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<b>KENYA</b>			
	<b>Restrictions on Movement of People in and out of the Counties.</b>	Extension of 21 days for the cessation of movement into and out of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area and the Counties of Kilifi, Kwale and Mombasa.	Containment of spread of COVID-19 in the areas that were highly affected.
	<b>Curfew</b>	Extension for a further period of 21 days the national wide dusk-to-dawn curfew.	Preventing the spread of COVID-19 by restrictions movement people during night time.
	<b>Security at border points</b>	Upgrading the security services alert and response measures in every border area.	This measure will ensure that porous borders and security threats will not compromise the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	<b>Additional stringent measures to Counties which are registering an increase cases of infections</b>	National Government is in consultations with Counties of Mandare, Kilifi, Kwale and Mombasa to impose more stringent measures if the respective counties continue to register increased cases of infections.	Minimizing the risk of spread in other Counties
	<b>Hygiene Programme</b>	Announcement of the commencement of the National Hygiene Programme on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	The programme will make Kenya environment healthier as well as creating jobs.

			The first phase of the National Hygiene Programme is expected to employ 26,148 for the next thirty days and eventually grow to over a hundred thousand of youth. This will be added to the 108,000 vulnerable households which are receiving direct cash grants.
	<b>Creation of employment</b>	Inauguration cluster of employment involving residents in 23 informal settlements, spread across 7 counties	The measures will enable 4,408 tailors residing in the informal settlements making 250,000 face masks per days. This action will significantly stimulate local economy as well as contribute to the war against COVID-19.
	<b>Kenya's Post Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan</b>	Rolling out post-coronavirus economic plan by activating micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country to manufacture basic medical equipment and supplies for domestic use and export. This will be done through utilising Kshs 1.5bn by Universal Health Coverage (UHC).	The measure will ensure the recovery of Kenyan economy by supporting MSMEs, sustaining their activities and venturing in the manufacture of medical equipment for both domestic and export markets
	<b>Re-opening the economy progressively</b>	Directed National Response Emergency Committee to map out the economic sectors and activities on the basis of the infection risk. The mapping exercises combined with increased testing will inform the reopen the economy progressively.	The reopen of the economy progressively guided by medical experts and scientific data will mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that Kenya will not suffer a huge spike in infections after reopen the economy.

	<b>Immediate Plan to reopen restaurants and eateries</b>	The Cabinet Secretary will announce and release the protocols to be followed by restaurants which will be reopened for business.	This will give relief to restaurants and eateries which have been hit hard by partial lockdown.
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<b>RWANDA</b>			
	<b>EAC Role in ensuring a Coordinated Approach</b>	<p>Directed to convene a meeting of the EAC Ministers of Health organised to deliberate on adopting joint measures to be applied across the EAC Partner States in regard to preparedness and prevention of spread of COVID-19. The Meeting was held on 2/4/2020 via VC.</p> <p>Attempted convening of the 18th Extraordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State on 15th April, 2020 purposely convened to discuss the ongoing novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, but the Summit was not held due to a Partner State requesting for postponement to a later date.</p>	<p>Lack of an EAC coordinated approach will lead to each Partner State taking individual measures, that could will cause distorted efforts in fighting the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>Unharmonized approach in movement of cargo across the region will lead to delay time and increase costs due to stringent measures and varying capacities to test at the borders as each Partner State will establish its own measures deemed efficient in fighting the pandemic</p>
	<b>Protection of Employment</b>	The government is in the process of designing an economic stimulus package that will address the effect of the pandemic throughout all the sectors including labour issues.	The measure package is expected to enable employees ensure retention on a case by case basis depending on the status of the impact of COVID-19 to the employer

