



## **EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

# **PROMOTING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EAC REGIONAL VACCINE/PHARMACEUTICALS MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR AFRICAN VACCINE  
MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE (AVMI) FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE**

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# Introduction

EAC is one of the 8 RECs under AU



## 6 Partner States



**Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda,  
South Sudan, Uganda and  
United Republic of Tanzania**



# **EAC TREATY**

## **4 Pillars of Integration**

**Customs  
Union**

**Common  
Market**

**Monetary  
Union**

**Political  
Federation**

**Mission: “widen and deepen the 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”.**

## Key Achievements in Integration

- ✓ A fully-fledged Customs Territory since 2014.
- ✓ Steady progress in the implementation of Common Market Protocol with significant removal of non-tariff barriers to trade.
- ✓ Implementation of free movement of persons received a major boost by the agreement on the use of Identity Cards as travel documents within East Africa for Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda.
- ✓ EAC declared as a common higher education area in May 2017.
- ✓ Central Banks started implementation of an East African Payments System.
- ✓ EAC has been recognized as one of the fastest growing regions in Sub-Saharan Africa with an average GDP growth of 6.2 % in 2015.
- ✓ EAC is one of the largest regional economic blocs and has one of the largest single markets in Africa with a total population of about 177 million.

# 1. Why an EAC Regional Vaccines Manufacturing Facility?

*1-Graduation from GAVI and Managing the Transition*

*2-WHO – “Technology Transfer Initiative”*

*3-UNCTAD Support in the Elaboration of the EACRPMPOA (2017-2027)*

*4-EAC Industrialisation Policy & Strategy and Priority Interventions for Collective Development by Partner States*

*5-Political Will/Commitment*

## 2. Where are we as a Region?

*1-First East-African Vaccine Symposium Organized*

*2-Meeting on Promoting an EAC Regional  
Vaccines/Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Facility in the  
Offing*

*3-Conducive Environment*

*5- Inclusive Process*

### 3. What are our Future Plans?

*1- Regional Task Force Established - what next?*

*2- International Consultative Meeting and Regional Task Force Meeting planned*

*3-Short Questions Looking for Quick Wins*



