOPMENT
OF AN EAC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**Arusha Palace Hotel
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REPORT OF THE MEETING

REF: EAC/TF/327/2012

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the approved EAC Calendar of Activities for July to December 2012, the Second Task Force Meeting on the Development of an EAC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy was held from 20 to 22nd August 2012 in Arusha, Tanzania. The meeting follows consultative stakeholders meetings that were held in all the Partner States from 6th to 15th August, 2012.

1.1 Objectives of the Meeting

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- i) Review the combined report on the country consultation meetings;
- ii) Offer comments and guidance on the pertinent issues to be included into the DRR and Management Strategy; and
- iii) Review the content and structure of the draft Strategy.

1.2 Participation



The meeting was attended by DRR Focal Points and Experts from the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Uganda.

The United Republic of Tanzania was not able to attend for reasons to be yet established

The Meeting therefore proceeded as a consultative meeting with the understanding that the report would be submitted to the United Republic of Tanzania for comments

JICA Consultants, EAC JICA advisor and EAC Secretariat Staff were also in attendance. The list of participants is hereto attached as **Annex I**.

In accordance with the rules of procedures, the Meeting was chaired by Mr. Julius Mwabu, from the Ministry of EAC, Republic of Kenya while Mr. Fred Nzasabimana, from the Ministry of EAC, Republic of Rwanda was the Rapporteur.

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1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was considered and adopted and is hereto attached as **Annex II**.

2.0 OPENING REMARKS

The EAC Secretariat and the Chairperson addressed the participants at the meeting and below is a brief overview of their remarks.

2.1 Remarks by EAC Secretariat

The Principal Environment and Natural Resources Officer at the EAC Secretariat, Mrs. Wivine Ntamubano welcomed the participants to the meeting. She briefed the participants on the genesis and the steps already taken so far on the development of an EAC DRRM Strategy. She hailed the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for supporting the Secretariat in this important venture. She concluded her remarks by reiterating the importance of the experts to be critical in their contributions so that we can develop a good disaster management tool for the region.

2.2 Remarks by the Chair

The chairman welcomed the participants and thanked the EAC Secretariat for the initiatives and keeping up with the calendar of activities. He also thanked JICA for the support. He emphasized the need to focus on national needs and priorities which need to be captured into the DRRM Strategy. He highlighted the recent occurrences of disasters in the EAC region which he pointed out is an indicator of the need for preparedness to manage and respond to hazards. He urged the participants to contribute positively and wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

3.0 PRESENTATION OF THE BACKGROUND PAPER

The EAC DRR advisor Mr. Julius Kabubi made a presentation of the Background Paper highlighting the objective of the meeting, the expected output. He took the delegates through common disasters in the

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region and the need to discuss them in the strategy so that proper interventions are enlisted.

He emphasized the need to have a holistic strategy that addresses all the disaster management cycle but reiterated the need to emphasis more on the most common hazards. He reminded the experts that the strategy should be simple to implement in view of the poor communities in the region but with high social economic impacts. Thus, the strategy should be a tool to accelerate socioeconomic growth in the region. The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex III**




4.0 PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

A presentation on the draft strategy incorporating inputs from the country consultative meetings was made by Mr. Chuwa Fredrick, the local JICA consultant for this assignment. He outlined the structure and content of the strategy borrowing from both the Hyogo frame work for action and the Africa regional DRR strategy. The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex IV** further reference.

5.0. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

Experts considered the Draft EAC DRRM Strategy in both the Format and the Content and further observations:

- i) The document should include a chapter or a section describing the common hazards in the region stating their impacts, spatial extend and hot spots
- ii) The introduction should have reference to some existing EAC tools for Disaster risk management such as, Climate change policy, strategy and master plan, the protocol on environment and natural resources, the draft protocol on peace and security and EAC Treaty, the EAC 4th Development Strategy, the EAC food action plan among others
- iii) The strategy should also expound on the JICA trinity model by describing more on the working of KAIZEN and the benefit that this region can accrue by adopting this model
- iv) The strategy should also propose a regional project for each of the strategic priorities for which a proposal for funding can be initiated

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- v) The need to improve on the implementation log frame and define the strategic interventions which can easily implemented at community level
- vi) The Implementation plan should include a column of estimated budgetary requirement for each proposed action
- vii) The strategy should in tabular form where applicable indicate how DRR can be mainstreamed in various development sectors (water resources, Environment, agriculture and food security, infrastructure, climate change, etc.)

The improved document is hereto attached as **Annex V**




The experts worked in two groups and further refined and improved the 1st draft DRRM Strategy for the EAC and came up with the following recommendations.

