

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
(EAC)**

AND

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(UNESCO)**



The East African Community (hereinafter referred to as EAC), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

Considering that EAC has been established in order, *inter alia*, to give effect to the desire of its partner States for economic, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community to promote peace, stability and security in the region, to foster agricultural development and environmental protection, and to facilitate efforts in the region to ensure the integration of its partner States and peoples,

Considering that UNESCO was established for the purpose of advancing, through educational, scientific and cultural relations of the world's States, the objectives of international peace and common welfare of humankind,

Considering that UNESCO's programmes are aimed at making a positive contribution to sustainable human development through education, science, culture, communication and information,

Desirous of coordinating their perspective efforts in pursuit of the goals that are shared between them, in accordance with the Treaty establishing EAC and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to 175 EX/Decision 43 adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 175th session,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to provide a framework of cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the two parties. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science, culture and communication concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

Article 2 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and EAC shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for that purpose.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in the fields of common interests.
3. EAC shall inform UNESCO of any of its activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. EAC shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
4. UNESCO shall inform EAC of any of its activities which may be of interest to the partner States of EAC. UNESCO shall study any proposal submitted to it by EAC in its fields of competence with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

Article 3 – Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO may invite EAC to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
2. EAC may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Conference of Heads of States and Government and the meetings of the Council of Ministers whenever matters of common interest are discussed.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreements between the Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure reciprocal representation of EAC and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which deal with matters of interest to both organizations.

Article 4 – Joint EAC/UNESCO commissions

1. EAC and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.
2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by each organization, the number to be appointed by each organization being determined by joint agreement.
3. Any such joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary by both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of EAC and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 5 – Exchange of information and documents

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and EAC shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

Article 6 – Execution of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable in the light of experience.

Article 7 – Review and termination

1. This Agreement may be amended with the mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six month's written notice to the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

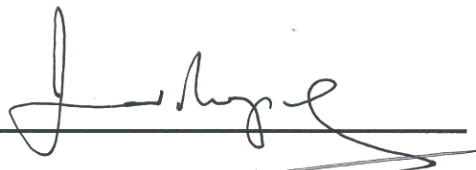
Article 8 – Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by respective competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Secretary-General of EAC and the Director-General of UNESCO.

This Agreement has been drawn up in two original copies in English, both being authentic.

DONE AT ^{Lario} ~~Harare~~ on 18-12-2006

For the
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