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SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION

REPORT ON EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)  
PLENARY SESSION HELD  
IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA  
FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

DIRECTORATE OF COMMITTEE SERVICES,  
CLERK'S CHAMBERS,  
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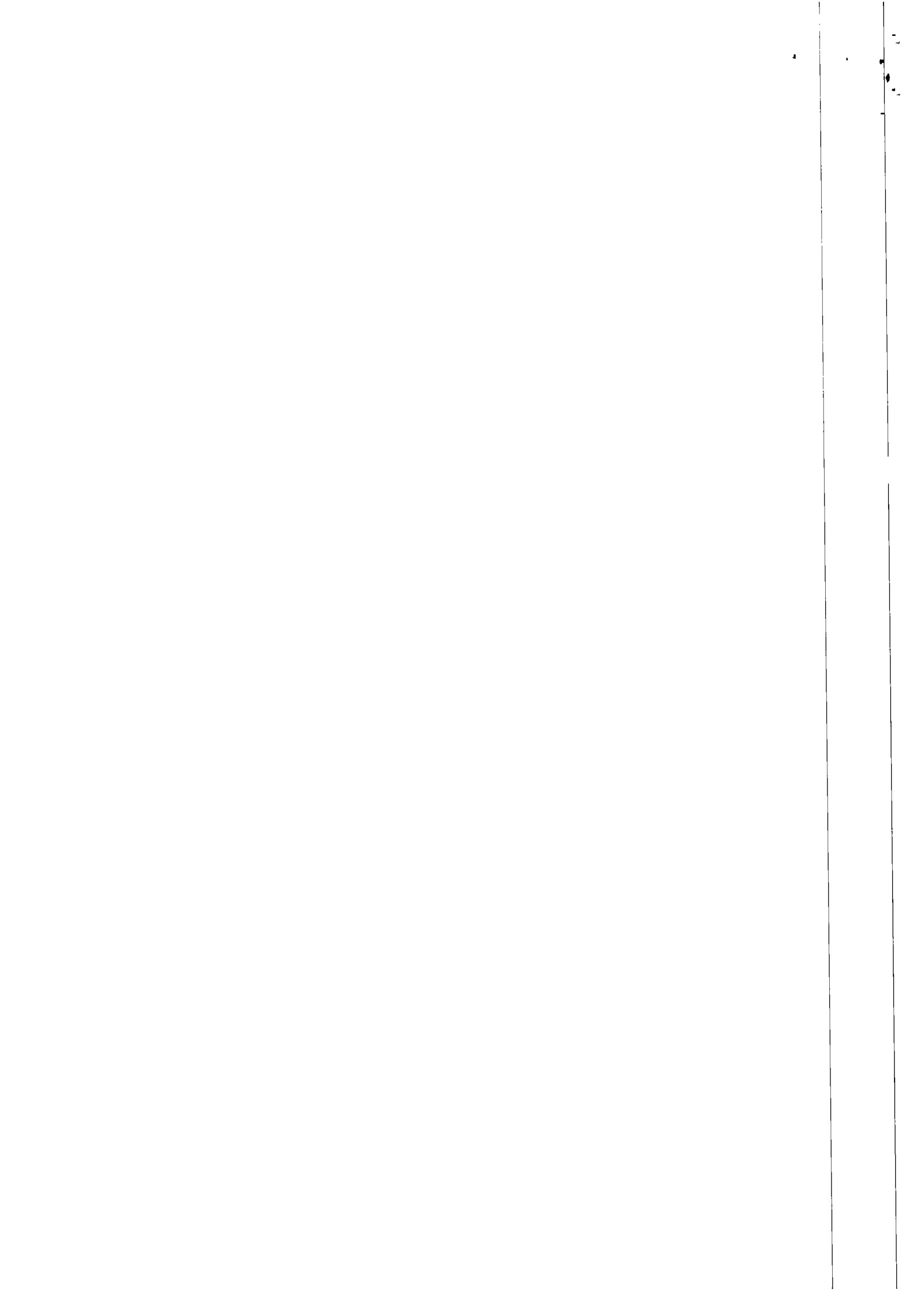
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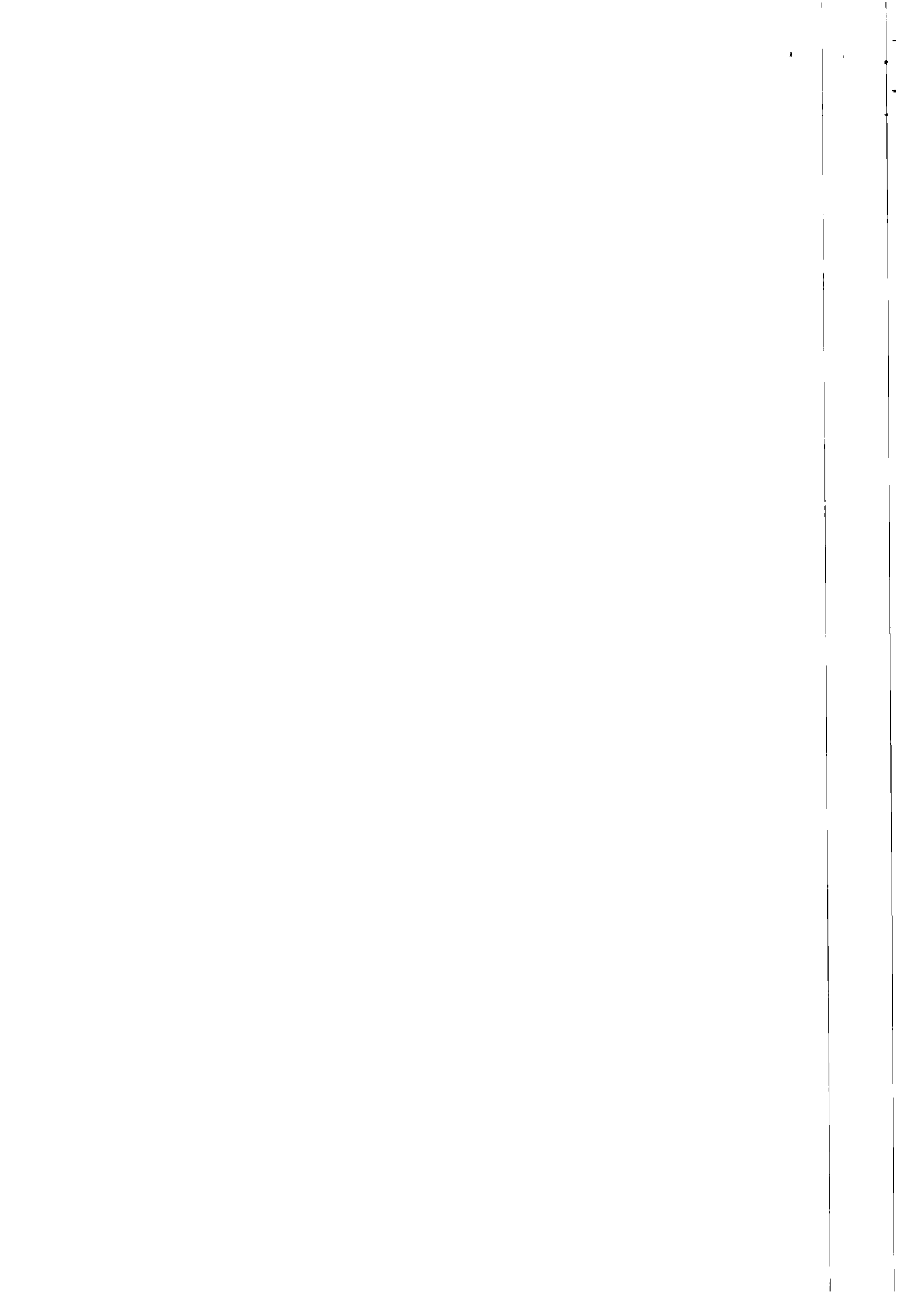
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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

EALA	– East Africa Legislative Assembly
RIC	– Regional Integration Committee
PSC	– Parliamentary Service Commission
AU	– African Union
EAC	– East African Community
UN	– United Nations
CS	– Cabinet Secretary
CAS	– Chief Administrative Secretary
EAC	– East African Community
EAC RAIP	– Regional Agricultural Investment Plan
EAC CAADP	– Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme



## **CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD**

The Committee on Regional Integration received an invitation from East African Legislative Assembly to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of EALA Plenary Session in Arusha and benchmark on operations of regional assembly and interact with the counterpart committee.

