



Annual Report 2013

East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP)

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ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
AWMIK	Association of Media Women in Kenya
AWAN	Association of Women in Agri-Business Network in Kenya and East Africa
AWDF	African Women Development Fund
AFAB	Burundi Women Entrepreneur’s Association
BADEA	The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
BMOs	Business Membership Organizations
CTS	Chamber Trade Sweden
EABC	East African Business Council
EAC	East African Community
EADB	East African Development Bank
EAWIBP	East African Women in Business Platform
EASSI	Eastern African sub Regional Support Initiative for Advancement of Women
FEWA-K	Federation of Women Entrepreneurs Association in Kenya
ICT	Information, Communication and Technology
ITC	International Trade Center
MoC	Memorandum of Cooperation
RCWE	Rwanda Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs
SCT	Single Customs Territory
TWCC	Tanzania Women’s Chamber of Commerce
UWEAL	Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Limited
WEE	Women’s Economic Empowerment

Foreword (from Chairperson)

Executive Summary (to be inserted in final draft)

1.0 Introduction and Background

The East African Community (EAC) has a combined population of more than 145 million people and a combined Gross Domestic Product of USD 98 billion. The Treaty for the Establishment of East African Community (EAC) came into force on 7th July 2000 and the main objective of this Regional Economic Community(as provided in the Treaty) is to develop policies and programmes aimed at widening and deepening co-operation among the five Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania) in mainly political and economic, social and cultural fields, research and technology, defence, security, legal and judicial affairs, for the partners' mutual benefit.

One of EAC's core integration principles is a market driven and private sector led integration process. Notably, Article 121 and 122 of the Treaty emphasizes the role of women in socio-economic development and in business as core issues for the effective cooperation and development of the Partner States. The Treaty commits, amongst others, to increase the participation of women in business at the policy formulation and implementation levels as well as support to national and regional associations. Additionally, EAC key policy documents such as the 4th EAC Development Strategy 2011/2012-2015/2016 as well as EAC Strategic Plan for Gender, Youth, Children, Social Protection and Community Development 2012-2014, all purpose to advance the status of women through the development of a regional policy for women's socio-economic development and women in business.

With the aim of contributing to enhancing the role of women entrepreneurs in the EAC integration process, the East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP) was formally launched in May 2012 by the Secretary General of the EAC, Ambassador, Dr. Richard Sezibera. EAWiBP is an advocacy forum that brings together business and professional women from across the East African Community (EAC). Its membership and Executive/ Steering Committee comprises of; *national apex bodies/ associations/ networks of business women (including associations of women formal and informal cross-border traders); professional women associations; and regional civil society organisations working to promote business women and women's socio-economic advancement.*

The Platform mainly works through national business and professional associations across the region and by virtue of this currently represents over 3,000 business and professional women in the region. The Platform is currently hosted, in Arusha- Tanzania, by East African Business Council (EABC) which is the regional apex body for the private sector established in 1997.

EAWiBP draws its mandate from the Treaty for the Establishment of East African Community, particularly under Chapter 25 and Articles 121 and 122, and is inspired by the vision of becoming **“A Women’s Centre of Excellence for Intra and Extra-EAC Trade”**. Its mission is; **“Position and Catalyse the Participation of Women in EAC’s Integration Process”**. The Platform is taking proactive steps to increase women’s participation in intra -EAC trade, EAC integration process and economic empowerment and thereby works towards the following result areas;

1. Increased effective participation of women in business in the EAC integration processes.
2. Improved economic contribution of women in business in the EAC Partner States.
3. Increased progression of women-owned enterprises in the EAC from informal to formal status.

EAWiBP works toward achieving its goals through policy advocacy and by linking business women to information, markets, capital and technical assistance. Its specific intervention areas are;

1. Trade related knowledge strengthening of its membership
2. Policy research and advocacy on issues related to trade participation and women’s economic empowerment
3. Business to Business (B2B) linkages and networking
4. Business Development Skills including use for ICT to grow business
5. Business advisory and dissemination of information and business intelligence

The Platform’s key beneficiaries are; **national women business and professional associations and their members, cross border traders (including informal traders), small holder farmers and their associations, women-owned/run Micro, Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) and large enterprises and their national associations.**

