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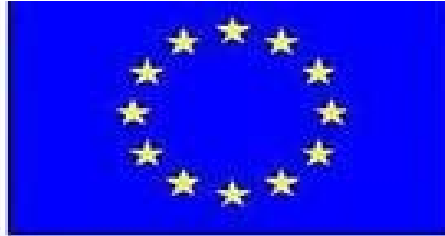
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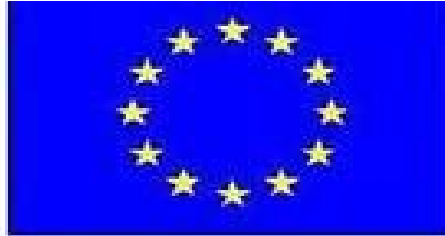


Introduction

The East African Community (EAC)

- **Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania signed the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC in November 1999**
- **The Treaty entered into force on July 7, 2000**
- **Rwanda and Burundi joined the EAC in July 2007**





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1. **Challenge – EAC Vision: “To achieve a prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa.” - ensure safe, secure and efficient civil aviation for travel within the Partner States as well as to and from other parts of the globe.**
2. **To accomplish this, EAC established The Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA).**
3. **The CASSOA Protocol was signed by the Ministers responsible for civil aviation on 18th April 2007. The 5th Extraordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State established CASSOA and directed its immediate operationalisation.**
4. **The Protocol has to date been ratified by all the three Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda while the new Partner States of Rwanda and Burundi are in the process of acceding to it.**
5. **The CASSOA bill which gives legal status to the organization is currently under consideration by the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA).**



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- Purpose of CASSOA : to help Partner States meet the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
- It involves developing consensus among the Partner States, coordinating activities, sharing technical expertise and facilities, and achieving effective oversight of civil aviation safety and security.



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The Agency established initially in the “Basic Structure” as recommended in the guidance provided in ICAO Doc 9734 Part B, in time will grow to the complex level where it will be designated some or all of the oversight functions and responsibilities concerning:

1. licensing, approval and certification of personnel, organisations and aeronautical products,
2. the resolution of safety concerns and enforcement based on common regional regulations and procedures, and common regional aviation regulations.



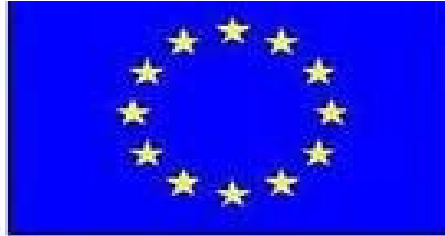
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

- A self accounting institution of the EAC, governed by the Board with membership composed of the Heads of Civil Aviation in the Partner States, the Executive Director and one aviation expert from each Partner States appointed by respective Minister responsible for civil aviation.
- The Board establishes Technical Committees as well as Working Groups composed of experts in relevant aviation fields on an ad hoc basis responsible for originating technical requirements based on specific need and addressing speciality area as may be requires such as:
 - recruitments, financial/procurement rules and regulations, development and review of the civil aviation regulations and technical guidance material, etc.



DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONISATION OF REGULATIONS

- **Article 92 of the EAC Treaty - is the basis for the establishment of the Agency as well as its mandate in the harmonisation, development of regulations and technical guidance materials.**
- **Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have implemented harmonised flight safety regulations, aerodromes regulations and aviation security regulations.**
- **Completed Development and harmonisation of the air navigation regulations and have been promulgated by Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.**
- **Burundi and Rwanda are being assisted in harmonizing their regulations to EAC harmonized regulations**



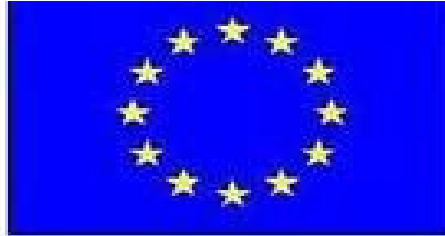
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- To facilitate the effective implementation of the harmonised Regulations, the Agency develops technical guidance materials for use by the regulators and the industry at large
- Developed guidance materials include those covering flight safety regulations, aerodromes security regulations and aviation security regulations
- Efforts are being directed towards developing procedures for surveillance and enforcement



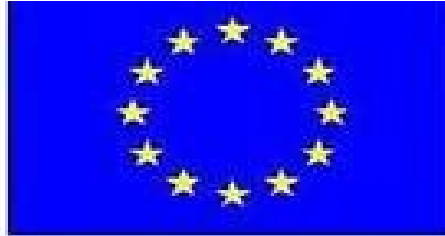
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- The region has also developed a framework and guidance for the implementation of English Language Proficiency requirement
- Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are already implementing this requirement
- Burundi and Rwanda are being assisted in testing their personnel using experts from the other Partner States.



TECHNICAL HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

- **One of the functions of the Agency is to advice, provide guidance and coordinate assistance by sharing of technical resources in the Partner States**
- **A process to establish database for details of technical personnel and type of aircraft in the region is on going**
- **A gap analysis to establish the gaps is being carried out**
- **Initial analysis for airworthiness and flight operations inspectors has indicated shortage in terms of numbers and skills in the technical staff**



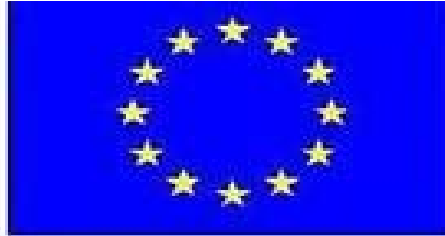
IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE WORK

- **2007/08, the Agency developed its first annual work programme of activities and the budget geared towards operationalising the Agency and putting in place documentations and facilities necessary for institutional building.**
- **The annual programme included a proposal for the development of the Agency's Five Year Strategic Plan and Organization Evolution Plan.**
- **A contract with the Civil Aviation Consulting Services of the International Air Transport Organisation (IATA) for the development of the Plans has been signed.**
- **The project includes examining the current situation in the Partner States, identifying the strengths and determining the risks inherent in the present system and is being financed by EU under the Regional Integration Support Programme (RISP).**
- **The consultant will develop:**
 - a 5 year Strategic Plan which will identify strategic objectives and activities to enable the agency achieve its main objectives.
 - an organization evolution plan which will guide the Agency in its development from the basic structure to a full fledged regional organization.



CHALLENGES

- Funding of the Agency activities
- Retention of regulatory technical staff and shortage in terms of numbers and skills in the regulatory technical staff in the Partner States.
- Political will in transforming the Agency to the complex level where it will be designated some or all of the oversight functions and responsibilities



CONCLUSION

The establishment of CASSOA in East Africa Community provides a common framework and mechanism for the Partner States to fulfill their international safety and security oversight obligations as provided by the Convention in an effective and efficient way.

EU is called upon to support the Agency as one of the tangible initiatives in the region in addressing the challenges mentioned above.