The Committee held consultative meetings to familiarize itself with the work of EALA and also attended plenary sessions. During the sessions, the Committee learnt that the relevant legislations passed by EALA strengthened the integration process and Parliaments as key stakeholders participate at public hearings prior to enactment of Bills. The Committee noted that Article 65 of the EAC for the Establishment of the EAC espouses the relationships between the Assembly and the National Parliaments of the Partner States.

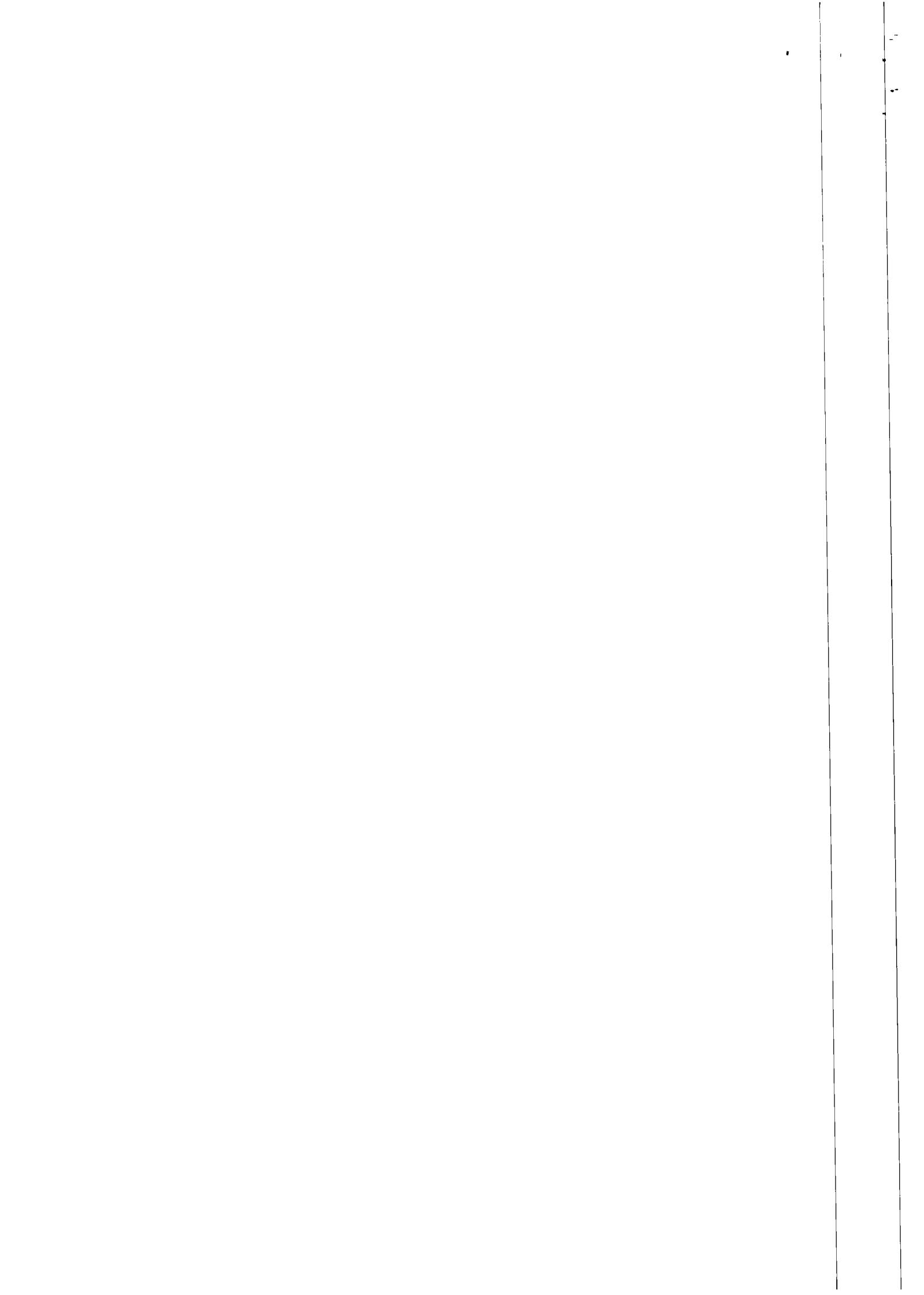
The Committee made the following observations:-

- a. Mobilize resources towards the EAC subsequent budgets to facilitate the operations of the EAC Secretariat and other institutions;
- b. Increase the percentage of Kenyans employed at EALA, UN, AU offices in Tanzania respectively;
- c. Support a proposal of EALA Members to draft a welfare bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission.

The Committee made the following recommendations:-

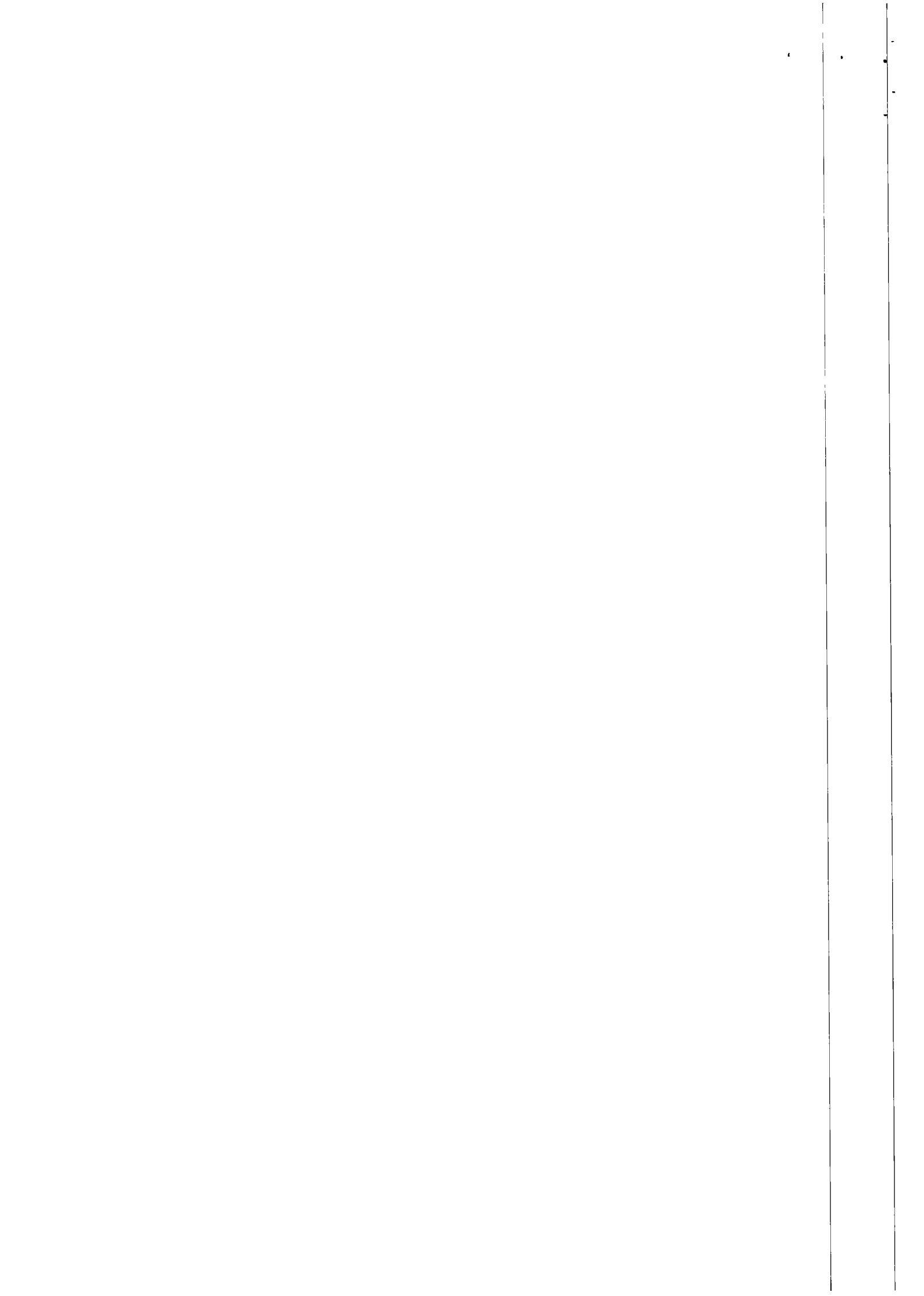
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- c. The EALA Members – Kenya Chapter should draft a welfare bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission;
- d. The Select Committee on Regional Integration and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor should fast track the process of amending the EAC Treaty where necessary due to numerous flaws in the Treaty;
- e. The Select Committee on Regional Integration, the National Assembly and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor should strengthen relationships for ease of communication and sharing of information in strengthening the integration issues;
- f. The Partner States should harmonize regional laws in conjunction with the EAC Laws; and
- g. The Select Committee on Regional Integration should benchmark in Uganda and learn from the Regional Integration Committee. The benchmark should include the EAC Institutions within the Partner States.

