

**THE BUJUMBURA COMMUNIQUE OF THE EAST AFRICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES  
(EAAACA) 2009**

We, the Heads of the members of the East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities having today held the Third Annual General Meeting in Bujumbura, Burundi;

RECOGNISING that the vision of the Association is to promote the spirit of zero tolerance against corruption and encourage regional cooperation in preventing and combating corruption;

NOTING the importance of prevention and combating corruption in the East African Community integration;

RECOGNISING that there is cross border corruption in the East African region;

RECOGNISING further that corruption impedes national efforts for poverty eradication, economic and gender empowerment, career development, and delivery of essential services such as health care, education and security;

REALISING that there is an apparent hostility against the Anti-Corruption Authorities in many countries which is causing uncertainty;

COGNIZANT of the fact that corruption cannot be fought successfully without the support of the general public and political will of leaders;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of capacity building for the member Authorities;

KNOWING the important role of the media in public awareness and sensitization programmes on anti-corruption campaigns;

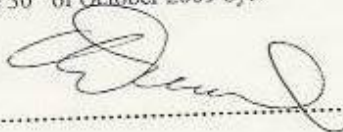
HAVING RECEIVED the country reports of the Member Authorities of the Association as presented here today:

HAVE RESOLVED as follows:


1. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall cooperate with each other for detecting, tracing, investigating, confiscating and repatriation of assets and instruments tainted with corruption throughout the East African Community region;
2. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall provide Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) to the fullest measure possible under the national laws of the Partner States of the East African Community;

3. That the Authorities should carry out joint investigations into cross border corruption to enhance the spirit of East African Community cooperation;
4. That there should be joint training, research, particularly in the areas of assets recovery, investigations, and intelligence;
5. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall have a programme of exchanging information, experience and skills on investigation, prevention and recovery of ill-gotten wealth;
6. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall promptly pay membership fees and other contributions and to supplement the Association's budget; and
7. That the Association shall seek to strategically enlist the support of civil society and the media in working together to enhance the prevention and combating of corruption.


SIGNED at the Hotel Source du Nil, Bujumbura in the Republic of Burundi this day, the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 by:



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