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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SEMINAR

**POPULARIZING THE EAC COMMON MARKET
WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2017
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NOTE FROM THE WORKSHOP CONVENER

The East African Community Common Market Protocol remains a promising avenue through which socio-economic development could be realized in the region. The legal profession holds a central role in fast-tracking the realizing of the Common Market. Whereas diligent efforts and commendable strides have been made by the stakeholders, notably the East Africa Trade and Investment Hub (EATIH) in tracking, facilitating and enhancing the implementation of the EAC Common Market continue to positively impact the progress of the EAC regional integration, there is still a critical need to raise awareness and build capacity of stakeholders to meaningfully and effectively participate in the regional integration agenda for economic development.

The legal profession has a focal role in fostering regional integration. Indeed this is one of the four pillars of the East Africa Law Society. This role, without restricting approach, covers day to day legal advisory on regional integration related matters, domestic law compliance issues, as well as trade in legal services across the region. Despite this prominent role, the low levels of awareness among legal practitioners on regional integration matters has undermined the integration agenda thus slowing down realization of pillars of the Treaty Establishing the East African Community.

We have identified the interventions being made by the EATIH including tracking and supporting implementation of the EAC Common Market, supporting private sector investments as well as working with potential investors to connect them with local partners in EAC. These products have not, however, spread widely amongst the stakeholders yet they have the potential of increasing visibility of investment and trade opportunities in EAC. Increased awareness among members of the legal profession on trade and investment opportunities as propagated by EATIH will undoubtedly foster the objective of deepening EAC integration.

The EAC Dissemination Workshop has been designed to cater for a select audience drawn widely from across the EAC countries. The high-level workshop seeks to discuss and disseminate relevant and current knowledge of EAC Common Market as well as grant the delegates opportunity to explore the bespoke products offered by EATIH. The legal practitioners and policy makers gathering during the 22nd EALS Annual Conference are a formidable group through which advocacy for reform and compliance to EAC commitments can be undertaken to deepen regional

integration and partnerships in economic areas.

As EATIH continues to track the implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol in the Partner States, the proposed events offer a strategic platform to effectively build the capacity of stakeholders in the legal profession on EAC Common Market issues. As legal advisors to investors, service suppliers, persons trading in the movement of goods, persons moving across borders and establishing residence in the Partner States, the building of capacity among legal practitioners from across East Africa and raising awareness will foster the effective implementation of the Common Market.

Delegates to the workshop have been carefully selected from a wide spectrum to ensure a wide reach. Our delegates are drawn from the judiciary, public corporations, private corporations, private legal practice and public sector. They range from senior transactional advisors to policy makers. They are drawn from national as well as regional platforms.

Our speakers are also drawn from diverse backgrounds and have varied skills and exposure to the subject at hand. As can be gleaned from the profiles below, the delegates get to benefit from policy makers at the EAC regional level, experts from private sector as well as policy makers at national level.

Jacqueline Pimer
Chairperson, ULS EAC Cluster





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TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Arrival and Registration	EALS
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Welcome Remarks	ULS EAC Cluster – Daniel Gantungo BOWMANS (ULS-EAC Cluster)
2:40pm - 3:00pm	KEYNOTE- <i>Enhancing legal compliance to the Common Market mandates through parliamentary processes. (Parliamentary Certificate of Compliance to the EAC Mandates)</i>	Hon. Daniel Kidega – East African Legislative Assembly
3:00pm – 3:20pm	<i>Update on Common Market implementation in the 5 EAC Countries</i>	Alfred K'Ombudo - East African Trade and Investment Hub (EATIH)
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Introduction of Panellists - Tito Byenkya , EAC Cluster (Moderator)	
3:30pm – 3:50pm	<i>Mutual Recognition Agreements – are they a more effective way for services sector integration in East Africa?</i>	George Walusimbi (Trade in services expert)
3:50pm – 4:10pm	<i>Private sector perspectives on the challenges of deeper integration in the EAC Common Market</i>	Moses Ogwal – Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)
4:10pm – 4:30pm	<i>EAC integration – a tool for fostering competitive product standards for global trade.</i>	Andrew Kaggwa – East African Trade and Investment Hub (EATIH)
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Plenary session	Tito Byenkya EAC Cluster (Moderator)
	Closing Remarks	Sam Olumo – CEO Uganda Law Society (ULS)
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Arrival at Cocktail	Master of Ceremony – Diana Angwech ED - CEPIL
6:30pm – 6:40pm	Welcome Remarks	Jacquiline Pimer – Chairperson ULS-EAC Cluster
6:40pm – 6:50pm	Background to the ULS EAC Cluster	Francis Gimara – President Uganda Law Society
6:50pm – 7:00pm	Remarks and Invitation of Guest of Honour	Hon. Daniel Kidega - EALA
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Remarks by Chief Guest and Launch of the ULS-EAC Cluster	Hon Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire
7:30pm – 7:45pm	Group Photo	EALS
7:45pm – 9:00pm	Networking and Entertainment	EALS