On behalf of the Committee on Regional Integration, it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to the House, its Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of EALA Plenary Session.



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**THE HON. NAISULA LESUUDA, OGW, MP,**



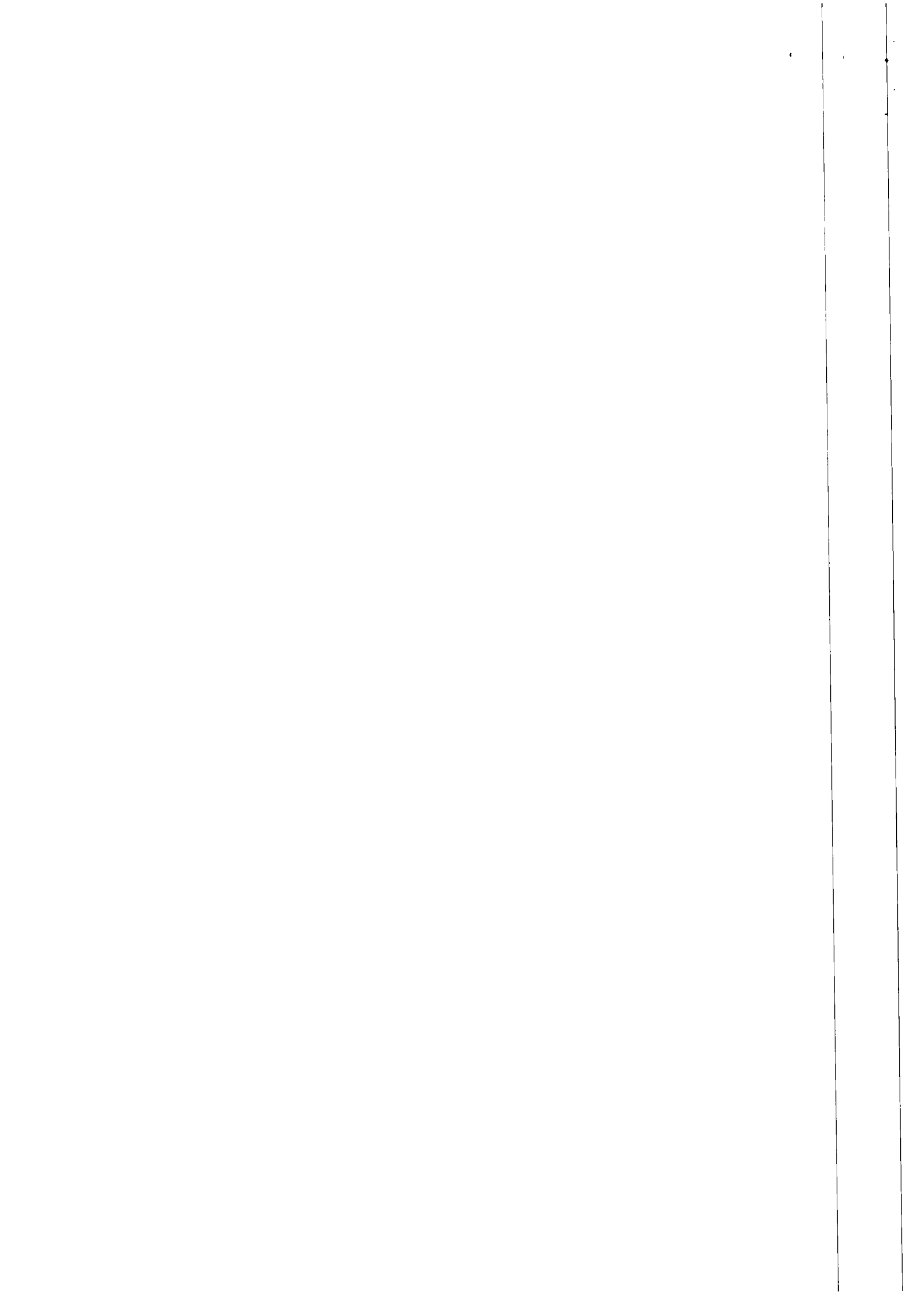
## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Committee attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the East African Legislative Assembly in Arusha from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to benchmark on operations of regional assembly.

### **1.1 Mandate of the Committee**

The Committee on Regional Integration is one of the Select Committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 212 and is mandated to:-

- a. enhance the role and involvement of the House in intensification and development of the integration process in the East African Community and the greater African region;
- b. examine the records of all the relevant debates and resolutions of the meetings of the East African Legislative Assembly;
- c. examine the Bills introduced in the East African Legislative Assembly and Acts of the East African Community;
- d. examine the records of all the relevant debates and resolutions of the meetings of the Pan African Parliament, the African, Caribbean and Pacific-European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly and other regional integration bodies;
- e. inquire into and examine any other matter relating to regional integration generally requiring action by the House.