Recommendations:

- i) **The meeting recommended to the EAC Secretariat to ensure that the consultants include the above observations alongside the improved document during the development of the draft DRM for consideration by the wider stakeholder's workshop**
- ii) **The Secretariat to submit the improved draft Strategy to the United Republic of Tanzania for comments and feedbacks**

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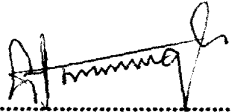
- i) **The consultants with support from EAC secretariat will finalize the document incorporating the inputs of this meeting by mid-September 2012**
- ii) **A Stakeholder meeting to validate the Final Draft DRRM Strategy will be held in the 1st half of October 2012**
- iii) **The final EAC DRRM will be presented to the Second Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources for adoption**

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6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.00pm on this the 22nd day of August, 2012.

Signed this 22nd day of August, 2012.



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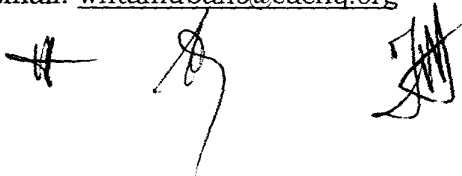
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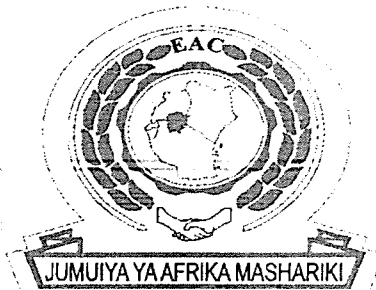
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ANNEX 5

Report of the Meeting for the Stakeholder Validation

Workshop (11-12 October 2012)



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**STAKEHOLDERS VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON EAC
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY**

**Arusha Palace Hotel
11-12 October 2012**

REPORT OF THE MEETING

REF: EAC/TF/351/2012

**EAC SECRETARIAT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the approved EAC Calendar of Activities for July to December 2012, the stakeholder's validation workshop on the EAC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy was held from 11th to 12th October 2012 in Arusha, Tanzania. This workshop is the last meeting of experts which comes after a series of other meetings which started with the inception report in Bujumbura, June 4th to 6th, 2012; country consultative meetings held from 6th to 15th August, 2012; and the 2nd task force meeting held on 20th and 21st August 2012, in Arusha.

1.1 Objectives of the Meeting

The Stakeholders validation workshop examined each chapter of the draft DRRM Strategy. They enlisted their views and comments aimed at making the document a living document which can be put into practical use by the Partner States. The Stakeholders were to;

1. Validate the content of the DRRM Strategy;
2. Check for omissions and enlist further inputs into the document;
3. Adopt the amendments to the DRRM Strategy; and
4. Deliberate on any other related matter

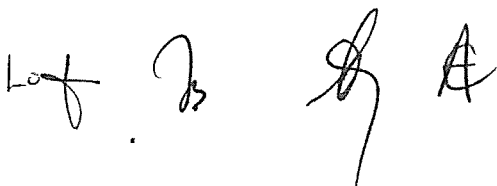
1.2 Participation

The meeting was attended by Experts from the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania representing the following sectors: Water Resources Management, Agriculture and Food Security; Environment and Natural Resources; Ministry of East Africa Community, local government, and EAC Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Point.

JICA Consultants, EAC JICA advisor, JICA Kenya office and EAC Secretariat Staff were also in attendance. The list of participants is hereto attached as **Annex I**.

1.3 Election of the Bureau

In accordance with the rules of procedures, the Meeting was chaired by Mr. Joseph Mungere, from the Ministry of EAC, Republic of Kenya while Mr. Fred Daniel Nzasabimana, from the Ministry of EAC, Republic of Rwanda was the Rapporteur.



1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was considered and adopted and is hereto attached as **Annex II**.

2.0 OPENING REMARKS BY GUEST OF HONOR

The official opening of the workshop was done by the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of the Directorate of Productive and Social Sectors, Honorable Jesca Eriyo. In her speech, she informed participants that our region is becoming more and more predisposed to disasters and hence we can no longer burry our heads in the ground on matters of disaster risk management. She highlighted the key drivers of vulnerabilities to disasters in Africa and by extension the EAC region; as rural urban migration which increases urban disasters and environmental degradation as communities competes for resources. Others include climate change impacts, poverty and dependency on rain fed agriculture.

