We work to achieve a market-driven, people-centred East African Community integration
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1. Welcome

Godje Bialluch, Cluster Coordinator for East African Community Cooperation

“Integration is about people.” This statement by the new East African Community (EAC) Secretary General Dr Peter Mutuku Mathuki, made in an interview shortly before his inauguration in April 2021, confirms that the approach and objectives of the projects implemented by GIZ in support of the EAC are on the right track. Regional integration needs to be market-driven and people-centred to bring its benefits to all people of East Africa. This is the ultimate goal.

GIZ on behalf of the German Government assists the EAC Secretariat and the Partner States in driving the process of regional economic integration together with organisations from the private sector, civil society and academia. Diversification of industries and adding value to products and services in the region is at the forefront of this partnership. In the past years, the cooperation has extended to projects in the areas of pandemic preparedness and academic education with a focus on digital skills development. In addition, global and regional projects funded by the German government to support agricultural trade, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), border governance and e-Commerce are jointly implemented with the EAC. GIZ is also implementing partner of the European Union in the EU-EAC MARKUP project.

In this overview, we present to you a summary of projects jointly implemented with the EAC as well as short information on the teams working towards the above-stated goal together with our partners.

The fruitful cooperation between the EAC and Germany to support regional economic integration is ongoing since over 20 years. The EAC is a regional intergovernmental organisation of six Partner States with the mission of establishing and deepening the economic, political, social and cultural integration of its members. The work of the EAC is guided by its Treaty which established the Community on 7 July 2000. The four defined pillars of integration include the establishment of a customs union, common market, monetary union and political federation. GIZ supports the EAC Secretariat and the Partner States regarding the implementation of the first two pillars of integration – the customs union and the common market protocol.

We hope you enjoy reading about the EAC-GIZ cooperation, which is based on inclusivity and the desire to deliver the positive impacts of regional integration to all people in the EAC. Please visit the website eacgermany.org to get more information on how projects are implemented, and results achieved.

Arusha, May 2021
EAC integration is a driver for economic growth in the region.

The vision of the EAC is to be a prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa.

The mission of the Community 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.
II. Who We Are

The German government supports East African integration since 1998 based on the common understanding that regional integration will improve the social and economic development of East African Community (EAC) Partner States.

The support started with close cooperation with the EAC Secretariat mainly in customs and trade as well as strengthening the capacities of the Secretariat to coordinate the integration process. Today, Germany supports the implementation of the customs union and the common market by working with the EAC Secretariat, national ministries and other stakeholders such as national and regional private sector and civil society associations and academic institutions. The priority areas are regional economic integration and health with the objective of deepening regional and social integration of the EAC Partner States.

On behalf of the German government and other commissioning partners, GIZ implements projects in support of EAC integration in nine sectors.
The economy of the EAC offers great opportunities for businesses to grow through trade, investment, digital innovation and skills development. EAC-GIZ supports the EAC in fostering these opportunities and creating new ones through breaking down trade barriers, introducing digital solutions and initiating public-private dialogue.

EAC-GIZ supports the equal participation of citizens, communities and non-state actors throughout the EAC in an inclusive regional integration process to achieve direct benefits for citizens through sustainable development.
III. Meet the Teams

EAC-GIZ Cluster

Health

Regional Economic Integration

Pandemic Preparedness
- Support to Pandemic Preparedness in the EAC Region under the interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral One Health Approach
- Risk & Crisis Communication

Value Addition
- Regional Industrial Value Addition (RIVA)
- Market Access Upgrade Program (MARKUP, EU-cofunded)

Trade Liberalisation
- Liberalisation of Trade in Services

Non-State Actors Cooperation
- Incubator for Integration and Development (IIDEA)
- Intra-Regional Trade Facility (IRTF)

SEAMPEC

Digital Skills for an Innovative East African Industry (dSkills@EA)
- Master of Science in Embedded and Mobile Systems
- Digital Skills Accelerator
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Promotion
- Collaboration with Private Sector

African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Fund for Agricultural Policy Advice and Innovation (FABI)

Pan-African e-Commerce Initiative (PeCI)

African Union Border Programme (AUBP)

*Global/regional projects with EAC-component
1. Support to East African Market-Driven and People-Centred Integration (SEAMPEC)

Objective
The framework conditions for increasing value added in selected regional economic sectors in the EAC are improved.