Its main leadership and governance structure is its Executive/Steering Committee comprising of women leaders of national business and professional associations from across the EAC region. The following organisations/associations are represented in the Platform’s Steering/Executive Committee;

1. Association of Media Women in Kenya (AWMIK)
2. Association of Women in Agri-Business Network (AWAN) Kenya and East Africa
3. Burundi Women Entrepreneur's Association (AFAB)
4. Eastern African sub Regional Support Initiative for Advancement of Women (EASSI)
5. Federation of Women Entrepreneurs Association in Kenya (FEWA-K)
6. Rwanda Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs (RCWE)
7. Tanzania Women's Chamber of Commerce (TWCC)
8. Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Limited (UWEAL)

2.0 EAWiBP's Key Achievements in 2013

2.1 Enhanced Evidence- Based Policy Advocacy through Regional Study on Barriers Facing Women-Owned Business in the EAC Region

EAWiBP conducted a region-wide study in 2012 to document the barriers that hinder women-owned businesses from effectively participating intra-EAC trade. The draft report was validated in Nairobi, Kenya on 6th February 2013 at Laico Regency Hotel during a one day workshop that brought together a total of twenty seven participants. These included business women from across the region, leaders of national business and professional women associations and selected government officials.

During the workshop, participants were able to advance valuable input towards strengthening the report's findings, recommendations and key advocacy messages with the view of addressing the current challenges and improving the participation of business women in intra-EAC trade.

The report has since been finalised and published. A position paper was developed based on the final report and has continued to be utilised to advocate for an enabling business environment for women-owned businesses in various policy spaces at national, regional and international levels.

It is noteworthy that as outcome of EAWiBP's advocacy, the Platform partnered with the EAC Secretariat (Gender Department) to prepare the Terms of Reference for the development of zero draft of the EAC Policy on Promoting Business Women. It is envisaged that the zero draft will be

discussed and improved by multi-stakeholder forum and adopted by the EAC Partner States in 2014.

Table One: Report’s Key Findings, Recommendations and Advocacy Messages

Key Findings and Conclusions	Key Recommendations and Advocacy Messages
Ineffective Implementation of Legal and Policy Frameworks	Commit Adequate Resources to Gender Equality and Put in Place Clear Roadmaps. Upgrade to Directorate and Adequately Resource the EAC Gender and Community Development Department
Gender Neutral and Discriminative Legal and Policy Frameworks	Reform Laws and Policies to Capture Gender Concerns and Ensure they are Evidence-Based Fast-track development of Regional Policy to Promote Business Women
Majority of Women-Owned Businesses Small in Size, in Low-Value Sectors and Slow to Grow/ Progress	Develop and Implement National and Regional Programmes aimed at Growing Women-Owned Businesses
Inadequate knowledge on EAC’s Trade Regime and Regulatory Frameworks	Enhance sensitisation on EAC’s Integration Process as well as EAC’s Trade Regime and Regulatory Framework
Partial Inclusion of business women in trade negotiations and policy development	Enhance Inclusion of Business Women in Policy and Trade Negotiations For a. <u>At least 40% in government delegations</u>
Existing challenges in access to affordable credit and financing	Commit and Invest in Financial Inclusion of Women-Owned Businesses. Fast-track establishment of a Regional Financial Facility at EADB for women-owned businesses.

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Group Photo during Study Validation Workshop 6th February 2013, Nairobi Kenya

2.2 Enhanced Skills on Business Management through PRONET Training

With the support of GIZ/ GOPA, EAWiBP trained twenty-five business women drawn from across the EAC region on business management under PRONET training curriculum. The workshop was held from 2-6 December 2013, in Arusha, Tanzania and comprehensively covered two modules namely; business strategy and costing and financial management. EAWiBP plans to train the same participants on the remaining PRONET modules in June 2014 and thereafter certify them as PRONET train so as to enable them train other business women.



Participants listening keenly to the Guest Speaker, Mr. Perfect Lyimo- Founder and Managing Director Perfect Printers LTD, during the PRONET Training.

2.3 Enhanced advocacy and business networking at continental and international levels for women-owned businesses

2.3.1 EAWiBP attends NORFUND Annual's Conference in Oslo, Norway

Ms. Joanne Mwangi (an Executive Committee Member of EAWiBP and President of FEWA) accompanied the Secretary General of the East African Community Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera to NORFUND's Annual Conference, which was held on 21st August 2013 in Oslo Norway.

