

VOTE: 021 Ministry of East African Community Affairs

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that Ugandans participate in and benefit from the East African Community integration.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

- i). Coordinate the development and harmonization of policy frameworks that support EAC integration
- ii). To provide strategic leadership and coordinate implementation of EAC decisions
- iii). To strengthen capacity of stakeholders to participate in EAC Regional integration
- iv). To enhance research, innovation and development to steer Uganda's regional integration agenda
- v). To strengthen the capacity of MEACA to execute its mandate

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023/24

Key Achievements

Uganda has registered some key achievements in the implementation of these pillars

Customs Union and Common Market

- 1)Coordinated 2 stakeholder engagement workshops on Aflatoxin where the country specific action plans for aflatoxin prevention and control were developed. The plan is approved and awaits implementation by the line Ministry.
- 2)Coordinated the signing of the MoU on the Cooperation and Implementation of crossborder measures to prevent and control transboundary animal diseases which was signed on 7th September 2023 between the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda.
- 3)Developed a Self Assessment Quality Management Tool for use by Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the leather sector and adopted a five year EAC Industrial Policy Implementation Action Plan for (2023/2028).
- 4)Participated in the harmonization of 172 standards for the commonly traded goods and about 86% of the adopted standards were harmonized and implemented across the Partner States in accordance with the Standardization Quality Assurance Metrology and Testing (SQMT) Act 2006.
- 5)In order to facilitate the implementation of the commitments under the Free Movement of Services in the Community Uganda along with other Partner States finalized and adopted the EAC Strategy on Trade in Services and the EAC Mechanism for removal of restrictions on Trade in Services with the commitment by Partner States to remove restrictions on committed sectors within a period of five years (by February 2028).
- 6)Participated in the 23rd EAC Micro Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Fair in Bujumbura Burundi that was attended by 1500 exhibitors from all the Partner States. The fair provided an opportunity for exhibitors to showcase and sell locally made products build cross border linkages and technology transfer.
- 7)Coordinated Ugandas participation in the various National Consultative and sensitization engagements on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- 8)Organized the meeting of the National Monitoring Committee held in Uganda where a list of levies fees and charges were compiled and shared with EAC Secretariat. A regional meeting will be convened to consolidate the list of levies fees and charges from all the Partner States.
- 9)Participated in the development and subsequent revision of the draft Implementation Plan for the EAC Trade in Services Strategy in line with the direction proposed by the 43rd SCTIFI.
- 10)Participated in the Sectoral Council on Trade Industry Finance and Investment. Adopted the EAC Policy Paper on Free Trade Area Negotiations with Third Parties
- 11)Coordinated and participated in the Regional Monitoring Committee (RMC) on the Elimination of NTBs. Two National Monitoring Committee meetings were held in Uganda and updated the Time Bound Programme and submitted a list of new NTBs that were imposed on Uganda by other Partner States. The reports are currently being considered at the RMC
- 12)The Ministry organized 2 capacity building workshops in Uganda to facilitate the implementation of the Competition Act at the National level.
- 13)Undertook monitoring and evaluation of the on going projects at Swam OSBP in Kapchorwa, Goli OSBP in Nebi and the Construction of permanent Hand Washing facilities at Mutukula OSBP and Kasensero Landing

Political Confederation

- 1)Coordinated and participated in the EAC led Peace Caravan between the Karamajong Turkana Toposa and the Masai of Kenya /URT in July 2023.
- 2)Coordinated and participated in the Concept Development Conference (CDC) for the EAC Field Training Exercise (FTX) ushirikiano imara, 2024 from 17th to 19th July 2023 in Nyamata Republic of Rwanda.
- 3)Conducted a Stakeholders engagement meeting on harmonization of laws in the peace and security and good governance sector at Mirama Hills Bunagana, and Cyanika border posts in September 2023.
- 4)Coordinated and participated in the Partner States Experts meeting to review and validate the study report of the state of peace and security in the EAC region December 2023.

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- 5) Conducted a stakeholder engagement on the role of women and youth in peace and security (Bunagana and Mpondwe border posts).
- 6) Coordinated the Joint Military training operation. Visits and exchange of information and intelligence to address various emerging regional security challenges were undertaken and the Community deployed the EAC Regional Force (EACRF) in Eastern DRC.
- 7) Participated in the establishment and operationalization of 4 National Early Warning Structures within the 4 Partner States namely Burundi Kenya South Sudan and Uganda
- 8) Participated in the preparation and adoption of a Youth Peace and Security Strategy establishing a platform for youth engagement in peace and security initiatives

