

COMMUNIQUE OF THE 11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES HELD AT ELILLY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, 21ST – 22ND FEBRUARY 2018

We, the Heads and Representatives of the members institutions of the East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, having held the 11th Annual General Meeting from 21st – 22nd February 2018 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, 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: ***Strengthening Asset Recovery Initiatives to Enhance Regional Economic Growth***;

Recognizing that Asset Recovery is an important component in the fight against corruption;

Acknowledging that the anti-corruption agencies need to broaden synergies in having effective asset recovery in the region;

Appreciating the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (FEACC) of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for hosting the 17th Executive Committee Meeting and 11th 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 Hon Speaker of the House of the Federation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Hon Yalew Abate, and having discussed presentations and contributions;

Have resolved that:

1. Asset Recovery initiatives should be reinforced through strong cooperation between Anti-Corruption Agencies at the national and regional level.



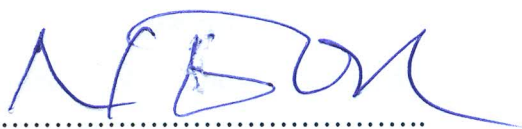
2. EAAACA applies for observer status to sub regional bodies that will benefit the Association.
3. Members need to strategize to have more partners to support EAAACA activities thereby broadening the resource base;
4. All member institutions will nominate an officer to form a team comprising experts in law and drafting, to review the constitution of EAAACA and draft a proposal. The member institutions will support the participation of their representatives and the meeting will be hosted by Inspectorate of Government in Uganda by March 2018. The team will also consider the comments that have already been submitted. All member states should ensure they have representation. The draft will be reviewed by the heads of the anti-corruption institutions in a meeting to be organized in Arusha. This process should be concluded by June 2018.
5. All in country session of the member countries on asset recovery Mutual Legal Assistance guidelines, should be prioritized and conducted by April 2018. This call goes to Djibouti, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi, South Sudan and Ethiopia;
6. All member countries will designate EAAACA Contact Persons to liaise on matters of EAAACA. In addition, all countries should ensure that they have all the ARINEA focal person i.e. 3 per country, based on the criteria indicated in the Statement of Intent;
7. The request by Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crime Authority (ZAECA) to become a member of EAAACA awaits the on-going discussions. The final position will be communicated as soon as the process is finalized;
8. The EAAACA secretariat is strengthened to have basic staff to meet the demands of EAAACA and ARINEA. In addition, there is need to review the Human Resource in light of the funding sources. This will be followed by developing a proper pay structure. The AGM will be requested for approval to go through the process;
9. We acknowledge the support of the partners who include GIZ, UNODC, World Bank who have continued to support the Association;
10. The audit of financial accounts for 2016 are finalized and discussed at the extra ordinary EXCOM to be held in Arusha by June;

11. The Inspectorate of Government of Uganda is requested to appoint auditors for 2017, and they will seek the services of Office of the Auditor General;
12. Member institutions who have not paid their subscriptions to date are reminded to meet their obligations as soon as possible;
13. Strategic visits to some member states are conducted to engage them further on the activities and their commitment to EAAACA;
14. The new leadership of EAAACA for the next two years is: Ethiopia – President, Kenya – Vice President, members: Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan;
15. Rwanda will host the 12th AGM in November or December 2018. The dates will be agreed upon and communicated to the members;
16. The preparation of the Institutional reports to the Annual General Meeting be made in line with the theme, documenting best practices and sharing lessons.

Declared and signed at Elilly International Hotel, Addis Ababa Ethiopia, on Thursday 22nd February 2018.

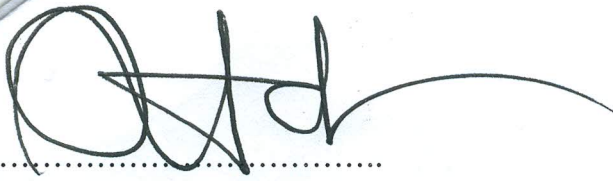


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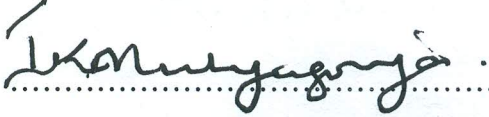
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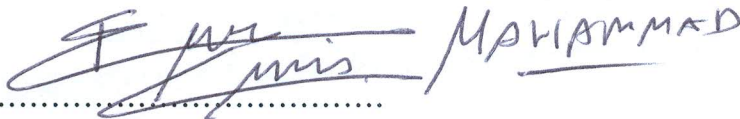
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