



**THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CLUBS SENSITIZATION AND  
TREE PLANTING EXERCISE  
EMBULBUL PRIMARY,  
NGONG, KENYA**

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**Brief**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The East African Community (EAC) is the regional intergovernmental organization of the Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania in where its' headquarters are; Arusha. The Vision of the EAC is ***“a prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa”*** and its Mission is ***“to widen and deepen economic, political, social and cultural integration in order to improve the quality of life of the people of East Africa through increased competitiveness, value added production, trade and investments”***.

The youth of East Africa are important stakeholders in the EAC processes and form a substantial part of the population. Article 120 (c) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community <sup>1</sup> provides for adoption of a common approach for involvement of the youth in the integration process through education, training and mainstreaming youth issues into EAC policies, programs and projects as one of the strategic interventions towards the realization of a fully integrated Community.

**2.0 EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY YOUTH AMBASSADORS PLATFORM**

The EAC Youth Ambassadors Platform (EAC-YAP) was launched during the 2<sup>nd</sup>EAC Regional Inter-Universities Students' Debate at Dar es Salaam in

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<sup>1</sup> The Treaty for Establishment of the East African Community is available at [www.eac.int](http://www.eac.int)

United Republic of Tanzania. It is led by Youth Ambassadors of each partner state who are winners of the annual students' debate, with alumni Ambassadors, past participants and all other youth passionate about the EAC being its members. This platform brings all the youth together with the purpose of bridging the information gap about the EAC integration and fosters their participation in accelerating the integration through knowledge and experience sharing.

### **3.0 KENYA MODEL EAC CLUBS**

The main purpose of launching the EAC clubs in schools is to bring together students from different universities across the country under the EAC YAP, to engage them in continuous dialogue on the processes of integration and community work that would be of a paramount importance in promoting a sustainable East African Union as per the aspirations of the mission and goal of the EAC.

Currently, the existing EAC clubs are in

- i. Technical University of Kenya (TUK)
- ii. Moi University
- iii. University of Nairobi (UON)
- iv. Kenyatta University
- v. Strathmore University
- vi. St. Paul's University
- vii. Maseno university
- viii. Egerton University
- ix. Maasai Mara University
- x. United States International University
- xi. Catholic University of Eastern Africa
- xii. African Nazarene University
- xiii. Dedan Kimathi University of Technology

### **2.0 Methodology**

This event is an initiative of the EAC- YAP in collaboration with Nairobi Global Shapers

It will be officially conducted by the Global Shapers team who are co-organizers of the event. The sensitization will be delivered by way of interactive sessions among the students. Sensitization materials shall be availed to help in delivering and understanding issues. The main event will be tree planting.

### **3.0 Objectives**

- i. To plant 600 trees
- ii. To sensitize the pupils and university students about EAC

### **4.0 Expected outcomes**

- i. Planted 600 trees
- ii. Increased awareness amongst the students and the community on the EAC Integration process.

### **5.0 Partnership.**

Our main partners will be:

- i. Nairobi Global Shapers
- ii. Kenya model EAC clubs
- iii. Embulbul Primary
- iv. TUK and UON administration

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