ORIGINAL

EAST AFRICAN BUDGET NETWORK CHARTER

PREAMBLE

We the Civil Society Organisations from the existing partner Statesof East African Community (EAC) gathered here in Arusha Tanzania on 28th March 2019,

ACKNOWLEDGE the importance of integration of the East African Community for the development of her people and contribution to greater Africa Development Agenda 2063,

COGNISANT that the process of integration requires participation of all stakeholders to appreciate the progress and challenges registered under the EAC this far,

MINDFULof the different contexts of economic development amongst partner States,

AWARE that the EAC members have harmonized their budget theme, process and reading date,

COMMITTED to the pursuit of the fulfilment of the integration Pillars, and

DESIROUS of forming and is hereby formed, a platform called **East African Budget Network (EABN)**for Non-State Actors collaboration, sharing, engaging and adding value to the EAC integration with a focus on the FISCAL POLICY as an entry point towards sustainable development that benefits the different categories of the people of EAC,

VISION

To be a leading voice of NSAs and CSOs in fosteringFiscal policy and Budget Accountability within EAC

MISSION

To advocate and influence Fiscal policies and budget Accountability

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn, shareand collaborate with stakeholders across the EAC in pursuit of joint voice of the NSAs into Fiscal policy dialogue for EAC integration.
2. To complement the Government bureaucrats and Political leaders for EAC integration especially in areas of Knowledge Development.

3. To advocate on Accountability for Fiscal Policy Reforms in the EACby Heads of State at the EAC level.
4. To follow up on the fiscal policy compliance of the commitments by the EAC organs

A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE CHARTER

This Charter is NEITHER a binding agreement and NOR have any legally binding Commitments except that it operates as a Memorandum of Understanding amongst the Signatories hereto and those who will subscribe to it for purposes of focus and solidarity.

B. CORE VALUES OF EABN

i. **Integrity** and Respect (Ethical and Honesty,dignity of all subscribers and stakeholders in pursuit of our work)
ii. **Excellence** (Quality and Performance in our engagements)
iii. **Teamwork** (Collaboration and Cooperation amongst NSAs across in the EAC partner States)
iv. **Innovation** (Creativity and Ingenuity to drive our agenda and add value)
v. **Achievement** (Results and Success is how we measure ourselves)
vi. **Fairness** (Diversity and Inclusive in advocating for budgets for all sectors and people)
vii. **Learning** (Continuous Improvement and Knowledge development)

C. COMMON PRINCIPLES

1) **Voluntarism:** The EABN will accept members and stakeholders who voluntarily express interest to subscribe and abide by her Vision, Mission, Objectives and Values.
2) **Resource commitments:** The EABN members and stakeholders will commit resources, material or otherwise for the furtherance of the objectives of EABN.
3) **Cooperation:** The **EABN** members will pursue cooperation with other platforms, individuals considered as strategic, apex bodies or networks existing or yet to be formed and will nol antagonize other platforms in pursuit of similar objectives.

4) **Communication:** TheEABN will ensure effective communication to and from her members and stakeholders.

D. LEGAL STATUS OF EABN

EABN is a lose platform which is not legally registered as a corporate entity but will be coordinated by designated or elected Coordinating Team from entities which are themselves legally registered in its respective partner state of the EAC.

E. MEMBERSHIP

i. The membership of the EABN is composed of those who subscribe to thisCharter and are here undersigned

ii. Those members who by a written notification to the Steering Committee and such notification is endorsed by at least TWO CSOs from the country of the notifying member.

iii. The membership of the EABN will be Organisations registered under the laws of their respective countries and shall deposit with the Coordinating Team evidence of such registration.

iv. Such other Associate members as will be endorsed by the Steering Committee

F. STEERING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Sttering Committee that is composed of Country Coordinator of EABN

G. COORDINATING UNIT

The Coordinating Unit shall be composed of the Secretary, Chairperson and Vice Chair Person who will be selected from amongst the Coordinating Committee.

H. SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat of the EABN shall be at The Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group offices in Uganda until it is decided otherwise by the members

I. NOTIFICATION OF EAC SECRETARIAT

The Coordinating Team will deposit a copy of this Charter with the EAC Secretariat and shall furnish the Secretariat with evidence of legal status of each of its members within their respective countries.

J. COMMUNICATION WITH EAC SECRETARIAT AND PARTNERS

The EABN will communicate with the Secretariat or Partners through the Coordinating Team who shall be selected by the members and brought to the attention of the Secretariat.

K. POWERS TO ENTER INTO MOUs

The Coordinating Team shall have powers to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Secretariat, development partners or other stakeholders provided that such MoUs have been endorsed by 2/3 of the Network registered members.

L. MEETINGS

i. The EABN members shall meet at least ONE times in a year to discuss the matters pertinent to development of the Network.

ii. The Members of the Network may meet as regularly as the business urgency requires especially for furthering the objectives of the Network.

M. RESOLUTIONS

i. The EABN meetings shall produce resolutions that each representative of member organization shall convey to his or her Organisations.

ii. Where such a Resolution requires commitment from the member organization, the member organization shall furnish evidence in writing of such commitments within 15 days unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Resolution.

N. AUTHORITY TO COMMIT MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

The representatives of the undersigned members and representatives of those who will be admitted to the membership shall be deemed to be duly authorized by their respective Organizations to sign and commit his or her organization to the pursuit of the EABN objectives

We the undersign organizations, constitute and form the EABN in Arusha, Tanzania on ...28....Day of ...March.....2019

NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE	DESIGNATION	SIGN
1	Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development (TCDD)	Hebron Mwakagenda	Executive Director	
2	Andrew Ballorakha NKORE KIGEZI RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (NKRED)	ANDREW BALORAKHA	Executive Director	
3.	TANZANIA CITIZENS' INFORMATION BUREAU	DELIS M. KIBAMBA	Executive Director	
4.	JUSTICE AFRICCA	BENJAMIN OCHIENGH	Project Advisor	
5	AFRICA YOUTH TRUST	DAVID MOMANYI	Executive Director	
6	EAST AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION FORUM	JONAS NDUNGURU	Communications Officer	
7	Cadre Burundais de l'audit Social	DORINE NKUNDABANE	Cordinator Program	
8.	Rwanda development organization (RDO)	Mugwaneza Ntara	Programs Officer	
9.	UGANDA DEBT NETWORK (UDN)	JULIUS KAPWEPWE	Director - Programs	
10	CIVIL SOCIETY BUDGET ADVOCACY GROUP (CSBAG)	MUKUNDA JULIUS	EX. DIRECTOR	
11	CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND POLICY PRIORITIES	NKURUNZIZA ALEXIS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	