	<b>Post Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan</b>	The National Task Force/Government is commissioning a post coronavirus economic plan by activating all economic sectors including Tourism, Manufacturing, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the country	The measure will ensure the recovery of Rwanda's economy by supporting sustainability
	<b>Lifting the Lockdown</b>	The National Task Force is undertaking an assessment of the status of the effect of the pandemic to all economic sectors and activities on the basis vis a vis the risk of lifting the lockdown. The assessment combined with the status of the affected case will inform the reopening of the economy progressively.	Re-opening of the economy progressively guided by status of the spread of the virus will lead to quick economy of the economic activities
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<b>UGANDA</b>			
<b>Address by H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni</b>	<b>Movement of cargo trucks within and from outside the country</b>	No restrictions on movement of cargo within and from outside the country. This measure covers transit cargo. Government to analyse the number of persons that each cargo truck should carry along.	This implies that the economy remains functioning amidst this pandemic. In addition, allowing movement of cargo trucks will enable delivery of essential products/items that are needed in the fight against covid19.
	<b>EAC harmonized approach/ intervention on Covid19</b>	Uganda implement the decisions taken by the EAC Ministers of Health and those of EAC Affairs	Being in one to ensure that region has a common approach in the fight against covid19. One Partner State's measures can have an implication on the others.
	<b>Increasing number of covid19 cases from transit truck drivers at</b>	There will be continuity of cargo movement in and outside of the country. The President calls the interference with cargo movement	The continuity of cargo movements ensures that international trade continues in order to guarantee the supply of essential and other products needed for

	<p><b>various border stations</b></p>	<p>as suicidal and unnecessary. The country has products that need to be exported and imported using the same cargo trucks.</p> <p>However, a common approach of testing will be agreed upon by the EAC Ministers of Health</p>	<p>consumption and in the fight against covid19.</p>
	<p><b>Impact of covid19 on the economy</b></p>	<p>Private sector needs to diversify. However, the President notes that Poultry farmers have been adversely affected.</p> <p>On tourism, the President states that the sector will rebound back once the pandemic is contained.</p>	<p>Diversification of products brings in alternatives that can help private sector to be sustainable during a crisis.</p>
	<p><b>East African Community Federation</b></p>	<p>Urged the youth to fight for the Integration and Federation of East Africa.</p> <p>Agreed with Presidents Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, Paul Kagame of Rwanda to have a common approach in fighting covid19</p>	<p>Recognition of the important role that the EAC youths need to play as they are the pillars and foundation of tomorrow's EAC integration and Federation.</p> <p>Because of the common borders we have as a region, having a coordinated approach and measures will ensure that covid19 is completely eliminated from the region such that our economies that have been in lockdown can be restarted much earlier.</p>

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<b>TANZANIA</b>			
<b>United Republic of Tanzania</b>	<b>Passenger Flights</b>	Suspension of all inbound and outbound international passenger flights	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further
	<b>Self-Isolation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of closure of all secondary and higher-level institutions</li> <li>• Ban of Union Day and Workers day celebrations</li> </ul>	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further
	<b>Public health education</b>	Additional initiative of education on preventive measures in the city of Dar es Salaam	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further
	<b>Monetary Policy</b>	Reduction of the statutory minimum reserves from 7% to 6% effective from 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Provision of additional liquidity to banks
		Reduction of the discount rate from 7 to 5% effective from 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Provision of additional space for banks lend hence signalling lower lending rates
		Reduction of haircuts on government securities from 10 to 5% for treasury bills and from 40 to 20% for treasury bonds effective from 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Increased ability for banks to borrow from the Bank of Tanzania with less collateral
		Regulatory flexibilities to banks that will restructure their loans based on the	Minimising the economic impact of COVID-19 to borrowers

		assessment of financial difficulties faced by borrowers due to COVID-19	
		An increase in the daily transaction limit to mobile money operators from Tsh.3,000,000 to Tsh.5, 000,000 and daily balance from Tsh 5,000,000 to Tsh 10,000,000	Encouragement on the use of digital payment platforms for transactions
		Tax Amnesty for penalties, interests and fines in Zanzibar from December 2019.	Provision of liquidity to businesses
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<b>BURUNDI</b>			
<b>Republic of Burundi</b>	<b>Passenger Flights</b>	Suspension of all inbound and outbound international passenger flights	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further
	<b>Self-Isolation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days mandatory quarantine for all passengers from outside the country</li> <li>• Identification of isolation centres</li> </ul>	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further



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<b>SOUTH SUDAN</b>			
Republic of South Sudan	Passenger Flights	Suspension of all inbound and outbound international passenger flights	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further
	Movement of persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of movement of persons between Torit and Juba</li> <li>• Closure of all borders except for movement of cargo</li> <li>• Closure of businesses of non-essential goods</li> <li>• Suspension of social gatherings</li> <li>• Introduction of a curfew from 8pm-6am</li> <li>• Public taxis are allowed to carry 9 passengers</li> <li>• All offices should work for a half-day</li> </ul>	Reducing the risk of the virus spreading further

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