



## EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

### EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)

#### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION TO URGE EAC PARTNER STATES TO FAST-TRACK DOMESTICATION OF THE MALABO DECLARATION AND ITS COMMITMENTS

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*We, Members of the East African Legislative Assembly;*

**HAVING RECEIVED** the Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources on the "EAC Agriculture Budget Summit 2016" organized by the Eastern and Southern Small Scale Farmers and other Partners in the Agriculture sector in the EAC region;

**AWARE OF** the objective of the Summit that was to galvanize smallholders' voices for increased financing for Agriculture in East African region, increase public awareness on the CAADP Result framework and the Malabo Declaration 2014-2025;

**CONSIDERING** the Communiqué from that EAC Agriculture Budget Summit 2016;

**RECALLING** the provisions of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, in particular Articles 105, 106,107,108,109 and 110 on Agriculture and Food Security;

**RECOGNISING** the provisions of the regional agriculture instruments including the East African Community Agriculture and Rural Development Policy and Strategy, the EAC Food and Nutrition Policy, Livestock Policy and the regional Fisheries instruments

as well as the EAC CAADP Compact and the EAC Food Security Action Plan alongside the Action plan to enhance the Resilience capacity of livestock keepers in the Arid and Semi-Arid (ASAL) lands of East Africa;

**FURTHER RECOGNISING** the importance of agroecology and smart agriculture in the ever changing climatic conditions;

**RECALLING** the Sirte Declaration of July 2009 on Investing in Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security;

**FURTHER RECALLING** the Communiqué of the 9<sup>th</sup> Extra Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State point (13) held in Dar es Salaam on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2011;

**AWARE and CONCERNED** that the Maputo Declaration of July 2003 - 2009 has not been fully implemented in the EAC and that the Malabo Declaration 2014 -2025 domestication process has been slow and that the budget allocations target to 10% in most of the EAC Partner States has not been fulfilled and that annual agriculture sector growth within EAC remains below the targeted 6% except in Rwanda;

**FURTHER CONCERNED OF** the rapid disappearance of food diversity and local seeds as well as large scale land acquisitions with unchecked promotion of foreign investments that take away agriculture land from small scale farmers;

**RECOGNIZING THAT** Agriculture contributes 40% to the Region's gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the EAC Region;

**FURTHER OBSERVING THAT** the level of agriculture funding has yet to catalyze economic transformation due to low value for money, systemic leakages and corruption and that smallholder crop growers, pastoralists and fisher folks priorities still not form the basis for agriculture planning and budgeting;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT** Agriculture can potentially eradicate poverty 11 times more than oil and gas sectors, and that fruits, vegetables and cereals have been the fastest growing value chain sub-sectors in the EAC;

**MINDFUL OF** the ever changing climatic conditions and that weather moves such as el Niño pose a threat to production and livelihoods and foretells further poverty, hunger and malnutrition;

**OBSERVING THAT** Smallholder farmers' priorities still in practice not forming the basis for agriculture planning and budgeting;

**WELCOMING** the AU Malabo Declaration of June 2014 on Accelerated Agricultural growth and transformation for shared prosperity and improved livelihoods and its 8 goals to be achieved by 2025 as follows:

- (i) Recommitment to the Principles and Values of the CAADP Process;
- (ii) Recommitment to enhance investment finance in Agriculture by upholding 10% public spending target and Operationalization of Africa Investment Bank;
- (iii) Commitment to Ending Hunger by 2025 by at least double productivity (focusing on Inputs, irrigation, mechanization); Reduce PHL at least by half and reduce stunting to 10%;
- (iv) Commitment to Halving Poverty, by 2025, through inclusive Agricultural Growth and Transformation and sustain Annual sector growth in Agricultural GDP at least 6%; Strengthening inclusive public-private partnerships on agricultural commodity value chains ; Create job opportunities for at least 30% of the youth in agricultural value chains;
- (v) Commitment to Boosting Intra-African Trade in Agricultural Commodities and services by tripling intra-Africa trade in agricultural commodities and fast track continental free trade area;
- (vi) Commitment to Enhancing Resilience in livelihoods & production systems to climate variability and other shocks;
- (vii) Commitment to Mutual Accountability to Actions and Results;

**MINDFUL OF** the importance of domesticating the regional framework to transform agriculture sector while recognizing the rights and roles of majority smallholder crop growers, fisher folks and livestock keepers, as well as medium and larger scale farmers;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT** the regional parliament has a critical role to play in advocating for appropriate implementation of various commitments by Partner States as well as domestication of implementation principles into national laws and in overseeing the status of their implementation and involvement of all stakeholders in the agriculture planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring, for positive impacts on citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE, DO HEREBY RESOLVE TO:**

**EXPEDITE:**

1. The domestication of the Malabo Declaration 2014 -2025 by putting in place regional legally binding protocol and financial instruments which are responsive to the needs of smallholder farmers, the youths and women to ensure regional realisation of its goals.

