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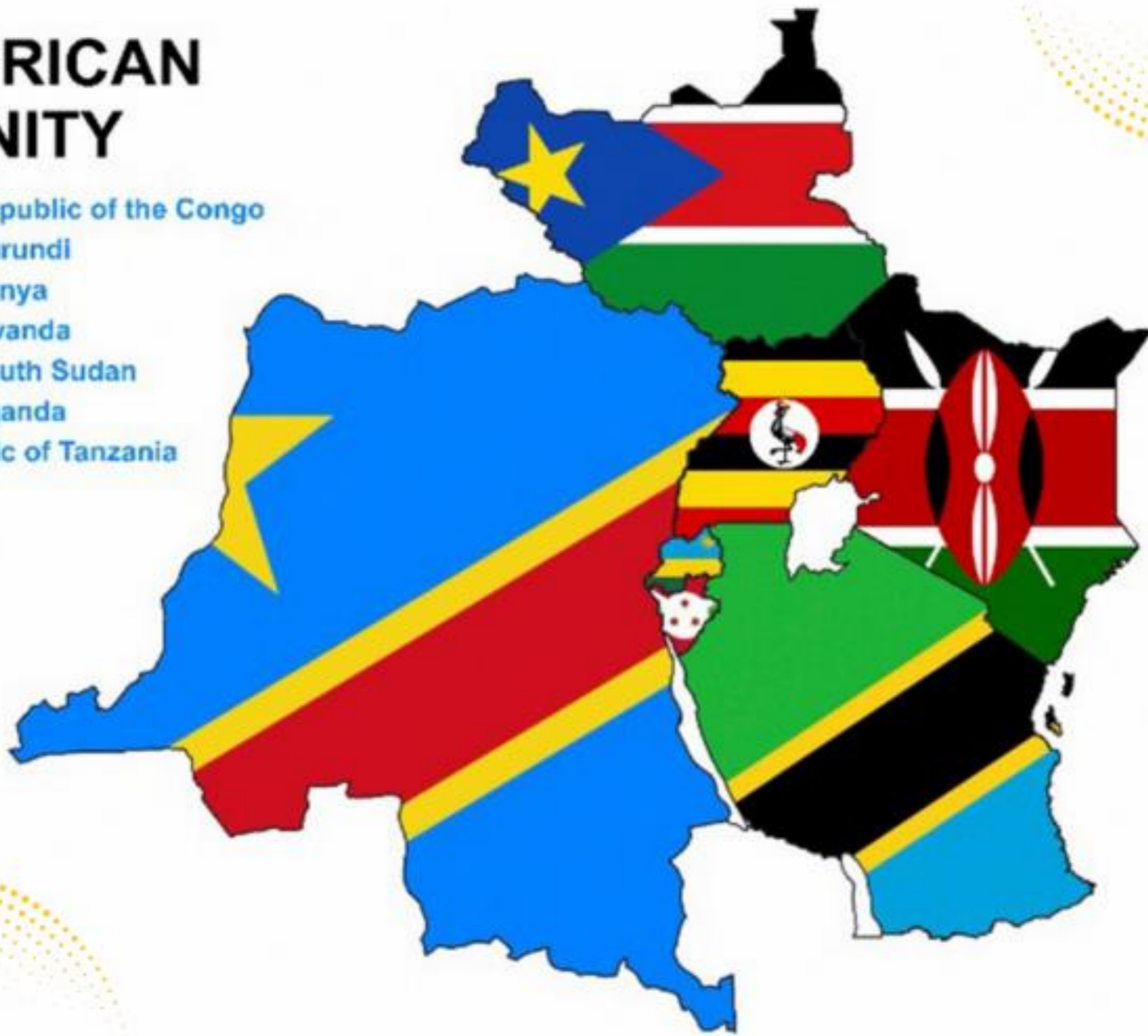
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-  Republic of Burundi
-  Republic of Kenya
-  Republic of Rwanda
-  Republic of South Sudan
-  Republic of Uganda
-  United Republic of Tanzania



The East African Community

now spans from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean



THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

In Brief

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional inter-governmental organization of the Republic of **Burundi**, the Democratic Republic of **Congo**, the Republic of **Kenya**, the Republic of **Rwanda**, the Republic of **South Sudan**, the Republic of **Uganda** and the United Republic of **Tanzania**, with its headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

Vision

A prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa.

Mission

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 and investment.

Quick Figures



Total Surface Area
4.8 million sq. km



Population
280 million ⁽²⁰²⁰⁾



GDP Nominal
US\$ 278.1 billion ⁽²⁰²⁰⁾



EAC REGIONAL INTEGRATION PILLARS

A HIGHLIGHT

CUSTOMS UNION

2005

Enabling the EAC Partner States to enjoy economies of scale, with a view to supporting the process of economic development through the establishment of a Single Customs Territory.

COMMON MARKET

2010

Accelerating economic growth and development while maintaining a liberal stance towards the 5 Freedoms of movement for all factors of production in the region.

