



EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AT JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JKIA)

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EABC recognizes the role of efficient air transport infrastructure in facilitating the free movement of people, goods and services across and beyond the EAC borders.

EABC recognizes that Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is an important regional hub connecting other EAC partners States. Efficient air transport connectivity is important for regional tourism to thrive as well as stimulate export outside the EAC region.

EABC is concerned about the situation at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)

Efficiency and capacity of the air transport network in the region has direct impact on the region's competitiveness. The current situation can lead to the reduction of flight frequencies, routes, connectivity, choices and increase fares for the EAC business people and citizens. Transport costs and transit delays have economically and statistically significant effect on businesses. It may contribute significantly to the high costs of cargo driving the cost of consumer goods higher and adversely affecting the region's capability to trade in the international market.

EABC urges all parties involved to engage in dialogue to resolve the situation at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in a bid to enhance the business environment and facilitate, tourism, trade, free movement of goods, services and people in the EAC.

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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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