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2023/24		2024/25	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Recurrent	Wage	1.285	0.499	0.965	1.013	1.064	1.117	2.217
	Non-Wage	36.861	28.562	36.815	37.551	43.935	50.525	60.630
Devt.	GoU	0.215	0.000	0.215	0.226	0.260	0.286	0.343
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total		38.361	29.061	37.995	38.790	45.258	51.928	63.190
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)		38.361	29.061	37.995	38.790	45.258	51.928	63.190
Arrears		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget		38.361	29.061	37.995	38.790	45.258	51.928	63.190
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears		38.361	29.061	37.995	38.790	45.258	51.928	63.190

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Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2024/25	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:01 Agro-Industrialization	0.250	0.000
SubProgramme:04 Agricultural Market Access and Competitiveness	0.250	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Regional Integration	0.250	0.000
003 Production and Infrastructure	0.250	0.000
Programme:07 Private Sector Development	1.731	0.000
SubProgramme:01 Enabling Environment	1.731	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Regional Integration	1.731	0.000
001 Economic Affairs	1.731	0.000
Programme:16 Governance And Security	35.799	0.215
SubProgramme:03 Policy and Legislation Processes	35.799	0.215
Sub SubProgramme:01 Regional Integration	1.801	0.000
002 Political Affairs	0.631	0.000
003 Production and Infrastructure	0.422	0.000
004 Social Affairs	0.748	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:02 Policy, Planning and Support Services	33.998	0.215
001 Finance and Administration	33.998	0.215
Total for the Vote	37.780	0.215

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 16 Governance And Security

SubProgramme: 03 Policy and Legislation Processes

Sub SubProgramme: 02 Policy, Planning and Support Services

Department: 001 Finance and Administration

Budget Output: 000001 Audit and Risk Management

PIAP Output: Appropriate international and regional laws harmonized and domesticated.

Programme Intervention: 160603 Review and enact appropriate legislation

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
% of International conventions, treaties and protocols domesticated	Percentage	2022	0	%	0	85%
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number	2022	3	0	0	4
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number	2022	0	0	0	4
No of treaties reviewed to to ensure compliance to the international and Regional conventions, treaties and protocols	Number	2022	0	0	0	1
No. of international and regional laws harmonised & domesticated	Number	2022	22	0	0	12

Budget Output: 000014 Administrative and Support Services

PIAP Output: Appropriate international and regional laws harmonized and domesticated.

Programme Intervention: 160603 Review and enact appropriate legislation

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
% of International conventions, treaties and protocols domesticated	Percentage	2022	0	%	0	85%
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number	2022	3	3	1	4
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number		2	3	1	4

VOTE: 021 Ministry of East African Community Affairs**Sub SubProgramme: 02 Policy, Planning and Support Services****Department: 001 Finance and Administration****Budget Output: 000014 Administrative and Support Services****PIAP Output: Appropriate international and regional laws harmonized and domesticated.**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
No of treaties reviewed to to ensure compliance to the international and Regional conventions, treaties and protocols	Number	2022	0	0	0	1
No. of international and regional laws harmonised & domesticated	Number	2022	22	3	1	14

Project: 1691 Retooling of Ministry of East African Affairs**Budget Output: 000003 Facilities and Equipment Management****PIAP Output: Appropriate international and regional laws harmonized and domesticated.****Programme Intervention: 160603 Review and enact appropriate legislation**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
% of International conventions, treaties and protocols domesticated	Percentage	2022	0	%	0	85%
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number	2022	3	3	1	4
No of policies developed and/or reviewed	Number	2022	28	3	1	4
No of treaties reviewed to to ensure compliance to the international and Regional conventions, treaties and protocols	Number	2022	0	0	0	1
No. of international and regional laws harmonised & domesticated	Number	2022	22	3	2	6

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

The major challenges experienced by the Vote during implementation of its mandate include the following

- a) Under release of both Nonwage and development funds thus hampering implementation of various core interventions
- b) Unstable prices of certain budgeted for commodities such as fuel (Inflationary pressures) affected the implementation of especially travel inland activities
- c) Non release of funds to facilitate Ugandans annual contribution to the EAC Organs & Institutions as well as currency fluctuations which eventually leads to accumulation of arrears
- d) Non provision of funds in the financial year to undertake implementation of key unfunded priorities such as Public Awareness campaigns and Sensitization on the integration agenda among others
- e) Slow pace by MDAs in reporting on the status of implementation of the various protocol commitments
- f) Delays by MDAs in amending and aligning the national laws under their respective jurisdictions in conformity with the EAC Common Market Protocol
- g) Non participation in some key regional meetings due to inadequate resources. This weakens our negotiation position as a country
- h) Delayed staff recruitment process which has led to under absorption of the wage
- i) Delays in the procurement processes resulting into un absorption of the development funds

Plans to improve Vote Performance

- a) Liaise with the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development on the implication of under release of quarterly resources towards fulfilling the Ministry mandate
- b) Increase sensitization and public awareness on the EAC integration agenda
- c) Ensure mandatory participation in all regional meetings
- d) Undertake routine monitoring of the implementation of EAC Programmes and Projects
- e) Address the problem of under staffing by seeking the relevant authority to fill all vacant positions

VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

N/A

VOTE: 021 Ministry of East African Community Affairs**Table 7.2: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)**

Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2023/24	Projection FY2024/25
142119	Sale of bid documents-From Private Entities	0.001	0.000
142301	Sale of (Produced) Government Properties/Assets	0.000	0.000
Total		0.001	0.000

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VIII. VOTE CROSS CUTTING POLICY AND OTHER BUDGETARY ISSUES

Table 8.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

i) Gender and Equity

OBJECTIVE	Integrating gender equality results across the Ministries strategic plans, work plans and budgets
Issue of Concern	(i) Creating awareness on opportunities the EAC provides, for all sections of the population (ii) Statutory benefits for elderly persons paid
Planned Interventions	(i) Undertaking public awareness with special focus on women and youth in business, on the opportunities EAC provides (ii) Processing of pension and gratuity payments to the elderly pensioners of the defunct EAC institutions
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.057
Performance Indicators	Number of Pensioners whose monthly pension is processed and paid.

ii) HIV/AIDS

OBJECTIVE	Zero new infections, Zero related deaths and Zero stigma and discrimination due to HIV
Issue of Concern	HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and counseling
Planned Interventions	(i) Support provided to HIV/AIDS affected staff (ii) Provision of HIV/AIDS prevention materials to staff
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.030
Performance Indicators	(i) One Quarterly HIV awareness engagement with staff (ii) At least 4 staff affected with HIV supported

iii) Environment

OBJECTIVE	Mitigate adverse impacts on various environmental components
Issue of Concern	Promote compliance with environmental laws and policies to ensure conformity with EAC commitments.
Planned Interventions	Coordinate and participate in; a) 2 Sectoral Council for Environment and Natural Resources Management b) Coordinate and participate in the Conference of Parties for Climate change.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.046
Performance Indicators	Number of EAC regional meetings on environmental and climate change matters

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iv) Covid

N/A

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IX. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 9.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

Title	Salary Scale	Number of Approved Positions	Number of filled Positions
Accountant	U4	1	1
Accounts Assistant	U7	1	1
Assistant Commissioner Production & Infrastructure	UIE	1	1
Assistant Commissioner Social Affairs	UIE	1	1
Assistant Records Officer	U5	1	1
Commissioner Economic Affairs	UISE	1	1
Commissioner Political Affairs	UISE	1	1
Commissioner Production & Infrastructure	UISE	1	1
Commissioner Social Affairs	UISE	1	1
Director - Economic/Production/Infrastructure Affairs	UISE	1	1
Driver	U8	7	7
Human Resource Officer	U4	1	1
Internal Auditor	U4	1	0
Office Attendant	U8	9	9
Office Typist	U7	1	1
Permanent Secretary	UISE	1	1
Personal Secretary	U4	2	2
Pool Stenographer	U6	1	1
Principal Accountant	U2	1	1
Principal Assistant Secretary	U2	1	1
Principal Commercial Officer	U2	1	1
Principal Economist	U2	1	1
Principal Human Resource Officer	U2	1	1
Principal Information Technology Officer	U2	1	1
Principal Personal Secretary	U2	1	1
Principal Policy Analyst	U2	1	1

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Title	Salary Scale	Number of Approved Positions	Number of filled Positions
Principal Public Relations Officer	U2	1	0
Principal Regional Integration Officer	U2	3	3
Principal Regional Integration Officer - Infrastructure and Energy	U2	1	1
Procurement Officer	U4	1	1
Receptionist	U7	1	1
Records Assistant	U7	1	1
Records Officer	U4	1	1
Regional Integration Officer	U4	3	3
Senior Accounts assistant	U5	1	1
Senior Assistant Secretary	U3	3	3
Senior Economist	U3	1	0
Senior Human Resource Officer	U3	1	1
Senior Internal Auditor	U3	1	1
Senior Personal Secretary	U3	2	2
Senior Policy Analyst	U3	1	1
Senior Principal Stores Assitant	U4	1	1
Senior Procurement Officer	U3	1	1
Stenographer Secretary	U5	4	4
Under Secretary	U1SE	1	1

VOTE: 021 Ministry of East African Community Affairs**Table 9.2: Staff Recruitment Plan**

Post Title	Salary Scale	No. Of Approved Posts	No. Of Filled Posts	No. Of Vacant Posts	No. Of Posts Cleared for Filling FY2024/25	Gross Salary Per Month (UGX)	Total Annual Salary (UGX)
Internal Auditor	U4	1	0	1	1	798,667	9,584,004
Principal Public Relations Officer	U2	1	0	1	1	1,201,688	14,420,256
Senior Economist	U3	1	0	1	1	933,461	11,201,532
Total					3	2,933,816	35,205,792