EAC sectors supported

Duration
June 2019 – July 2022

Volume
13.363.808 €
(BMZ: 10.556.518 €; EU: 2.807.290 €)

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Team

Name: Godje Bialluch
Position: EAC-GIZ Cluster Coordinator; Programme Manager SEAMPEC
Main Tasks: Representation and coordination of the EAC-GIZ projects; overall responsibility for the implementation of SEAMPEC

Name: Bernd Schmidt
Position: Deputy Programme Manager SEAMPEC; Senior Advisor
Main Tasks: Coordination of SEAMPEC Output Areas: Value Addition, Trade and Service Liberalisation

Name: Marius Weist
Position: Technical Advisor
Main Tasks: SEAMPEC project management support; coordination of Cluster communication and monitoring
SEAMPEC Area of Support:
Trade and Service Liberalisation & Non-State Actors

Name: Marvin Nuwagaba
Position: Senior Advisor
Main Tasks: Coordination of Trade in Services activities and support to EAC investment promotion

Name: Joyce Kevin Abalo
Position: Senior Advisor
Main Tasks: Responsible for Non-State Actors Funds IDEA and IRTF as well as gender and diversity as a cross-cutting issue

Name: Margrit Muller
Position: Communications Coordinator
Main Tasks: Coordination of Non-State Actors and MARKUP communication activities

SEAMPEC Area of Support: EU-EAC Market Access Upgrade Programme (MARKUP)

Name: Estella Aryada
Position: Programme Coordinator
Main Tasks: Coordination of MARKUP activities, supervision and management of the Programme Coordination

Name: Dr Martin Kimanya
Position: Senior Advisor
Main Tasks: Assessment and harmonisation of food standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Name: Sylvester Malowa
Position: Monitoring/Evaluation and Communications Advisor
Main Tasks: Results-based monitoring, evaluation and coordination of MARKUP
SEAMPEC Area of Support: Regional Industrial Value Addition

Name: Dr Thomas Walter  
Position: Team Leader  
Main Tasks: Management of the GFA team with a focus on pharmaceutical production and agro-processing

Name: Wesley Ronoh  
Position: Regional Expert  
Main Tasks: Coordination of pharmaceutical sector promotion

Name: Jennifer Gache  
Position: Regional Expert  
Main Tasks: Coordination of agro-processing and industrial development

Name: Leyla Himba  
Position: Administrative and Finance Manager  
Main Tasks: Event management, financial management and accounting, office management
2. Digital Skills for an Innovative East African Industry (dSkills@EA)

**Objective**
Employment and innovation related digital skills of youth in the East African Community Partner States Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda are strengthened.

**EAC sectors supported**

**Duration**
April 2021 – March 2024

**Volume**
5.700.000 €

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**Team**

- **Name:** Simon Hochstein  
  **Position:** Project Director  
  **Main Tasks:** Responsibility for the implementation of the project

- **Name:** Sara Stjepanovic  
  **Position:** Advisor  
  **Main Tasks:** Industry-academia collaboration and innovation transfer

- **Name:** Evelyn Elliseus Rutazaha  
  **Position:** Advisor  
  **Main Tasks:** Advisory business liaison, coordination of innovation promotion activities and project communication
3. Support to Pandemic Preparedness in the EAC Region

**Objective**
The EAC Secretariat’s support for the Partner States for pandemic preparedness is improved.

**EAC sectors supported**

**Duration**
July 2019 – August 2022

**Volume**
4,700,000 €

**Commissioned by**
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

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**Team**

**Name:** Dr Irene Lukassowitz  
**Position:** Project Manager  
**Main Tasks:** Overall project management, including the steering of consultancy firm GOPA and professional guidance

