



EAC Secretariat's Capacity Building: Effective Implementation of The EU-EAC CORE Programme

In today's fast changing regional and global trade landscape, the role of the East African Community(EAC) secretariat in driving regional integration, trade and economic development is more critical than ever.

But the secretariat must evolve their internal capacity to implement and deliver on its wide ranging programmes.

The EU-EAC CORE Programme is a joint initiative between the European Union(EU) and the East African Community(-EAC) aimed at advancing regional economic integration in East Africa.

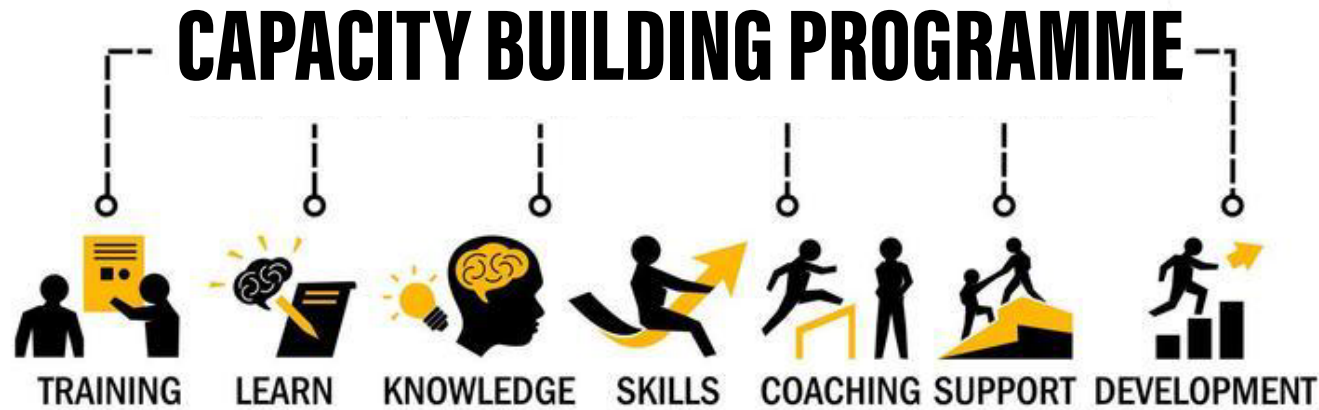


Regional integration is only as strong as the institutions driving it.

The EU-EAC CORE Programme rolled out a capacity building program in February, 2025 focusing on reinforcing the capacity of the EAC Secretariat to deliver its overall mandate by improving its corporate service performance with reference to the EU-EAC CORE Programme implementation.

The capacity building programme was informed by the findings of the capacity needs assessment concluded in 2024 by the different EAC Secretariat departments such as; resource mobilization, finance planning and competition authority. The assessment highlighted the need to strengthen knowledge, systems and operational capacities in line with the EU best practices, regulations and programme management.

To address this gaps, a tailored capacity building programme was designed to equip the EAC Secretariat with necessary knowledge and skills to effectively implement the EU-EAC CORE Programme.



The first phase of the capacity building programme consists of a series of eight webinar sessions that conclude on the 9th April, 2025, which provide an introduction to several topics related to the European Union(EU) and European Development Fund(EDF) funded programmes.

The second phase consists of in person capacity building four day workshop that will take place in Moshi, Tanzania, from May 20th - 23rd , 2025. The target departments to benefit from this workshop include Trade & Customs, Resource Mobilization, Finance, Procurement and Planning departments.



We believe capacity building is not just about skills, but unlocking the potential of both individuals and institutions to drive real and lasting impact.

As the CORE Programme progresses, the capacity building initiative seeks to build the internal capacity of the EAC Secretariat to ensure effective implementation and sustainability of programme outcomes. The EU-EAC CORE Programme Capacity building initiative is a critical and strategic investment that will strengthen the EAC Secretariat to drive East Africa's integration agenda forward.