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East African Budget Network (EABN) comes of edge

1) Hello: We are glad to share with you our EABN e-newsletter, Issue 001. The East African Budget Network (EABN) is, “A civil society platform that influences for prudent Fiscal policy, Monetary policy and Budget accountability that advance economic integration of East African Community”.

Though its functional existence was on 12th June 2018, the East African Budget Network was formally established in Arusha- Tanzania on 28th March 2019 following a Charter by 10 Civil Society Organizations from the 6 States of the East African Community (EAC): Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda (See: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/04/what-is-civil-society/>).

2) EABN for filling Fiscal, Monetary and Budget accountability gap in EAC: The birth of EABN was in response to a gap of limited or no citizens’ ownership and participation in the inter-territorial monetary and fiscal policies, plus the broader influencing of public finance management beyond the Government bureaucrats (Technocrats and Politicians). As such the EABN historical mission and outlook is a “Mwananchi/ Citizens-centred EAC”. Moreover, EABN is rooted in the Pan-African development philosophy as enshrined in the African Agenda (2013–2063); but with EAC structures, agenda and processes as an entry point. Beyond advocacy, the EABN looks to complementing efforts of regional Governments and other actors through providing trainings, technical support, high-level research, promotion of networking and linkages for organizations and individuals involved in economic EAC economic integration that also speaks to Africa’s integration.

Courtesy photo: Flags of the current EAC member States



3) EABN membership: Currently the membership of EABN includes: Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development (TCDD), Tanzania Citizens’ Information Bureau (TCIB) and, Centre for Economic and Policy Priorities (CEPP)- Rwanda. Others are Uganda Debt Network (UDN), Institute of Public Finance- Kenya (IPFK) and, Africa Youth Trust – Kenya. They also include, Cadre Burundais de l’audit Social

(CBAS)- Burundi, Justice Africa/ CBPA- South Sudan, Nkore Kigezi Resources for Development (NKRED)- Uganda and, Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG)- Uganda. Running on a rotational basis, the current EABN chairpersonship is held by Rwanda, while the Secretariat is hosted in Uganda, under the auspices of CSBAG. Meanwhile, membership is open to all Non-State Actors that subscribe to the EABN Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives, in order to harmonize and mutually work together on matters of multi-state, supra policies, programming and actions for greater EAC economic integration.

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