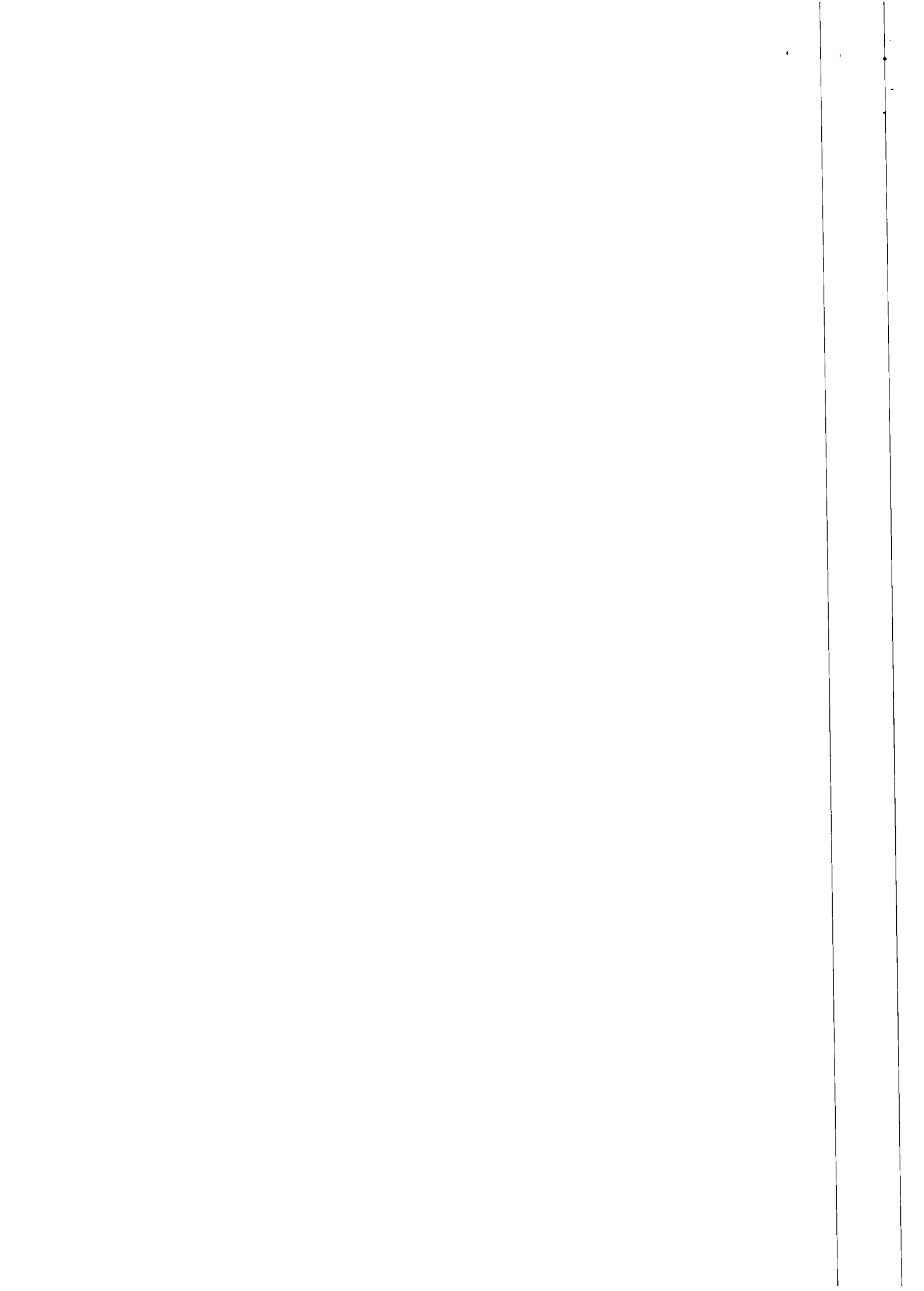




## **1.2 Committee Membership**

The Committee comprises the following members:

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, OGW, MP</b>
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	<b>Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed, MP</b>
	Hon. Kubai Iringo, MP
	Hon. Malulu Injendi, MP
	Hon. Sen. Janet Ong'era, MP
	Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP
	Hon. Ali Wario Guyo, MP
	Hon. Kassim Tandaza Sawa, MP
	Hon. William Kamket Kassait, MP
	Hon. Erastus Kivisu Nzioka, MP
	Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP
	Hon. Eve Obara, MP
	Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, MP
	Hon. Janet Teiyaa, MP
	Hon. Joyce Emanikor, MP
	Hon. Nasri Sahal Ibrahim, MP
	Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP
	Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP
	Hon. Gideon Keter, MP
	Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, MP
	Hon. Ibrahim Mude, MP
	Hon. Mathias Robi, MP
	Hon. Gideon Ochanda, MP



### **1.3 Committee's Secretariat**

- Ms. Hellen L. Ekadeli - Clerk Assistant
- Ms. Mary L. Lemerelle - Clerk Assistant
- Dr. Kefa Omoti - Principal Research Officer
- Ms. Christine Odhiambo - Legal Counsel



## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

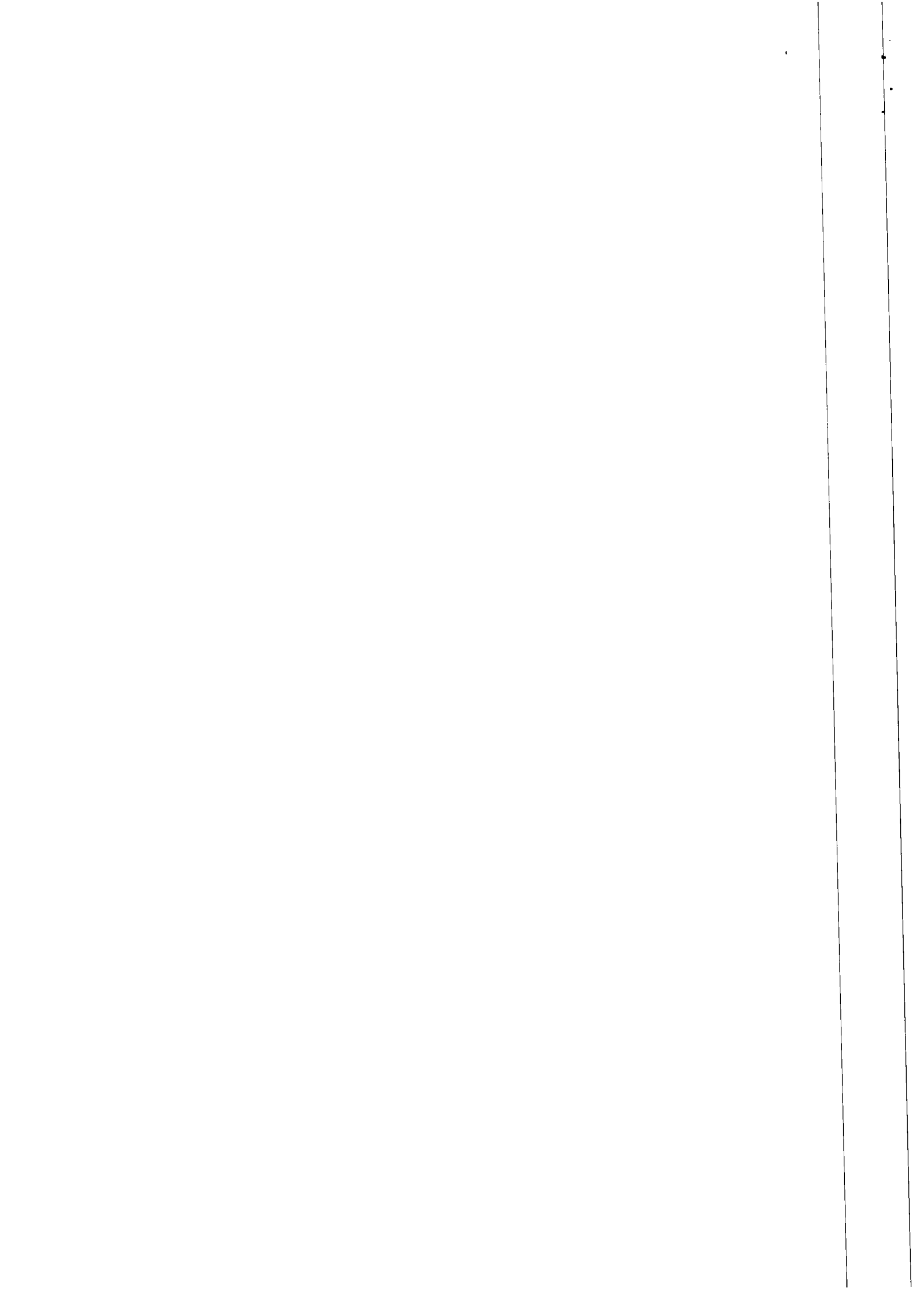
### **2.1 Mandate and Functions of EALA**

Article 49 of the EAC Treaty establishes EALA as the legislative organ of the Community. Like most legislatures EALA has as its core functions legislating, oversight and representation. Article 49 further states that EALA:

- a. Shall liaise with the National Assemblies of Partner States on matters relating to the Community;
- b. Shall debate and approve the budget of the Community;
- c. Shall consider annual reports on the activities of the Community, annual audit reports of the Audit Commission and any other reports referred to it by the Council;
- d. Shall discuss all matters pertaining to the Community and make recommendations to the Council as it may deem necessary for the implementation of the Treaty;
- e. May for purposes of carrying out its functions, establish any committee or committees for such purposes as it deems necessary;
- f. Shall recommend to the Council the appointment of the Clerk and other officers of the Assembly;
- g. Shall make its rules of procedure and those of its committees.

The Assembly may also perform any other functions as are conferred upon it by the Treaty. As noted above, EALA is empowered to make its own Rules of Procedure and to constitute Committees. EALA maintains seven standing committees: Accounts; Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources; General Purpose; Commission; Legal, Rules and Privileges; Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution; and Trade Communication and Investment. EALA may also appoint Select Committees as needed. The composition and leadership of each of these Committees is equally shared among the Partners States.

There are 45 Members of EALA indirectly elected for a five-year (renewable) term by their respective National Assemblies (although not from within the National Assemblies), and five ex-officio Members. Article 50 of the Treaty requires that EALA's Members "represent as much as it is feasible, the various political parties represented in the National Assembly, shades of opinion, gender and other special interest groups in that Partner State". As such, EALA members come from diverse backgrounds such as business, NGOs, retired civil servants and Members of the National Assemblies. Aside from the latter, most have little or no parliamentary (or political) experience. The current staff compliment at EALA is 23, 13 at professional level and 10 in the general staff category.