2. Institutionalize an annual dialogue framework between Farmers, Non State actors, Member States CAADP Focal Persons, Agriculture Parliamentary Committee Chairpersons and the EALA Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources (ATNR) committee, through an annual conference. The conference should promote dialogue on the implementation of the Malabo commitments so as to enhance mutual accountability within the agriculture sector in the region, as well as fronting new ideas.
3. To carry out sensitization programmes to reach out policy- makers including ministers responsible for Agriculture to ensure the EAC Food Security Action Plan (2011-2015) and the EAC Climate Change Policy have been properly implemented as directed by the 9<sup>th</sup> EAC Heads of State Summit as well as the proper implementation of the Malabo commitments by Partner States.

**URGE the EAC:**

4. To prioritize harmonisation of national laws, policies and strategies on Agriculture and Food Security to ease urgent implementation of Malabo commitments.
5. To enhance inter- agency collaboration at local, national, regional and continental levels in the implementation of Malabo Commitments.

**REQUEST EAC PARTNER STATES:**

6. To draft, review and amend national legislations, regulations, standards and policy frameworks addressing agriculture, land, water, environment, infrastructure, energy policies, budgets, and development programmes which are compliant to the Malabo Declaration.
7. To seek to increase the quality of investments through addressing national priorities connected with farmers own priorities, closing leakages, corruption, wastages and increasing absorption rate in the agriculture sector with a correlation between budget allocation, agriculture returns and sectoral growth targets.

**CALL UPON EAC PARTNER STATES GOVERNMENTS:**

8. To allocate budgets to agriculture that reach the Malabo Declaration target of at least 10% annually or at least progressively. The main focus should be on financing smallholder centered programmes like extension services, research,

input support, improving access to finance and market; and to focus on efficient utilization of budget allocations.

9. To use a bottom-up approach, be producer- centered and ensure a trickledown effect to smallholder producers, women and youth during Planning, Budgeting, Implementation and Monitoring of agriculture related programmes and to ensure budgetary priorities respond to the needs and priorities of the smallholder food producers, the youths and women and investment is called for in highly productive value chains enterprises through increasing allocations, capacitating youths and women to utilize opportunities.
10. To increase competitiveness in Agriculture through investing in agri-industries, appropriate infrastructure, energy, water, roads, and access to market for smallholders.

**CALL UPON EAC NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS:**

11. To use their cardinal roles to popularize the Malabo Declaration to enhance citizens' knowledge and create capacity to put pressure and demand corresponding allocations from governments.
12. To ensure that governments put in place platforms for mutual accountability to urge increased government responsiveness.

**REQUEST NATIONAL LEVEL PARLIAMENTARY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND LOCAL COUNCILS:**

13. To institute collaboration and dialogue frameworks with smallholder farmers, Non-State Actors so as to review implementation and performance of the agriculture sector and in particular the Malabo Commitments and ensure that they are climate Change compliant to avoid losses in investments by smallholder farmers.

**ALSO REQUEST:**

14. The EAC Secretariat to institutionalise a Regional Agriculture Advisory Council to advise on the harmonization of regional agriculture policy frameworks and programmes; the council could comprise of EAC/EALA Secretariat and

Member States Representatives, Academia, Regional Farmer Organisations and Civil Society as well as Consumers;

15. The EAC Secretariat to expedite development of the strategy to strengthen coordination unit and regional collaboration in the Implementation of Malabo commitments and to ensure that the Council adopts the same.

**REQUEST THE EAC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:**

16. To transmit these Resolutions to the Heads of State Summit scheduled for November 2016 for their endorsement.
17. To take actions aimed at enforcement of the Resolutions adopted by EALA on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change.

**Adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) in  
Zanzibar on 20<sup>th</sup> /10/2016**