



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) INTEGRATION

- **Membership:**

- Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania

- **Integration stages:**

- Customs Union (launched 2005; fully Jan 2010)
- Common market (Protocol in 2009, launched July 2010)
- Monetary Union (negotiations ongoing)
- Political Federation (foundational processes ongoing)



Peace and Security interventions for a successful EAC Common Market

Exchange of criminal intelligence among the Partner States:

- to establish criminal databases by 2015;
- training of personnel on information/data gathering, collation and analysis;
- regular meetings of Chiefs of Police and Civilian Intelligence on policy interventions



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Enhance joint operations and patrols, with the objective of reducing incidents of cross border crime.

A regional Police Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) manual being developed



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Adopting a UN Model Law on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

- Education and awareness creation for criminal intelligence officers and the public to make it a people centered and sustained integration;
- Establishment of financial crimes intelligence units.



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

- **Improving common communication facilities for border and inter-State security.**

- Putting in place common interstate voice and data communication systems at established border points;
- equipment and software that are both inter-connected/interlinked and inter-operable.



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Combating illicit drug, narcotic and human trafficking

- ratified a Protocol on combating illicit drug trafficking ;
- regular meetings of Police Criminal Intelligence and Anti-narcotic and Anti-human trafficking units;
- challenge of capacity to profile and pursue traffickers;
- need for scanners and forensic equipment



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Management of refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs within the context of the Common Market:

- Internally displaced rather than refugees from Partner States;
- Asylum seekers; refugees from troubled neighborhood;
- Respect for and consistency with international laws



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Management of disasters including negative effects of globalization ;

- Regional Disaster Management System has therefore been proposed;
- EAC Regional Food Security Strategy adopted;
- A regional climate change adaptation and mitigation plan being developed.

Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

- **Addressing the challenge of cattle rustling among pastoral communities**
 - Security dimensions – firearms;
 - Economic dimensions – proceeds from sale of cattle;
 - Social-cultural dimensions

A regional approach for diversification and changes of people's lifestyles; alternative income generating activities

Community awareness programs through civic, political and clan leaderships



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

○ **Combating Terrorism**

- Addressing policy and legislation gaps;
- Joint specialised training;
- To be established:
 - a regional counter terrorism data centre;
 - an EAC forensic data collection & management centre; and
 - a training institute.



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

- **Addressing security challenges on Lake Victoria and other water bodies and implementing fisheries and other laws on surveillance;**
- **Fighting piracy on the Indian Ocean coastline.**
 - require equipment, training; joint surveillance, appropriate legislation and promoting public awareness and advocacy campaigns;
- Cooperation with other regional organisations (COMESA, IGAD, IOC)



Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

- Combating the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs)
 - Proliferation mainly due to the unfortunate history of armed conflict in the region;
 - The destruction of recovered/ surrendered/obsolete and surplus firearms ongoing.




Peace and Security interventions (cont'd)

Sectoral Council on Inter-State Security in place for expedited policy making; a **Protocol on Peace and Security** already concluded,

Developing:

- A Framework on Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR) and
- An EAC Early Warning Mechanism;

A Protocol on Good Governance: covering constitutionalism, rule of law and access to justice; human rights and equal opportunities; democracy and democratization; anti-corruption as well as corporate and economic governance.

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- Appreciation to UN members states for the continued support to Africa's development agenda;
 - Commend efforts of UN OSAA, working hand in hand with the Office of the AU Representative to the UN;

THANK YOU.