- a. Currently committees are comprised of around 15 members with the exception of the business committee which has 12 members; Nine from each member state. Members can be re-elected for a second term;
- b. The ex-officio Members include one Minister from each partner state responsible for East African Community Affairs (currently there are five Ministers), the Secretary General of the EAC and the Counsel to the Community. They may participate in debates but have no right to vote in the Assembly. The Ex-officio Members report to EALA on the implementation of the Treaty and any other issues of interest to the Partner States;
- c. Article 50 of the Treaty also requires that an MLA is a citizen of that Partner State; is qualified to be elected a member of the National Assembly of that Partner State under its Constitution; is not holding office as a Minister in that Partner State; is not an officer in the service of the Community; and has proven experience or interest in consolidating and furthering the aims and the objectives of the Community.

## **2.2 Meeting with the Speaker of EALA**

The Delegation of Regional Integration Committee paid a courtesy call to the Speaker of EALA, Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga, for a consultative meeting to familiarize them with the work of EALA and also meet with different EALA Committees. The Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed led the delegation comprising of 7 Members of Parliament and a Committee Clerk.

The Speaker of EALA, Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga pledged that EALA will continue to collaborate with respective Partner States' Parliaments to bring integration closer to the people. The collaboration is not just an obligation as stipulated for under the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC but a concomitant desire by the Assembly to ensure citizens fully embrace the economic bloc.

The Speaker informed Members that EALA had continued in its quest to pass relevant legislation that strengthen the integration process and said the Parliaments were key stakeholders to be consulted at the public hearings and prior to enactment of Bills.

The Delegation on the Committee on Regional Integration will also interface with the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution as well as consultation with the Deputy Secretary General, Political Federation.

The Speaker informed the members that Article 65 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC espouses the enhanced relations between the Assembly and the National Parliaments of the Partner States.





### **2.3 Plenary Session and Swearing in of Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community and Northern Corridor Development**

East African Legislative Assembly, Arusha, March 13, 2018 swears in two senior Minister in the region as *ex-Officio* Members of EALA. Uganda's 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Dr. Ali Kirunda Kivejinja and the Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Northern Corridor Development in Kenya, Hon Peter Gatirau Munya, took the oath administered by the Clerk of EALA, before the EALA Speaker, Rt. Hon. Ngoga K. Martin.

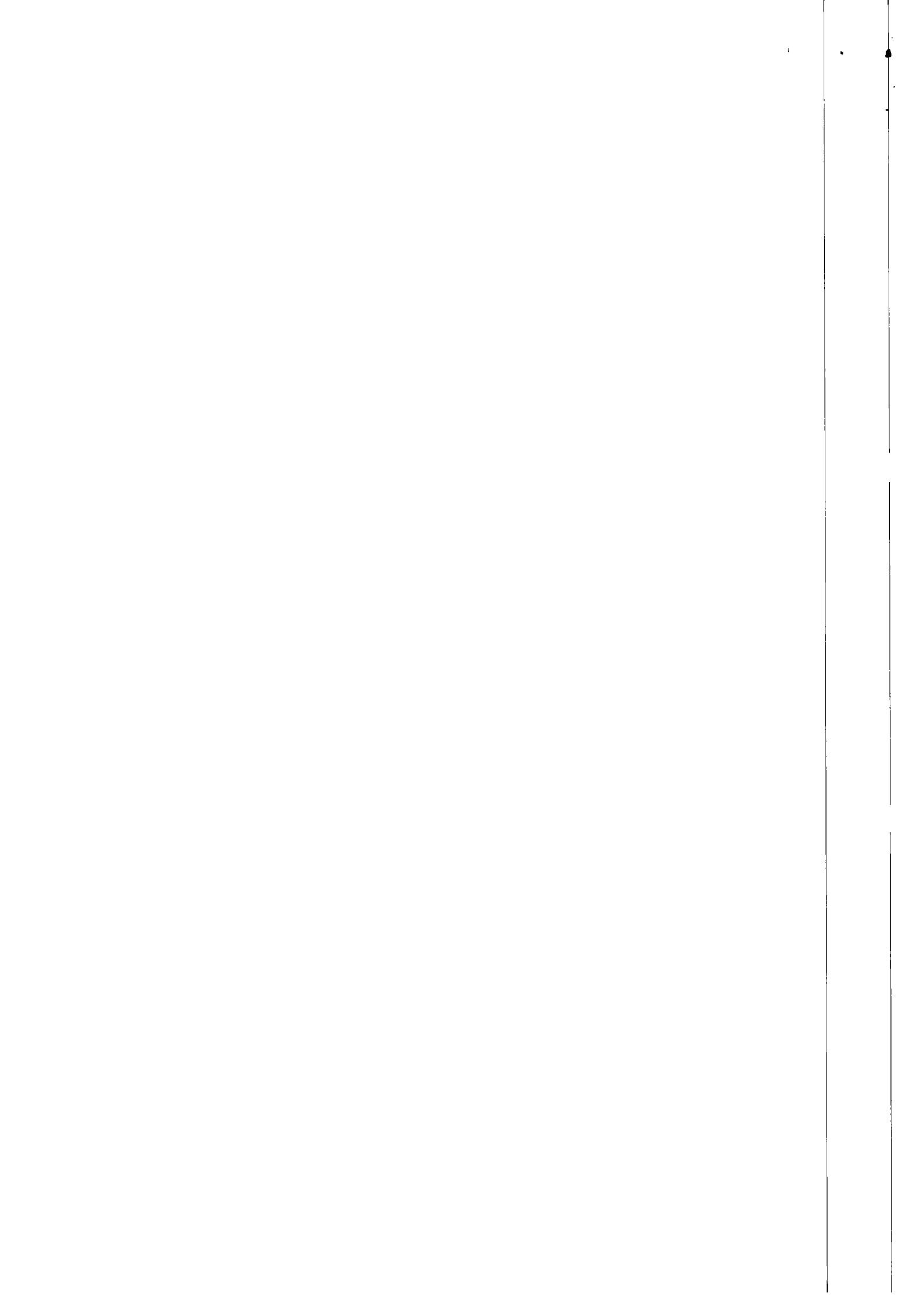
The Oaths of Allegiance to the House were administered in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The Rules of Procedure say in part that: "*No Member can sit or participate in the proceedings of the House until the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Treaty is taken*".

First to take the Oath of Allegiance was the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community and Northern Corridor Development in the Republic of Kenya, Hon Peter Gatirau Munya. The Cabinet Secretary was ushered into the House by Hon. Mpuru Aburi and Hon. Abdikadir Aden.

Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya was sworn in as Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Northern Corridor in the Republic of Kenya on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 following his appointment by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. Prior to his appointment as Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Peter Munya served as the first Governor of Meru County, where he was credited with many firsts among them, encouraging investment in sectors providing stable market to the local farming, creating employment and provision of vital services to the local business community.

As Governor, Hon. Peter Munya also served as the second Chairman of the Council of Governors. He previously served as a Member of Parliament for Tigania East Constituency in Meru County (2002-2007) and as Leader of the Party of National Unity (PNU). In December 2007 while serving in his second term as MP, Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya was appointed the Assistant Minister, East African Community, where he called for expansion of roads, improvement of existing harbours and building of new ports.

Hon. Munya holds a Master's Degree in International Law (International Economic Integration Law) obtained from University of Brussels in 1995 and a second Master's Degree in Law (Public Law) obtained from the University of Georgia, USA. He is a holder of a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB Hons), from the University of Nairobi.



On his part, Hon. Dr. Ali Kirunda Kivejinja was led in by Hon. George Odongo and Hon. Rose Akol. He was appointed to cabinet by H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in November 2015 and then re-appointed in June 2016 following the elections in the country. He is Uganda's 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, Republic of Uganda.

The Sitting was also attended by legislators from the Republic of Kenya and Uganda who were in Arusha familiarizing with the activities of EALA and deepening the relationship with the National Parliaments. Kenya's Regional Integration Committee was headed by Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed while Hon. Hood Katuramu led the Committee on Commission, Statutory Committees and Public Enterprises (COSASE) from Parliament of Uganda.

