

PASSING ON THE BATON TO THE AFRICAN ALLIANCE FOR E-COMMERCE (AAEC)

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The 13th session of the General Assembly of the African Alliance for e-Commerce was held on 30 March 2022 in Mombasa, Kenya with delegates from seven (7) member States in attendance. The Assembly coincided with the celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade), the Kenya Single Window operator and also the re-constitution of the Executive Committee and General Assembly of the AAEC

The outgoing Chairperson, Mr Isidore Biyiha, Director General, GUCE, Cameroon who had held this position since 2017, voluntarily abstained from standing for re-election to ensure rotating governance. Henceforth, Mr Amos Wangora, Chief Executive Officer, KenTrade, Kenya will serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee while Morocco will chair the General Assembly.

In his farewell address, the outgoing Chairperson, recalled the achievements of his term of office at the organisational and structural levels. These included the revision of the administrative, financial and accounting procedure manuals, the outreach to the African Union and the ACFTA Secretariat, the finalisation of the AFTRA project (platform for the exchange of commercial documents and the setting up of a business information portal), to name but a few.

The AAEC which was established in March 2009 in Addis Ababa, at the headquarters of the United Nations Commission for Africa, is an organisation of national Single Windows for Foreign Trade of African countries. To date, it has issued several technical publications and organised the largest international conference on single windows each year since 2009. The AAEC has conducted innovative research and pilot projects with the support of the African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC/UNECA), the World Bank and the African Development Bank (AfDB). The outgoing Chairperson assured his peers of his readiness to support the consolidation of all projects for which his experience may be requested. He thanked AAEC members for the confidence bestowed on him for 5 years and urged the new board to raise the flag of AAEC to higher heights. On his part, the incoming Chairman, assured members of continuity to ensure the mandate of the AAEC continues to grow and meet the expectations of members.

Cameroon, through the GUCE, remains on the board with Mr Abdoullahi FAOUZI, Technical Director, as the Chairperson of the AAEC Technical Committee.

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