In his Keynote Address, the Secretary General, Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera highlighted the key challenges and opportunities faced by the Community in relation to trade, investment and industrialization. He noted that the key business and investment opportunities for Norwegians investors were in the sectors of Agro- processing, pharmaceuticals, the chemical industry, manufacturing, mining, fishing, tourism, Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) as well as oil and gas.

With the regards to the business women, the Secretary General reiterated that East Africa's economic vibrancy was in large part due to the hard labor and resilience of East African women. *“If East Africa is the new frontier market, then surely East African women are the true emerging market. Investing in them is smart economics. It also happens to be smart politics”* said Amb. Sezibera.

A major outcome of the conference was the increased visibility of trade and investment opportunities within the Community as well as deeper business and trade partnerships between Norway and the Community. In conclusion, major contacts and networks were made with development partners and potential investors which the Platform will continue to pursue to fruition.

2.3.2 EAWiBP Participates in the 8th African Congress for Women Entrepreneurs in Cairo Egypt

EAWiBP Executive Committee Member and Former Executive Director of the Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) Dr. Jane Wambui Thuo represented the Platform during the 8th African Congress for Women Entrepreneurs held from 23-25 April 2013 in Cairo, Egypt. In her presentation, she urged business women to engage with the media in order to advance their business ventures and raise the profile of women in business in Africa. Addressing over 250 women from different countries drawn from Africa, Asia, and around the world, she noted with regret that Africa is always portrayed negatively by the media with stories on wars, conflicts, poverty, malnutrition, diseases yet the continent has great positive aspects that need to be told. She cited the rich cultures, enormous wealth and resources, warm hearted people and great women. She also noted that women from Africa are also given a raw deal by the media locally and internationally and are seen more as victims yet they contribute immensely to the

“East Africa will have to trade itself out of poverty. A prosperous East Africa is good for its people, and it's good for the global economy. I welcome you to invest in East Africa. You are the generation that should do it, and the time is now”. **Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera during NORFUND Annual Conference**

wellbeing of their countries. She challenged business women to tell their success stories, reach out to the other women at community level

with business ideas at all levels from informal, small or large enterprises.

She further noted that with economic empowerment, women in business could influence their participation in politics. *“Politics is about influencing and lobbying and those who have economic muscle are not only respected but influence who get political leadership” She said.*



Panel of Speakers during the 8th African Conference of Women Entrepreneurs; 23-25 April 2013

2.3.3 EAWiBP Executive Committee Member, Ms. Joanne Mwangi, is elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Arab- African Business Women Union

A delegation of seven EAWiBP members, who are also business women, attended Forum for Arab and African Business Women held from 6-7 November 2013 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The conference was organized by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) under the theme *‘Arab and African Women and the Entrepreneurship’*. EAWiBP delivered a presentation during the conference that aimed at seeking partnership of BADEA towards the establishment of a financial facility for women-wined business at the East African Development Bank (EADB).

Two major outcomes emanated from the Forum as follows;

- Ms. Joanne Mwangi, (an Executive Committee Member and President of FEWA-Kenya) was elected the Vice- Chairperson of Arab- African Business Women Union that will focus on enhancing business partnership and investment between African and Arab business women. She will also represent the EAC in the Union’s Executive Committee.

- EAWiBP was able to successfully convince BADEA to invest in the proposed financial facility. Negotiations amongst stakeholders towards the establishment of the proposed facility are ongoing.

2.4 Increased business intelligence and information through a Regional Business Directory for Women-Owned Businesses

In July 2013, EABC through EAWiBP commissioned the development of a regional business directory for women-owned businesses. The directory will be formally launched in the second quarter of 2014 and will contain the following information;

- ✓ Contact information on women-owned/run businesses in the EAC region;
- ✓ Contact information about national and regional women and professional; women associations operating within the EAC region;
- ✓ Profiles of successful business women in the region;
- ✓ An overview of Intra-EAC investment information and market entry information.