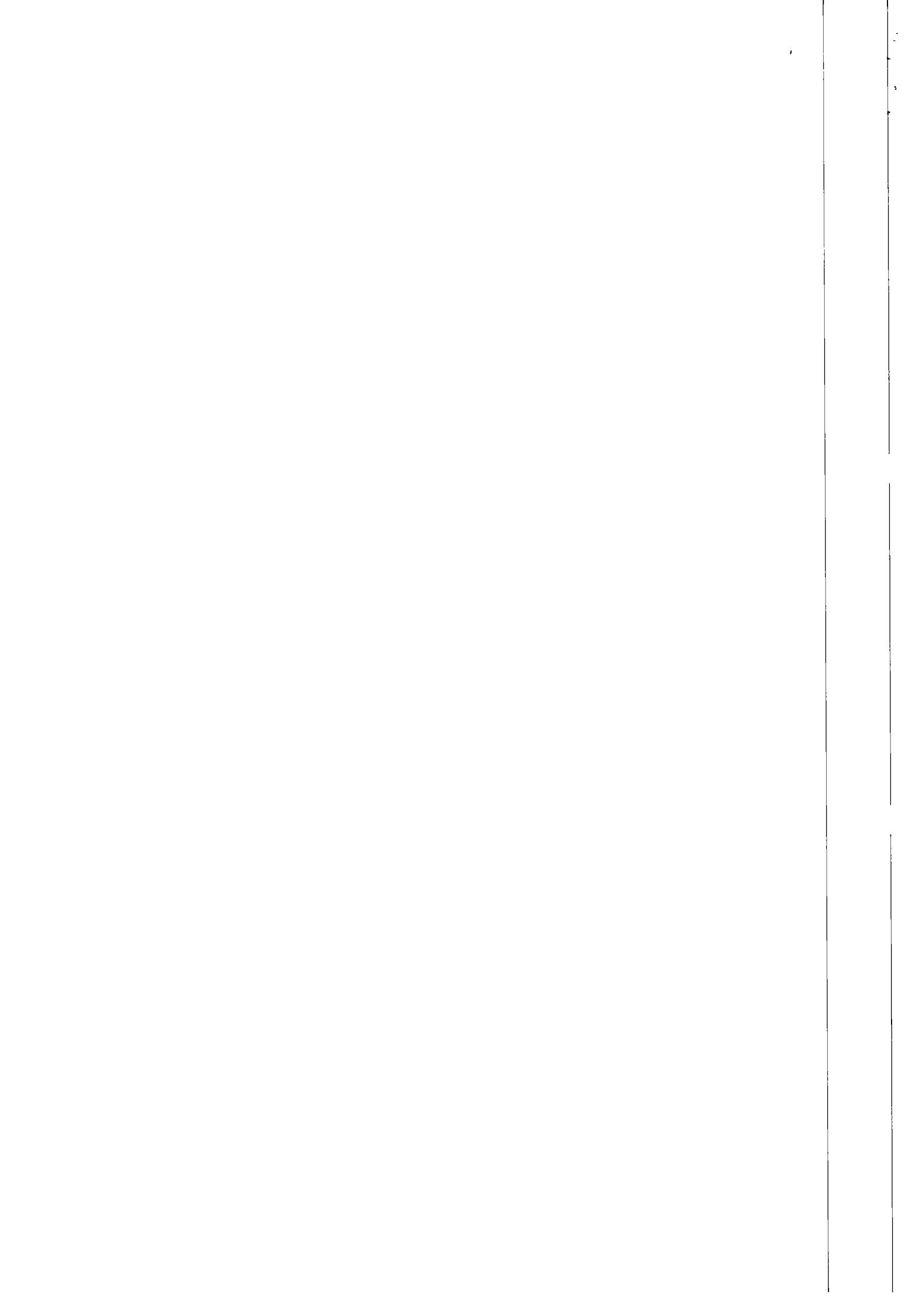
#### **2.4 Plenary Session and Swearing in of Chief Administrative Secretary for EAC**

*East African Legislative Assembly, Arusha, March 15, 2018:* The Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) for EAC and Northern Corridor Development, Republic of Kenya, Hon. Ken Obura Mirenga was sworn in as *ex-Officio* Members of EALA, a day after the CS, Hon. Peter Munya.

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Speaker of EALA, Rt. Hon. Ngoga, congratulated the new *ex-officio* Member. Hon. Ken Obura was sworn in as Chief Administrative Secretary for EAC and Northern Corridor in the Republic of Kenya following his appointment by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. Prior to joining the Executive, Hon. Ken Obura was the immediate former Member for Kisumu Central Constituency. While in Parliament, Hon. Ken Obura, who is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, was a Member of the Defence and Foreign Relations Committee.

As Chief Administrative Secretary, Hon. Ken Obura shall be the alternate representative in the House in absence of the substantive Cabinet Secretary. In accordance with Article 48, an Assistant Minister, Deputy Minister or Minister of State may only participate in the meetings of the Assembly when the substantive Minister responsible for East African Community Affairs is for any reason unable to participate.