**Name:** Upendo Maeda  
**Position:** Administration and Finance Professional  
**Main Tasks:** Administration and finance

**Name:** Timothy Wesonga  
**Position:** Advisor  
**Main Tasks:** Strengthening pandemic preparedness and implementing the One-Health-Approach in the region

**Name:** Neema Chande  
**Position:** Administration and Finance Professional  
**Main Tasks:** Administration and finance
4. African Continental Free Trade Area, EAC-Component
*(part of: GIZ-AU African Continental Free Trade Area Project; AfCFTA)*

**Objective**
Contribute to the EAC’s efforts towards strengthening framework conditions for implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area.

**Duration**
August 2020 – January 2023

**Commissioned by**
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

**EAC sectors supported**

![EAC sectors supported]

**Name:** Rehema Nzallawahe  
**Position:** Advisor  
**Main Tasks:** Responsible for AfCFTA EAC-component objectives and synergies with SEAMPEC

5. EAC e-Commerce Support
*(part of: Pan-African e-Commerce Initiative – Boosting African Digital Trade; PeCI)*

**Objective**
Improve framework conditions for companies in selected African countries to participate in cross-border e-Commerce.

**Duration**
January 2020 – December 2022

**Commissioned by**
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

**EAC sectors supported**

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**Name:** Aiman Ahmed Noor  
**Position:** Advisor  
**Main Tasks:** Coordination and implementation of project activities in the EAC
6. Border Governance in Africa, EAC-Component

(part of: GIZ-AU Support to the African Union Border Programme; GIZ-AUBP)

**Objective**
Support EAC’s efforts towards preventing border related disputes and fostering cross border cooperation and coordinated border governance for smooth regional integration.

**EAC sectors supported**

**Duration**
January 2020 – December 2022

**Commissioned by**
German Federal Foreign Office

**Team**
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7. Improvement of Regional Trade with Seed Potatoes in Eastern Africa

(part of: Agricultural Policy and Innovation Fund; FABI)

**Objective**
A basis for the development of trade in seed potatoes in the EAC is provided.

**EAC sectors supported**

**Duration**
November 2019 – April 2022

**Commissioned by**
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

**Team**

Name: George Okundi
Position: Regional Coordinator EAC
Main Tasks: Coordinating the project implementation

Name: Mkani David Waziri
Position: Advisor
Main Tasks: Coordinating the implementation of activities
c. Admin & Finance

**Team**

Name: Racheal Gatheca-Schild  
**Position:** Head of Finance and Administration  
**Main Tasks:** Expenditure and budget monitoring, contract monitoring, external audit & quality control

Name: Ruth Mwamwaja  
**Position:** Deputy Head of Finance and Administration  
**Main Tasks:** Procurement of services, local subsidy contracts/financing agreements, accounting

Name: Bestina Maiba  
**Position:** Administrative Professional  
**Main Tasks:** Procurement of services, appraiser contracts

Name: Amani Khassa  
**Position:** Junior Professional Admin and Event Management  
**Main Tasks:** Support in accounting

Name: Ahmed Mwampambe  
**Position:** Junior Professional Admin and Event Management  
**Main Tasks:** Procurement of goods, office operations and security
Name: Zubeda Osman
Position: Administration and Event Management Assistant
Main Tasks: Events and logistics

Name: Donatien Ngomirakiza
Position: Administrative Professional
Main Tasks: Financial services, accounting and controlling, procurement for MARKUP

Name: Gertrude Kintu
Position: Support staff
Main Tasks: Office maintenance

Name: Bosco Mlay
Position: Driver
Main Tasks: Driving and vehicle maintenance, support to AMA for private car registration, insurance, licensing etc.

Name: Peter Guzzo
Position: Driver
Main Tasks: Driving and vehicle maintenance
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