2.5 Increased understanding and knowledge of EAC trade regime and customs regulatory framework

Between 12 -14 June 2013, EAWiBP held a four and half day regional workshop on EAC trade regime and customs regulatory framework. The workshop was held in Arusha, Tanzania and was supported by the African Women Development Fund (AWDF), TMEA and Africa Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). During the workshop, Business to Business (B2B) sessions and networking evening were also held. A total of fifty business women from across the EAC region were in attendance and the key outputs of the workshop were; 1) **strengthened knowledge of business women across the EAC region on EAC trade regime and customs regulatory framework;** 2) **increased networking and business linkages for women-owned businesses** and 3) **increased advocacy for improved business climate for business women in the region.**

The following is an extract of the Communique that emanated from the regional workshop.

CALL UPON THE EAC SECRETARIAT AND THE FIVE (5) EAC PARTNER STATES to **urgently** address the following issues that are adversely affecting business women in the region;

1. ***Lengthy, complicated and bureaucratic procedures*** in accessing import tariff reduction advantages under Duty Remission and Duty Draw Back Schemes.

Recommendation: Harmonise and simplify the process of accessing benefits under the aforementioned schemes *especially for micro, small and medium enterprises.*

2. ***Prevailing double domestic taxation regimes within the region*** that result in increased costs of doing business.

Recommendation: Fast-track harmonization of domestic taxes within the region through policy and legal initiatives as well as ratification, by all Partner States, of the Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation in regard to Income Tax.

3. ***Difficulty in accessing customs documentation for cross border trade*** especially for cross border traders as well as Micro and Small Enterprises.

Recommendation: Ensure ***access to free of charge, simplified customs documentation*** for instance the Simplified Certificate of Rules of Origin at border posts/points.

4. ***Inadequate support to Joint Border Committees (JBCs)*** who carry a very crucial mandate of supporting and promoting cross border trade.

Recommendation: Enhance support to Joint Border Committees in terms of awareness/visibility, financial, technical and infrastructure assistance.

5. ***Gender neutral trade policy and legal frameworks*** at the regional and national levels.

Recommendation: Fast-track the development of an EAC (Regional) Strategy on promoting women-owned businesses as well as Gender Equality Law. The aforementioned Regional Strategy will be the blue print for interventions (including increasing access to finance) towards support and promote women-owned businesses engaged in intra-EAC trade and across Partner States in the region.

6. ***Limited awareness on EAC trade and customs policy and legal framework especially*** in the area of Standards (including Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Standards), Trade Regime and Customs Regulations and Trade Facilitation and Private Sector initiatives.

Recommendation: Design a multi-stakeholder, multi-year and multi-level (national and sub-national) programme aimed at raising awareness on the issues mentioned above. Further, establish Call Centers or 24 hour Hotlines at Border Points to increase access to information and curb malpractice by border officials.

7. ***Inadequate facilities and public services at border posts/points especially for sanitation, accommodation, waste management, ICT, warehousing, grain bulks and modern markets.***

Recommendation: Work with Joint Border Committees and Local Authorities to establish initiatives and services on the aforementioned issues.

8. ***Inadequate participation and representation of business women*** in trade policy and negotiations fora.

Recommendations: Ensure **40% representation** of business women in trade negotiations. Additionally, business women should form part of government delegations to these negotiations.

9. ***Potential loss of business for certain private sector players especially Freight Forwarding Companies*** when the Single Customs Territory (SCT) is established.

Recommendation: Assess the impact of SCT on the aforementioned businesses and include mitigation plans in the SCT framework.



Group Photo of Participants during the Regional Workshop

2.6 Enhanced Collaborative Partnerships with Trade Support Institutions

2.6.1 EAWiBP Partnership with International Trade Centre(ITC)

On 12 December 2013, EAWiBP concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the International Trade Centre (ITC) under the *Global Platform for Action on Sourcing from Women Vendors* which aims to increase the share of corporate, government and institutional procurement secured by women vendors for the ultimate purpose of bringing greater economic benefit to women and their communities. As a signatory to the Platform, EAWiBP committed to;

1. **Create shared value** by sourcing more from women vendors that offer competitive products and services;
2. **Promote the benefits** of sourcing from women vendors;
3. **Share knowledge** on policies and practices that can increase sourcing from women vendors;
4. **Support, initiate or improve efforts** that help to integrate women vendors into value chains; and
5. **Report to the Platform for Action Steering Committee** on activities and impact via an annual survey designed to measure results.