## **2.5 Meeting with the EALA members – Kenya Chapter**

Hon. Simon Mbugua, MP – Chairperson Kenya Chapter

Hon. Dr. Oburu Oginga, MP

Hon. Aden Noor, MP

Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP

Hon. Aden Mohamed Noor, MP

Hon. Kennedy Musyoka, MP

Prof. Chriss Ackello Ogutu – RAIP Consultant

Mr. Kenneth Ayuko – RAIP Consultant

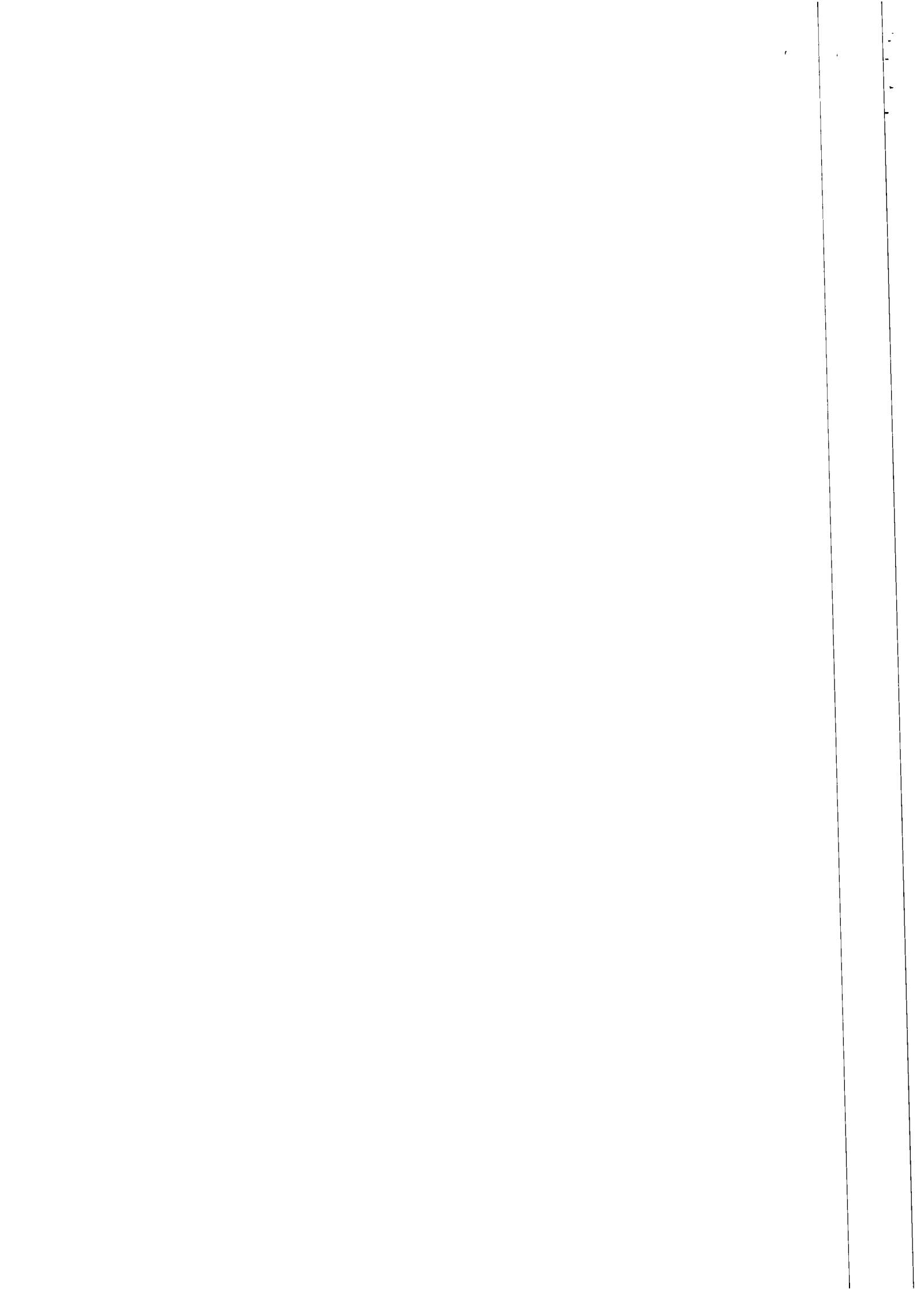
Dr. Philliph Musyoka – RAIP Consultant

The Chairperson Kenya Chapter called the meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. and thanked the delegation of the Regional Integration Committee for electing the EALA members and more importantly attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of EALA Plenary Sessions. He further reiterated that, it was a great honour for them and promised to work hand in hand to represent the interests of the Country in EAC.

The Chairperson introduced the team developing the EAC Regional Agricultural Investment Plan (RAIP) for 2018 – 2025. Prof. Chriss Ogutu informed the meeting that the report of the RAIP was at its last stages of conclusion. The report has undergone extensive validation processes whereby stakeholders and policymakers have interrogated the document. Likewise, the interests of the pastoralists' community in animal husbandry have been considered alongside the agricultural areas of the EAC. Further, the report after adoption will be posted to the EAC website for public consumption.

The EAC RAIP is anchored on the EAC CAADP Compact, the EAC CAADP Results Framework and other key regional Agriculture Sector Instruments. The RAIP is aligned to Malabo Declaration goals and commitments. It is designed to facilitate coordination of regional and crosscutting programmes that are best handled regionally and those that compliment interventions in the National Agriculture investment Plans. The EAC RAIP seeks to catalyze the realization of the CAADP goals in the following five investment thematic areas:

- a. Increasing regional agricultural production and food supply;
- b. Enhancing food utilization;
- c. Promoting agribusiness, value addition and agro-industry;
- d. Promoting sustainable natural resource use and management; and
- e. Strengthening capacities of EAC regional agricultural institutions.



The EALA Kenya Chapter raised concerns over considerable issues affecting their welfare and environs of work including:-

- a. the mobilization of resources towards the EAC 2017/2018 budget;
- b. the small percentage of Kenyans employed at the EALA, UN, AU offices respectively;
- c. support EALA members proposal to employ a secretariat (Clerk Assistant, Driver, Body Guard and Office Assistant); and
- d. A proposal to draft a bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission for further benefits in Medical Cover, Car Loan, Mileage Allowances and Retirement Scheme.

The meeting agreed to establish closer working relationships and resolved:-

- a. tasked the Regional Integration Committee and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development to propose a date for the Induction of both members either in Naivasha or Mombasa;
- b. The Induction programme to include presentations from the EAC Secretariat e.g. Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General of EAC; National Intelligence Service, Foreign Affairs and Immigration department;
- c. The RIC to speed up the process of amending the EAC Treaty due to numerous imperfections in the Treaty;
- d. To strengthen the relationship between RIC, National Assembly and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor to ease seamless communication and sharing of information to strengthen integration issues;
- e. Harmonization of Partner State laws in conjunction with the EAC laws vis a vis the regional laws of Partner States.

## **2.6 Meeting with the Committee on Regional Integration Affairs and Conflict Resolution.**

The Regional Integration Committee and its counterpart in EALA, the Regional Integration Affairs and Conflict Resolution agreed to schedule a separate meeting during its induction retreat to be held in May 2018.





### **3.0 OBSERVATIONS**

**The Committee made the following observations:-**

- a. Mobilize resources towards the EAC subsequent budgets to facilitate the operations of the EAC Secretariat and other institutions;
- b. Increase the percentage of Kenyans employed at EALA, UN, AU offices in Tanzania respectively;
- c. Support a proposal of EALA Members to draft a welfare bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission.



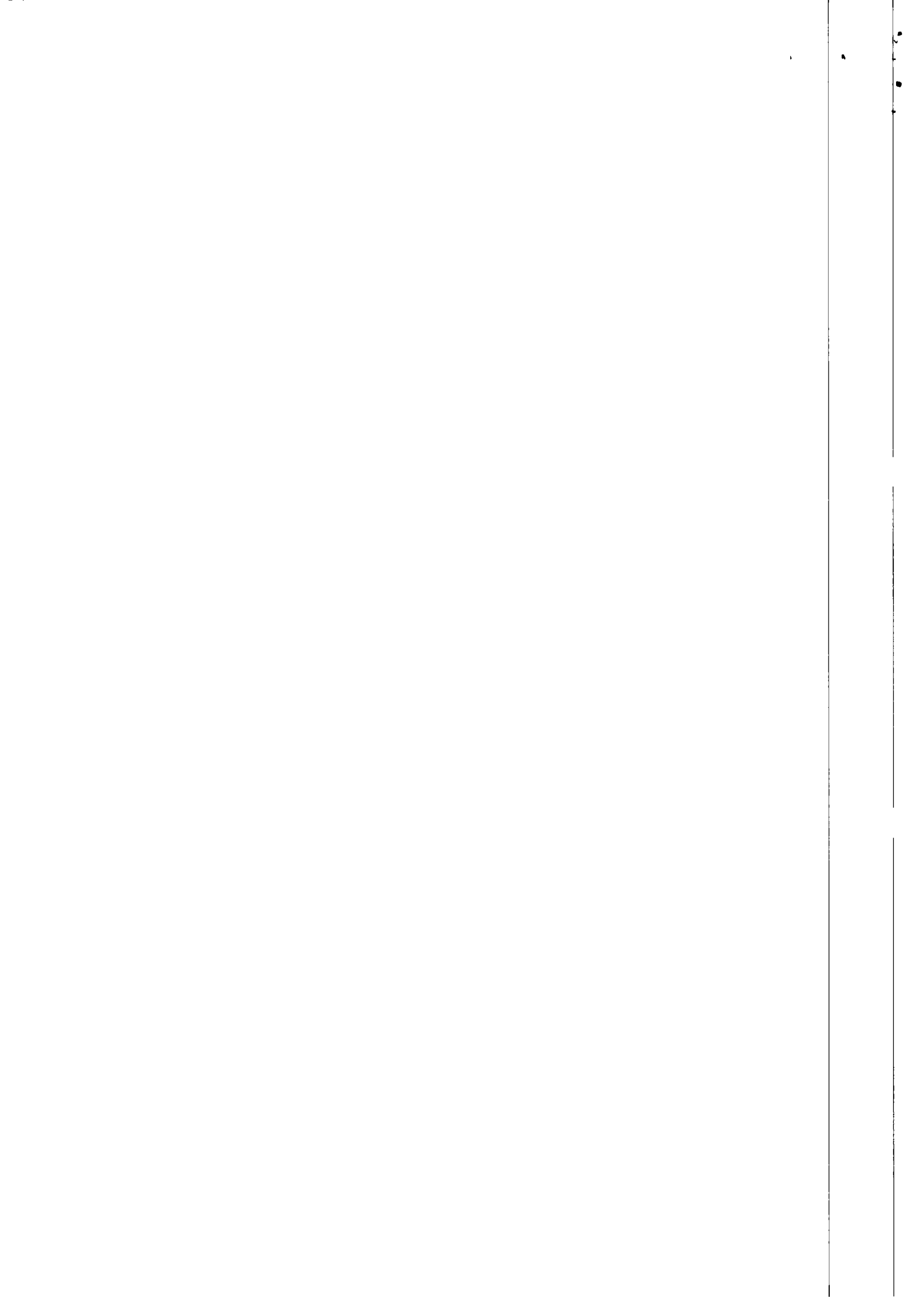
#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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- a. The Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should liaise with the National Treasury in mobilizing resources towards the operations of the EAC Secretariat and its institutions;
- b. The Select Committee on Regional Integration and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should induct members of the Committee and EALA members to realize their respective mandates and areas of collaboration;
- c. The EALA Members – Kenya Chapter should draft a welfare bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission;
- d. The Select Committee on Regional Integration and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor should fast track the process of amending the EAC Treaty where necessary due to numerous flaws in the Treaty;
- e. The Select Committee on Regional Integration, the National Assembly and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor should strengthen relationships for ease of communication and sharing of information in strengthening the integration issues;
- f. The Partner States should harmonize regional laws in conjunction with the EAC Laws; and
- g. The Select Committee on Regional Integration should benchmark in Uganda and learn from the Regional Integration Committee. The benchmark should include the EAC Institutions within the Partner States.