She informed delegates that, the secretariat takes the issues of Disaster management seriously and a number of instruments such as the climate change policy, strategy and master plan, the EAC food security action plan, the EAC livestock policy among others, have already been developed to address these problems. She noted that, the disaster Risk Reduction Strategy is therefore timely and we need to enrich it and make it comprehensive to address disaster risks in the region. She thanked the Government of Japan through JICA for supporting the EAC to develop this Strategy and the UNODR for providing technical support to integrate DRR into EAC plans and strategies. She wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

2.1 Remarks by EAC DRR Advisor

The EAC DRR Advisor gave the genesis of Disaster Risk Reduction and management process at the secretariat level. He informed delegates that, the process of developing the DRRM Strategy has been fairly consultative starting from the inception workshop (1st Task force meeting), country consultative meetings in all the five Partner States, 2nd task force meeting and now the validation workshop. He assured

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delegates, that the DRRM Strategy is a well thought of document with unique features as compared to other strategies.

2.2 Remarks by EAC JICA Advisor

The JICA Advisor to the EAC expressed satisfaction with the work already done on Disaster Risk management in the region. He emphasized the need to focus on national needs and priorities which need to be captured into the DRRM Strategy. He highlighted the recent occurrences of disasters in the EAC region which he pointed out is an indicator of the need for preparedness to manage and respond to hazards. He urged the participants to contribute positively and wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

2.3 Remarks by EAC JICA Advisor

The JICA lead consultant also welcomed the participants to this validation workshop. He expressed his confidence that the document will be completed in time and wished the delegates fruitful deliberations.


3.0 PRESENTATION OF THE BACKGROUND PAPER

The EAC DRR advisor made a presentation of the Background Paper highlighting the objective of the meeting, the expected output. He took the delegates through the steps taken in the development of the DRRM Strategy. He emphasized on the desirable components that the delegates should pay attention to in order to improve on this document.

He reiterated the need to have a holistic strategy that addresses all the disaster management cycle and reminded the experts that the strategy should be simple to implement in view of the poor communities in the region, but with high social economic impacts. Thus, the strategy should be a tool to accelerate socioeconomic growth in the region. The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex III**

4.0 PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

A presentation on the draft strategy incorporating inputs from the country consultative meetings and the second task force meeting was

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made by JICA lead Consultant Mr. Tomida. He presented the basic principle of the strategy, the objectives and rationale and the current disaster management status in the region. Mr. Chuwa Fredrick, the local JICA consultant for this assignment went further and presented the SWOT analysis, the Strategic options based on the HFA and the implementation plan.

The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex IV** further reference.

5.0. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EAC DRRM STRATEGY

The Chairman outlined to the delegates what a validation workshop entails. He requested them to critically check on misinterpretations, inadequacies and correctness of the data captured by the document. He requested the delegates also to point out areas of improvement for value addition and the general flow of information.

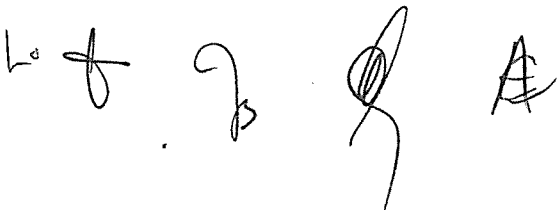
5.1 Observations

The Experts considered the Draft EAC DRRM Strategy in both the Format and the Content both at country level and at regional level and made the following observations;

- i) The document should improve on the logical flow of information for, readability, consistency
- ii) The need to check on typographical and grammatical errors.
- iii) The need to use scientific words in the right context
- iv) The need to use updated or current data and information on disasters
- v) The chapter on Monitoring and evaluation should be improved to include strategies and indicators
- vi) The document to improve on the area of awareness creation particularly on the implementation plan
- vii) Simplified application model for this strategy

Recommendations:

- i) **The meeting recommended to the EAC Secretariat to ensure that the consultants include the above observations**



before the strategy is presented to the Sectoral Council on environment and Natural Resources

- ii) There is need for the EAC to involve a technical expert to review the final draft and grammar expert to align the language


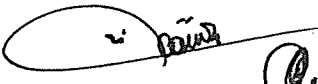
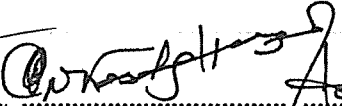
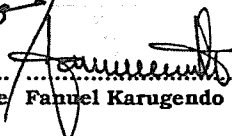
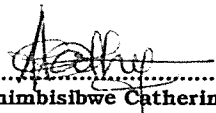
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- i) The consultants with support from EAC secretariat will finalize the document incorporating the inputs of this meeting by 20th October 2012
- ii) The final EAC DRRM Strategy will be presented to the Second Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources for adoption

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4.00pm on this the 12th day of October, 2012.

Signed this 12th day of October, 2012.

				
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