



EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AT GATUNA/KATUNA BORDER OF RWANDA AND UGANDA

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EABC appreciates the 20th Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State that recognized the role of Private Sector in the EAC regional integration process.

EABC encourages all Partner States to take steps that promote the role of the Private Sector and the ease of doing business in the region.

EABC is seeking to meet the EAC Heads of State to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the role of Private Sector in the regional integration process.

In the same breath, we encourage all Partner States to resolve issues that affect them both bilaterally and regionally, particularly those that affect business.

We are concerned about the current situation at Gatuna/Katuna border which is affecting the flow of goods and persons.

EABC and their members encourage the Partner States involved, to dialogue and resolve this matter in the spirit of protecting the Treaty for the establishment of the East African Community and in line with the Common Market Protocol, which guarantee movement of goods, persons, and services.

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About EABC

The East African Business Council (EABC) is the regional apex body of Private Sector associations and Corporates from the 6 East African Countries. It was established in 1997 to foster the interests of the Private Sector in the Integration process of the East African Community. **Vision:** Borderless East Africa for business and investment. **Mission:** To promote sustainable Private Sector-driven growth. For more information about EABC, visit www.eabc.info.

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