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To: ALL Headteachers of Government Aided and Private Secondary Schools

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ESSAY WRITING COMPETITIONS 2020

The Secretariat of the East African Community together with Ministry of Education and Sports have organised the EAC students Essay Writing Competitions 2020. The competition is intended to promote among East African Community secondary schools students a better understanding and appreciation of the issues relating to the regional integration of East Africa.

The organisers of the competition appreciate that learners are at home because of the CoViD pandemic. That notwithstanding, the competition should continue to interest learners in the progress of the EAC integration, engage them in academic research and develop their writing and analytical skills. You are therefore requested to inform your students and encourage them to participate in the competition.

This year the competition has been organised under the following topic:

ENGLISH: HOW CAN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) BE UTILISED TO SPEED UP THE DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF EFFORTS OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PARTNER STATES?

KISWAHILI: NI KWA NAMNA GANI MABADILIKO YA TEKNOHAMA/ TEHAMA YANAWWEZA KUTUMIKA KUFANIKISHA KWA HARAKA JUHUDI ZA MAENDELEO NA MTANGAMANO WA NCHI WANACHAMA WA JUMUIYA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI?

FRENCH: COMMENT LES DEVELOPPEMENTS DES TECHNOLOGIES DE L'INFORMATION ET DE LA COMMUNICATION PEUVENT-ILS ETRE UTILISES POUR ACCELERER LES EFFORTS DE DEVELOPPEMENT ET D'INTEGRATION DES ETATS PARTENAIRES DE LA COMMUNAUTE D'AFRIQUE DE L'EST?

Essay Guidelines.

1. The essay is open to ONLY secondary school students from Senior ONE to Senior FOUR.
2. Essays shall be between 1,000 and 1,500 words, handwritten using black or blue ball point pens

3. Each essay shall bear a cover page to indicate: (1) Name (2) Sex (3) Class (4) School (5) District (6) Disability for cases of Special Needs Students
4. Essays may be written in English, French or Kiswahili

Prizes and Awards:

School with the best essay: School Equipment worth:	US\$ 1,500
First runner up School: School Equipment worth:	US\$ 1,200
Second runner up School: School Equipment worth:	US\$ 750

Individual prizes for National winners: 1st Prize – US\$ 300, 2nd Prize– US\$ 250, 3rd Prize– US\$ 200, 4th Prize– US\$ 120, 5th Prize– US\$ 100 and an a free complimentary tour of the East African region.

Five (5) Special category winners: (1) Language variation (French/ Kiswahili), (2) Gender, (3) Rural, (4) –Disability: Essay from Special needs student, (5) Essay from hard to reach area will each receive US\$50.

Best (3) EAC Regional Winners (Not Necessarily national winners):

1st Prize – US\$ 750,

2nd Prize– US\$ 650,

3rd Prize– US\$ 600 to be awarded by EAC Heads of State at their summit.

Submission requirements:

Due to the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, written essays shall be scanned and Emailed to osumart@gmail.com and where possible hard copies may be submitted to the Ministry of Education for the attention of **Mr. Osuban Martin**, Assistant Commissioner Secondary Education, Ministry of Education, Legacy Towers, 4th Floor, not later than 20th October 2020.



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For: PERMANENT SECRETARY