

COMMUNIQUE OF THE 12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES HELD AT KIGALI MARRIOTT, IN RWANDA, 21ST – 22ND NOVEMBER 2018

We, the Heads and Representatives of the member institutions of the Eastern Africa Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, having held the 12th Annual General Meeting from 21st to 22nd November 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda in accordance with Article 9 (5)(a) of the EAAACA Constitution which states that the meeting shall be held once every year;

Noting that the theme of the meeting is ***“Winning the Fight against Corruption in Eastern Africa: Lessons and Challenges”***;

Recognizing that Regional Collaboration is pertinent in the fight against corruption;

Acknowledging that the Anti-Corruption Authorities need to broaden synergies in having effective asset recovery in the region;

Appreciating the Office of the Ombudsman of Rwanda for hosting the EAAACA 18th Executive Committee Meeting, the 4th ARINEA AGM and the 12th Annual General Meeting;

Further appreciating the support of the development partners to strengthen regional collaboration to effectively prevent and combat corruption;

Having been addressed by the Minister in The Office of The President of the Republic of Rwanda, Honorable Judith Uwizeye, and having discussed presentations and contributions;

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Have resolved that:

1. A delegation of Heads of the Anti-Corruption Authorities headed by the President of EAAACA pay a visit to the Secretary General of EAC and Speaker of EALA by April 2019 to discuss the engagement of the Anti-Corruption Authorities in matters of corruption within the Region;
2. The President will make strategic visits to Djibouti, Burundi and South Sudan to engage with the member institutions on the activities of EAAACA and ARINEA;
3. A team of HR Experts comprising technical persons from the member institutions convene to review the EAAACA Human Resource Policy 2012 and develop a Secondment Policy. The meeting will be hosted by the Office of the Ombudsman of Rwanda in March 2019;
4. The 1st Regional Meeting for Asset Recovery Networks will take place in June 2019 and will be hosted by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in Kenya;
5. The Slogan for EAAACA is '**Strong regional collaboration against corruption**';
6. The theme for the Strategic Plan is '**A united regional front against corruption**';
7. All member institutions should make available, to the Secretariat, their respective institution's reports on best practices and lessons learnt one week before each Annual General Meeting;
8. A common reporting format in line with the strategic objectives of the EAAACA Strategic Plan 2019-2023 and the theme of the meeting will be provided by the Secretariat;
9. All costs for attendance of the EAAACA and ARINEA Annual General Meetings will be met by the member institutions. The host institution will only meet the cost for conference, local transport and local logistics;
10. The Heads of Anti-Corruption Authorities will engage with Heads of Agencies in their respective countries where ARINEA Focal Persons are nominated from, and encourage them to budget for activities of the Focal Persons in the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Eastern Africa;
11. It is an obligation of each member country to share EAAACA Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 with different development partners;
12. The Office of the Auditor General of Uganda is approved to audit EAAACA accounts for the year 2018, the Inspectorate of Government of Uganda to pursue the issue further on behalf of EAAACA;



13. ARINEA President to appear before the EAAACA EXCOM in March 2019 and present a report on the activities and challenges of the Network; and
14. The next EAAACA AGM will be hosted by the Inspectorate of Government of Uganda.

Declared and signed at Kigali Marriot Hotel, Rwanda on Thursday 22nd November 2018.



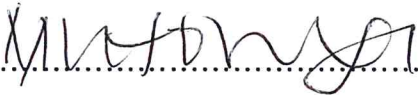
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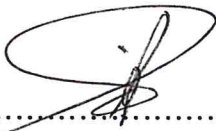
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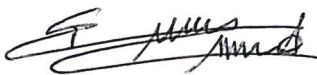
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