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Practical Information

Venue: Dar es Salaam International Conference Center, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Participation: A select number of participants from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Mozambique and South Africa have been sponsored have been sponsored by the Economic Commission for Africa. Non-sponsored individuals will be required to pay a registration fee of US\$ 300

Exhibition: There will be an exhibition on eGovernment solutions running alongside the event. To participate in the exhibition, please contact Viola Rukiza on viola@aitecafrica.com

Sponsorship Opportunities: There are several sponsorship opportunities at the AITEC exhibitions for corporate visibility. For more details contact Harry Hare on harry@aitecafrica.com

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Forum Rationale

The use of Information and Communication Technology in public administrations, fondly referred to as eGovernment is gaining momentum. This combined with organisational change and new skills in public institutions will improve public services and democratic processes and strengthen support to public policies, increase accountability and productivity. The potential of eGovernment goes far beyond the early achievements of online public services. It is, therefore, understandable that eGovernment has been defined as a priority in many countries.

To deliver eGovernment, leadership and long-term commitment are sought from policy decision-makers at all levels (central, regional and local), senior managers in the public service, private sector and the civil society and this will be the target of this forum.

The East Africa eGovernment Forum intends to examine, consolidate, share views and extend the existing consensus in East Africa regarding the strategic priorities for eGovernment, demonstrating where East African countries currently stand in this fast-evolving and competitive field, identifying priorities that each country needs to address and formulate a regional eGovernment strategy and masterplan, illustrating how at present and in the years ahead citizens and businesses can benefit from online service provision.

Forum Objectives

The Workshop will particularly focus on the following specific objectives:

- i. To map the current status of eGovernment Initiatives in East Africa and make a comparison with the other regions of similar economic development
- ii. Identify and debate the key challenges facing the EAC Partner States Governments in the implementation of e-Government programmes;
- iii. Explore eGovernment opportunities, strategies including applications and technologies
- iv. Raise awareness on the need for a harmonised regional e-Strategy;
- v. Present and explore the use of e-Government as a catalyst to foster regional integration and economic development in East Africa;
- vi. Provide a platform for, high-level officials, private sector, academia, media, and civil society from EAC partner states to network and exchange views on principles, elements and the implementation of national and regional e-Strategy.

Programme

Theme 1: Status of e-Governance in East Africa

Country presentations of EA Partner:

- Kenya e-government status- Mr. Andrew Gakiria, E-government program, Cabinet office of the President, Nairobi- Kenya
- Uganda e-government status- Ms. Bitwayiki Constantine, Chief Information technology, Ministry of Local Government-Uganda
- Tanzania, e-government status- Mr. David Sawe, Civil Service Commission, Tanzania

Theme 2: e-Government experiences in other countries in Africa

- Gambia, Dr Barhul Islam, ECA
- Rwanda - Mr. Juma Okech, Director of RITA
- Ethiopia - Mr. Gemechu Geleta, ICT Development Authority, Ethiopia
- Mozambique - Eng. Jamo Macanze, E.Eng. Mozambique Information and Communication Technology Institute
- Shauneen Furlong, Executive Director, Government On-Line, Government of Canada

Theme 3: e-Government for Regional Integration and Economic Development

- AISI Regional Integration and Harmonization policy and strategies - Mr. Mohamed Timoulali - ECA
- e-Gov Strategy Development : Approaches - Dr. Florence Etta - IDRC
- e-government Theoretical Framework - Main elements (ITU/WB?)-
- e-Gov Project - Philip Ayoo, Inter University Council of East Africa

Theme 4: e-Government Applications

Development Gateways - Presentations by the three EA Development Gateways Platform

- Mrs. Margareth Nzuki, Tanzania Development Gateway
- Mr. Fred Mukholi Uganda Development Gateway,
- Prof. Wafula Masai, Kenya Development Gateway

Theme 4: Other e-Government Applications

- Multilingual multi-alphabet - Dr. Yirsaw Ayarew, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- e-Post - Tanzania Post Corporation - Mr. Andrew Gewe
- Open Source Software (OSS), Bill Kagai, FOSSFA
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Mr. Dozie Ezigbalike, ECA
- Security
- Connectivity - Fibre/wireless (broadband/narrowband)
- Storage

Theme 5: ICT/ Policy and e-Government National & Regional

Brief Presentations of ICT Policy Development EAC Partner States

- Dr. J. Kulubi, Kenya Communication Secretariat
- Eng. A.B.C.Kowero, Tanzania Ministry of Communication and Transport,
- Dr. G. Kiibuka, Uganda
- Framework for Developing a Regional E-Government Strategy - Dr Barhul Islam, ECA

Attendee Profile

The Forum is targeted for policy makers and senior managers in the public service, private sector, civil society, the development agencies, international agencies and international bilateral donor agencies.

Forum Organizers

The East Africa Regional E-Government Strategy Workshop is jointly being organized by the East African Community (EAC), The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and Advancing IT Knowledge in Africa-Tanzania (AITEC-Tanzania).

East African Community (EAC) Secretariat

The East African Community is the regional intergovernmental organisation of the Republics of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, with its Headquarters located in Arusha, Tanzania. The East African Heads of State signed the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community in Arusha on 30th November 1999.

The three East African countries cover an area of 1.8 million square kilometres and have a population of 82 million who share a common history, language, culture and infrastructure. These advantages provide the Partner States with a unique framework for regional co-operation and integration.

UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Established in 1958, ECA is one of five regional commissions under the administrative direction of United Nations (UN) headquarters. As the regional arm of the UN in Africa, it is mandated to support the economic and social development of its 53