



**RWANDA UTILITIES REGULATORY AGENCY**

**Rwanda hosts the 3rd EACO Task Force Meeting on Radio Frequency Spectrum**

Kigali, More than 20 members of the East African Communications Organization (EACO) Task Force are holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Preparatory Meeting in Laico Hotel Umubano Kigali, from 27<sup>th</sup> september to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, with the aim of having an East Africa's common position and voice on regulatory affairs during the upcoming World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC) scheduled to take place in Geneva, in 2012.



***Participants at the 3<sup>rd</sup> EACO Task Force Meeting on preparation for WRC-12 at Laico Hotel Umubano Kigali***

The World Radiocommunications Conference is organised every four years by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), basically to revise Radio regulations and Frequency allocation, assignment and allotment.

The 5 day EACO Task Force meeting on preparation for World Radiocommunications Conference in 2012 (WRC-12) is coincidentally taking place here in Kigali at the same time with a Broadcasting Frequency Coordination Meeting, which among other things, discusses the bi-lateral frequency coordination exercise for analogue and digital frequencies.

The Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency (RURA), in consultation with other EACO partners, decided to include in the agenda of the WRC-12 preparatory sessions, this Frequency Coordination for Digital Television instead of having two separate meetings, since the participants involved in the two meetings are the same.

According to Eng. Francis NGABO, Director of Scarce Resource Management and Monitoring at RURA, as technology is changing faster especially in telecommunications, we are responsible for the effective management of frequencies.

“We want to have common views with other countries to work together and harmonize our services under the EACO umbrella”.

Participants in these two EACO technical meetings are from EAC member countries namely: Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and the host country, Rwanda. Kenya is absent.

### About EACO Task Force

The East African Communications Organisation (EACO) made of Telecommunications regulatory bodies from EAC five member states, in its 16<sup>th</sup> Congress decided to create a Task Force with a mission of formulating EAC common position to work on a common proposal on the agenda items of the WRC-12.

Two meetings have been so far conducted in Arusha, Tanzania, from the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and Bujumbura, Burundi, on 11th to 13th March 2010, respectively where preliminary position of the EAC has been developed, and task force agreed to meet again in Rwanda in September 2010 to harmonize the positions based on the updates of the International telecommunications Union (ITU) study groups outcome.

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