

## CONSTITUTION

The Association is governed by the EAAACA Constitution as amended, 2014.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association is open to all Anti-Corruption Authorities of East African Community Partner States and to any other members in Eastern Africa.

Other organisations with similar objectives may become observers of the Association on application for membership.

The current membership include;

- I. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission of Kenya;
- II. Federal Ethics Anti-Corruption Commission of Ethiopia;
- III. Inspection General State of Djibouti;
- IV. Inspectorate of Government of Uganda;
- V. Office of the Ombudsman of Rwanda;
- VI. Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau of United Republic of Tanzania;
- VII. South Sudan Anti-Corruption Commission of South Sudan
- VIII. Special Brigade Anti-Corruption Commission of Burundi;

## ORGANS OF EAAACA

**Annual General Meeting:** is the supreme governing body of the Association and comprises of members of Anti-Corruption Authorities of EAAACA, and honorary members.

**Executive Committee:** is the managing and administrative body of the Association. It consists of; the President, the Vice President, General Secretary and not more than five (5) additional office bearers as determined by the General Meeting. The President is the Executive head of the Association and holds office for a term of two years. She/he is assisted by the Vice President who is from a Partner State other than the one holding the presidency. The presidency is rotational. The Committee meets on a regular basis but not less than once every calendar year.

**Secretariat:** It is the technical and implementation arm of the organization. It is based in Kampala and headed by the General Secretary who is elected at the General meeting. The General Secretary holds the office for a term of four years but is eligible for re-election. The secretariat is responsible for the day to day running of the Association and co-ordinating the affairs of the Association. The General Secretary is assisted by designated staff/personnel in accordance with the approved structure.

**Committees:** These are composed of representatives from each of the member Authority and are set up when need arises.

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# EAST AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES



## VISION

To promote the spirit of zero tolerance against corruption and encourage regional cooperation in preventing and combating corruption.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVE

EAAACA's overall objective is to promote and facilitate regional cooperation, mutual legal and technical assistance in the prevention and combating of corruption in the region, to share information, hold trainings and carry out joint research.

## BACKGROUND

East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities was formed on 28th September 2007 in Kampala, Uganda when the heads of Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission of Kenya (now Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission), Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau of Unit-

*"Zero tolerance to corruption"*



ed Republic of Tanzania and Inspectorate of Government of Uganda, signed the Kampala Declaration of East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA).

The Association was thereafter, launched in Nairobi, Kenya on 9th November 2007 when the EAAACA Constitution was signed.

## OBJECTIVES

The following are the objectives of the Association among others;

I. To promote, facilitate and regulate cooperation among the Partner States to ensure the effectiveness of measures and actions to prevent, detect, investigate, punish and eradicate corruption.

II. To afford one another mutual legal assistance regarding detection, investigations, prosecutions, identification, tracing, freezing, seizure, confiscation and repatriation of property, instruments or proceeds obtained or derived from corruption.

III. To conduct research on new and best practices and innovations to improve and enhance the effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Authorities in the East African Corruption Regional and organising joint trainings programmes of staff for the benefit of their personnel.

IV. To stimulate public awareness about the dangers of corruption and the dangers of corruption and about civil society's role in the prevention and combating of corruption in general.

V. To facilitate the repatriation of proceeds of corruption or money laundering or ill-gotten wealth and the seizure of any property when requested by any Party to this Constitution.

VI. To coordinate, harmonise the policies and legislation between Partner States for purposes of prevention, detection, investigation, punishment and eradication of corruption in the East African Community Region.

VII. To cooperate in the area of witness protection and whistle-blower protection system.

The achievement of the above objectives and interests of the Association imposes obligations, tasks and responsibilities on all members of the Association, which may have social, political, economical and legal connotations. A patriotic approach therefore is considered to be the best option for EAAACA members to dedicate themselves to a common responsibility of promoting Zero Tolerance to Corruption in the East African Region.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### INTERNAL

1 - Three in one Manual: EAAACA developed a three in one manual containing Regulations, Corruption Prevention, and Investigation which is in use by the staff of the member authorities and the secretariat.

2 - Result Based Monitoring Evaluation Plan: EAAACA developed a Result Based Monitoring, Evaluation and Risk Management Plan, Sustainability measures. It is a management tool that tracks the results of projects / programs of the Association.

3 - EAAACA Strategic Plan 2014-2019: This was developed to provide a sense of direction to the Association.

4 - EAAACA Operation Manual (Human Resource, Financial and Procurement manual): This was developed to guide staff while executing their tasks.

5 - Public Awareness Strategy: is meant to effectively and efficiently raise public awareness on the evils of corruption by promoting and inculcating the desired values necessary in building a positive attitude that supports the fight against corruption.

6 - Report on the Harmonization of Anti-Corruption Laws for Member States of the East African Community (EAC), 2014: a comparative analysis of what each country has done towards implementing the requirements under the regional and international anti-corruption instruments was undertaken, and any good practice employed by the particular member state or states is documented.

### EXTERNAL

i) - Several regional training programmes have been conducted since inception that resulted in improved skills in asset recovery, crime detection and investigations, whistle blower and witness protection, among other things. The capacity building activities are conducted in member countries on a rotational basis.

ii) - Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Eastern Africa (ARINEA):

EAAACA led to the birth of ARINEA at its 7th AGM in Kigali Rwanda. ARIN-EA is an informal Network of Agencies for Asset Recovery in Eastern Africa with the mandate to ensure efficient and effective asset tracking/tracing and subsequent recovery within the Eastern Africa region and to cooperate with other asset recovery networks globally. EAAACA hosts its secretariat in Kampala, Uganda.