MONETARY UNION

2013

Laying the groundwork within a 10-year span, while allowing the EAC Partner States to progressively converge their currencies into a single currency in the Community.

POLITICAL FEDERATION

ONGOING

Putting in place initiatives to fast-track political integration. In May 2017 EAC Heads of State adopted the **Political Confederation** as a transitional model of the East African Political Federation.



Introduction and Background

- ❑ In April 2018, the EAC Secretariat with support from GIZ/CARI held the first Regional Rice Forum that brought on board public and private rice stakeholders to discuss matters related to rice sub sector in the region.
- ❑ Number of observations and recommendations were made on different issues impacting on rice competitiveness in the areas of production and productivity, trade Integration, policy and institutional arrangements and coordination of support towards rice value chain.
- ❑ Among the challenges and gaps identified was lack of adequate coordination of the rice sub-sector at the regional level.
- ❑ The forum recommended on the need to enhance coordination on matters related to rice development at regional level.
- ❑ Subsequently, the 11th Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security (SCAFS) held on June 2018 adopted the above recommendation and directed EAC Secretariat to initiate a process of developing a regional rice development strategy as a tool to guide effective coordination



EAC Rice Platform



- ❑ In December 2018, following directive of 12th SCAFS, the EAC Rice Platform (ERP) was established and mandated to promote rice sub-sector in the region.
- ❑ ERP is made of 12 nominated members from Partner States, two from each Partner States representing public and private sectors.
- ❑ ERP is a regional forum for all that creates a space for rice stakeholders from EAC Partner States to share and resolve the various challenges on rice value chain in the region.

- ❑ Nairobi Safari Club, 23rd January 2020

Drafting of the ERDS

- ❑ In March 2020, the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with Kilimo Trust (KT) under the CARI EA project and with technical support from the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) embarked on development of the EAC Rice Development Strategy (ERDS).
- ❑ SWOT analysis was conducted by members of EAC Rice platform at the national level as a fundamental step in the development of ERDS.
- ❑ In order to finalize the SWOT analysis reports, convening national validation workshops in each Partner State was prioritized in October, 2020.



Convening of the working weeks

- ❑ **WW I** held in Nairobi, Kenya on 02 – 06 May 2022. Overall objective was to formulate the draft strategic framework of the ERDS.
- ❑ Overall Outcome: *Scope of the ERDS*
 - i. Vision, Goal, Priorities and Strategic Objectives for ERDS;
 - ii. Consensus on the SWOT for the region based on country-SWOT; and
 - iii. Common understanding on roles of private sector in attaining objectives of the ERDS
- ❑ **WW II** held also in Nairobi, Kenya on 13 – 17 Jun 2022. Overall objective was to finalize formulation of the draft strategic framework of the ERDS.
- ❑ Overall Outcome: *Zero draft of the ERDS*
 - i. Details on major strategic interventions under ERDS;
 - ii. Exploration of possibilities on institutionalizing implementation of the ERDS; and
 - iii. Clarity on M&E process on implementation of the ERDS

Convening of the Regional Validation

- ❑ **Objective:** to provide an opportunity for regional stakeholders to own the draft ERDS by reviewing it and provide their comments/inputs in order to enrich the draft document.
- ❑ **Outcome:** to have comments/inputs of the regional stakeholders considered by the consultant(s) and incorporated in the draft ERDS before submission of the same to the EAC policy organs for adoption.
- ❑ **Methodology:** through presentation of draft ERDS followed by breakout group assignments and plenary discussions to be facilitated by CARD consultants.
- ❑ **Participants:** key stakeholders and partners on regional rice value chain development, these included; representative from private sectors (members of the ERP), NRDS FP, MoA, MoT, MEACA, NRI, JICA, KT, SADC, CARD and EAC.



Next Steps

□ **Consultant:**

to revise the draft ERDS as per the comments/inputs provided during regional validation meeting, and submit the revised draft ERDS to EAC for consideration.

□ **EAC:**

- i. to consider and submit the revised draft ERDS to the SCAS for adoption and subsequently, to the Council for approval and further guidance on its implementation.
- ii. to coordinate resource mobilization to support ERDS implementation.

□ **Partner States:**

to lead implementation of the ERDS.

□ **Development Partners:**

to support implementation of the ERDS.



Support for the implementation of ERDS

Development Partners are requested to support implementation of ERDS through:

- Support establishment and operationalization of EAC Rice desk for coordination of ERDS implementation
- Support establishment of a functional rice stakeholders platform for the effective coordination of interventions on promotion of rice industry in EAC; i.e. expand the reach and size of the ERP
- Fund the EAC to co-create programs and projects aimed at increasing rice production and trade in the region
- Build capacities at Partner States level to implement programs aligned to both the NRDS and ERDS
- Support the development of a robust monitoring and tracking system on contributions of various Partner State interventions in the regional rice value chain
- Build capacity of the EAC Rice desk to be a repository of information about the rice industry in the region



Acknowledgement



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Thank you
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