SIGNED..........DATE 13/06/2018.....

**THE HON. NAISULA LESUUDA, OGW, MP  
CHAIRPERSON,  
COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION**



**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SITTING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2018 AT ENGLISH POINT MARINA HOTEL IN MOMBASA AT 9.00 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

1. Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP, OGW - Chairperson
2. Hon. Capt. Ruweida Mohamed, M.P – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P
4. Hon. Malulu Injendi, M.P
5. Hon. Joyce Emanikor, MP
6. Hon. Gideon Keter, M.P
7. Hon. William Kamket, M.P.
8. Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, M.P.
9. Hon. Memusi Kanchory, MP
10. Hon. Sen. Janet Onge'ra, MP
11. Hon. Eve Obara, MP
12. Hon. Kubai Iringo, MP
13. Hon. Abdi Mude Ibrahim, MP
14. Hon. Erastus Kivisu, MP
15. Hon. Kassim Tandaza, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. Hon. Ali Wario Guyo, M.P.
2. Hon. Dr. Gideon Ochanda, M.P.
3. Hon. Geoffrey Omuse, M.P
4. Hon. Janet Teiyaa, MP
5. Hon. Nasri Sahal Ibrahim, MP
6. Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP
7. Hon. Ezekiel Ombaki, MP

**ABSENT**

1. Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP

## **IN – ATTENDANCE**

### **MINISTRY OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND NORTHERN CORRIDOR**

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

- |                        |   |                                |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Ken Obura      | - | Chief Administrative Secretary |
| 2. Mr. Julius Mwabu    | - | Deputy Director                |
| 3. Ms. Winnie Cheserem | - | Principal State Counsel        |
| 4. Mr. Mark Ogut       | - | Senior Ass. Director           |

#### **SECRETARIAT**

- |                           |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Ms. Hellen Ekadeli     | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Mary Lemerelle     | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Christine Odhiambo | - | Legal Counsel   |
| 4. Mr. James Kimiti       | - | Audio Officer   |

#### **MINUTE NO.124/2018**

#### **PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 a.m. by the Chairperson. A prayer was said by Hon. Malulu Injendi and the agenda of the meeting was adopted as consideration of the reports of inspection visits and foreign travels conducted by the Committee.

#### **MINUTE NO.125/2018**

#### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ISEBANIA ONE STOP BORDER POST INSPECTION VISIT IN MIGORI COUNTY**

The Committee examined the report and agreed on its recommendations as follows:-

- a. The Partner States should sensitize and encourage their citizens to embrace the EAC spirit of enhancing regional integration and reciprocity treatment in engaging with other Partner States. Kenya Presidential directive on free movement within EAC without requirement of passport is not reciprocated in Tanzania;
- b. The Partner States to implement uniform application of procedures at all border posts facilities along the Kenya/Tanzania borders in terms of clearing of goods and people at the entry/exit points. Procedures at Sirare Border Post are not similar with those at Namanga Border Post;



- c. The Partner States to lift the periodical ban on exports of fish and levies and fees imposed on the exports. There are numerous non-tariff barriers being imposed on exports out of Tanzania to Kenya. There is an export ban on Tilapia and un-processed Nile Perch from Tanzania to Kenya. High fees/levies for export permits of agricultural produce from Tanzania. These permits are only available at Dar es Salam as there are no local offices at Sirare to offer these services;
- d. The Department of Immigration through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to harmonize the business visa and other related requirements. The business visa rates are higher in Tanzania;
- e. The Partner States to heighten security at the border areas and encourage joint border coordinating committee meetings to ensure structured engagement;
- f. The additional borders entry/exit points including Muhuhu Bay, Nyamtiro and Kopanga to be gazetted and a law enacted to create mobile border stations and manned by all border agencies. The distance between Isebania border area of control and the next border entry point is Namanga is 297 km. This leaves a vast stretch along the border that is un-manned and no record of activities happening in the various border crossings. This is both a security and revenue risk to the country; and
- h. The Committee recommended the removal of the barrier erected at the entrance of Isebania Border Post facility by the Migori County government.

The Committee adopted the report having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Mathias Robi and Hon. Malulu Injendi respectively.

**MINUTE NO. 126/2018**

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF EALA  
PLENARY SESSION IN ARUSHA**

The Committee considered the report and agreed to its observations as follows:-

- i. Mobilize resources towards EAC subsequent budgets to facilitate the operations of the EAC Secretariat and other institutions;
- ii. Increase the percentage of Kenyans employed at the EALA, UN, AU offices respectively; and
- iii. Support a proposal of EALA members to draft a welfare bill for inclusion in the Parliamentary Service Commission.

It further recommended that:-

- a. The Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should liaise with the National Treasury in mobilizing resources towards the operations of the EAC Secretariat and its institutions;
- b. The Select Committee on Regional Integration and the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should induct members of the Committee and EALA members to realize their respective mandates and areas of collaboration;
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- g. The Select Committee on Regional Integration should benchmark in Uganda and learn from the Regional Integration Committee. The benchmark should include the EAC Institutions within the Partner States.

The report was adopted having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Kubai Iringo and Hon. Memusi Kanchory respectively.

**MINUTE NO. 127/2018**

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF EALA  
PLENARY SESSION IN DODOMA**

The Committee discussed the report and recommends the following to the National Assembly:

- a. That the Council of Ministers should in consultation with respective Partner States Assemblies, develop an enforcement mechanism for the implementation of the commitments agreed by Partner States;



- b. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should intensify sensitization programs about the EAC Integration, its aspirations, its benefits and the role of ordinary Kenyan citizens;
- c. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Projects should ensure that all the projects implemented by the EAC Institutions in Kenya are well integrated into the local community development priorities;
- d. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development to request the Council of Ministers to increase the funding of EAC Institutions for growth and execution of their mandate;
- e. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development to liaise with the National Treasury to ensure timely remittance of Kenya's contribution to EAC budget and regularly brief the Select Committee on Regional Integration on the same;
- f. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor should liaise with the Council of Ministers to direct Partner States to ensure effective interface of different Customs IT Systems for seamless operations;
- g. That, the Ministry of EAC and Northern Corridor Development should identify the Kenyan laws, policies and regulations that needs to be harmonized with other Partner States and share the same with the Select Committee on Regional Integration for fast tracking in facilitation of cross border trade within the region; and
- h. The State department of Immigration to facilitate adequate staffing and infrastructural development within the One Stop Border Post facilities and ensure free movement of persons particularly students from Partner States.

**MINUTE NO. 128/2018**

**CONSIDERATION OF NAMANGA ONE STOP  
BORDER POST INSPECTION VISIT IN KAJIADO  
COUNTY.**

The Committee examined the report and conclusively agreed to invite the Kenya Revenue Authority CEO to address the issues which were raised by the local community concerning the operations and management of the Namanga Border Post facility. The primary issues touched on

unemployment of the locals, treatment of women traders, tendering and allocations of tenders to non-locals, use of facilities within the Border Post including the operations of the canteen and corporate social responsibility of the facility towards the locals.

**MINUTE NO. 129/2018**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at thirty minutes past one o'clock.

SIGNED.....  .....

(Chairperson)

DATE..... 5/06/2018 .....



## SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING – 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION – 4<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY OF  
EALA PLENARY SESSION HELD IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

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