EAWiBP will partner with ITC in 2014 on the **Women Vendors Exhibition and Forum** that will be held in Kigali, Rwanda between the 16-17 September.

2.6.2 EAWiBP's Partnership with Chamber Trade Sweden(CTS)

On 21st December 2012, Chamber Trade Sweden (CTS) and EAWiBP concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation aimed at;

- Capacity building between the parties in the area of Policy Advocacy focused on the harmonisation of policies related to business women with the EAC
- The promotion of investment in Green Technology and related policy advocacy initiative with the EAC
- Exchange commercial and economic delegations that will participate in conferences, trade fairs and exhibitions and to facilitate trade mission by EAC women in and Swedish business people to each other's countries
- Co-organising and hosting mutually agreed upon workshops in both regions

Chamber Trade Sweden (CTS) is an international platform and non-profit organisation founded by the chambers of commerce in Sweden to enable business to expand internationally and make better use of both local and global chamber and business networks. The organization focuses on collaboration with local organisations and networks in emerging markets and developing countries.

Premised on the foregoing MoC, CTS and EAWiBP held two key activities in 2013 as follows;

1. **The Second Strategic International Conference on Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Partnership and Business Membership Organizations (BMOs)**; which was held on 6-8 March in Cape Town, South Africa. The conference was jointly organized by CTS and Cape Chamber of Commerce in South Africa and eight EAWiBP members participated. The conference provided a platform for business women to discuss different issues including; *Policy Advocacy, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mentorship Programmes, Ethics and Anti-Corruption, Green Economy as well as Trade Promotion.*



EAWiBP delegates during CTS WEE Conference in Cape Town, South Africa

2. **Policy Advocacy Workshop**; this workshop was held on 21-23 May 2013, in Arusha- Tanzania. Twelve members of EAWiBP's Executive Committee and seven other members drawn from national business associations were in attendance. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the competence of EAWiBP Member Associations in conducting policy advocacy towards an improved business environment for women entrepreneurs. A key output of the workshop was regional and national policy advocacy action plans based on EAWiBP's Position Paper 1 of 2013. This workshop culminated with a courtesy visit to EAC's Secretary General, Ambassador, Dr. Richard Sezibera.



EAWiBP Executive Committee Members during a Courtesy Visit to Ambassador Dr. Richard Sezibera; the Secretary General of the EAC

3. **A Regional Workshop on Green Technology in Agribusiness**; the workshop was held on 3rd to 4th October 2013 and targeted target business women from across the region especially those in agri-business and agro- processing sectors. The objective of the workshop was to increase the knowledge base and benchmark on green solutions and technology. The topics covered during the workshop were;
 1. Water and Wastewater treatment;
 2. Solar Energy and Solar Energy distribution models;
 3. Waste Management and Waste-to-Energy



Group Photo: CTS-EAWiBP Policy Advocacy Workshop, 22-23 May 2013

2.7 Enhancing Access to Finance for Women-Owned Businesses in the EAC Region

In July 2012, the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with EAWiBP and with the support of GIZ/GOPA commissioned a technical study on a proposed financial facility for women-owned businesses to be managed by the East African Development Bank. The Study's aim was to; 1) *identify the beneficiaries and sectors to be targeted by the regional financial facility* 2) *assess the financial and technical assistance needs of the targeted beneficiaries* and 3) *identify the appropriate parameters (i.e structure, management, disbursement mechanism and beneficiary technical assistance framework) that will guide the financial facility.*

The financial facility model recommended in Study Report focused on addressing the challenges that constrain access to credit by women through adopting a strategic and holistic approach aimed at creating and increasing qualified demand for formal credit from the target beneficiaries and to enable financial institutions to increase effective supply of credit to this segment. The specific objectives of the proposed financial facility model are;

1. To address liquidity constraints and gaps within the financial institutions in the delivery of credit to women-owned businesses for short, medium and long term financing needs.
2. To address existing risks and the inadequate risk cover facilities (collateral) that constrain women-owned businesses to access credit even where liquidity within the financial institutions may not be constrained.
3. To address operational risk of FIs that may be keen and interested to lend to women-owned enterprises but which face a challenge of skills gap to better appraise these enterprises and also to develop appropriate financial products suiting women-owned businesses

Based on the aforementioned report, EAWiBP continues to advocate for the establishment and roll-out of this financial facility and is hopeful that the facility will be realized in 2014.

3 Success Stories (individual entrepreneurs, associations work/ projects)- to be inserted

4 EAWiBP's Workplan for Year 2014

In 2014, EAWiBP will continue pursuing its strategic objectives as outlined in its Strategic Plan 2012-2015. Specific broad interventions during 2014 will be as follows;

Table Two: Broad Interventions Areas for EAWiBP in 2014

Intervention Area	Indicative Timeline	Implementers
Nordic- EAC Trade and Investment Conference in Gavle, Sweden	27-28 May 2014	EAWiBP, EABC, EAC Secretariat Local Government Authority Gavle (Sweden), Chamber Trade Sweden

Launch Regional Women- Owned Business Directory	June 2014	EAWiBP, EAC Secretariat, National Business Associations
TOT on business management based on GIZ PRONET training manual	July 2014	EAWiBP, National Business Associations, GIZ
National meetings in EAC Partner States aimed at discussing regional issues affecting business women.	July-August 2014	EAWiBP, EAC Secretariat, National Business Associations
In collaboration with Harvard Kennedy School of Government, commission research on the impact of current EAC and Partners States business and customs regulatory framework on participation of business women in intra-EAC trade.	By June 2015	EAWiBP, National Business Associations
Learning visits and trade missions within the EAC region and South Africa.	September 2014	EAWiBP, EAC Secretariat, National Business Associations
Women Vendors Exhibition and Forum 2014 (WVEF 2014)	16-17 September 2014	EAWiBP, EAC Secretariat, National Business Association, International Trade Center
Hold a 2-day regional PPD (Public-Private Dialogue) on access to finance for business women in the region.	November 2014	EAWiBP, EAC Secretariat, National Business Associations
Promote partnerships in public, private and development sectors (national, regional, international)	Jan - Dec 2014	EAWiBP, Stakeholders

5 EAWiBP Visibility and Media Engagement in 2013

EAWIBP continued to engage the media actively during 2013. Some media and interment mentions are as follows;

<u>Media mentions links include:</u>
1. http://eaneanews.org/1306153.htm
2. http://www.psfuganda.org/new/images/downloads/Trade/eabc%20newsletter%20june%202013.pdf
3. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=79751281361&story_fbid=10151381681926362
4. http://www.busiweek.com/index.php/the-eac-issues?start=9
5. http://eabc.info/communique-following-the-regional-workshop-on-eacs-customs-regulatory-framework-and-trade-regime-12-14-june-2013-arusha-tanzania/
6. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRm6wcqeUCc
7. http://afkinsider.com/9931/women-cry-out-to-kenya-government-over-hurdles-in-business/

6 Current EAWiBP Members

Ordinary Members	Associate Members
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Association of Media Women in Kenya (AWMIK) 2. Association of Women in Agri-Business Network (AWAN) Kenya and East Africa 3. Burundi Women Entrepreneur’s Association (AFAB) 4. East African Association of Women Entrepreneurs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Agatha Nderitu- ATEAS 2. Ms. Beatrice Laizer- Jobex Financial Services LTD 3. Ms. Charity Githinji- Tandaza Tanzania LTD 4. Ms. Deborah- Kaddu Serwadda-iCON Enterprise Foundation 5. Ms. Emma Kawawa- Entango Investment LTD

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Eastern African Sub Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI) 6. Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations in Kenya (FEWA-K) 7. iCON Women’s and Young People’s Leadership Academy 8. New Faces, New Voices 9. Regional Cross Border Traders Association of Women in East Africa 10. Rwanda Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs (RCWE) 11. Tanzania Women’s Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) 12. Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Limited (UWEAL) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Ms. Florence Sugut- <i>Ikapamedia East Africa LTD</i> 7. Ms. Leila Ngorongo- <i>Lahami Gem 2003 LTD</i> 8. Ms. Rachel Keino- <i>Africa Infrastructure Digest</i>
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1. TradeMark East Africa



2. East African Business Council(EAWiBP's host organisation)



3. East African Community Secretariat



4. GIZ



5. African Women Development Fund



6. Chamber Trade Sweden

