

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



**ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA**

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

*(Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution and Section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012)*

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**In matter of consideration by the National Assembly: The Ratification of the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiated between the East African Community Partner States and the European Union concerning Trade and Development Cooperation.**

**WHEREAS** the National Assembly is in receipt of a proposal to approve the ratification, by the Government of the Republic of Kenya, of the Economic Partnership Agreement, which seeks to support and facilitate trade between the East African Community and the European Union (EU) and to further address the trading challenges faced by East African Member States, particularly Kenya by ensuring reduced export tariffs to the EU and guaranteed duty-free quota-free market access of specified items to the EU market;

**WHEREAS** the Economic Partnership Agreement is also intended to address regional and national market concerns as well as promoting trade opportunities through regional integration and enhancing access to global market of the East African Community;

**COGNIZANT** of the provisions of Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution that "*Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the Parliament and its committees.*" **FURTHER, COGNIZANT** of the requirements of section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012 relating to public participation in the ratification of treaties and agreements;

**WHEREAS** the Agreement has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade and the Committee on Regional Integration for deliberation prior to consideration by the National Assembly on the proposed approval of ratification;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution and section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, the Committees invite interested members of the public to submit any views or make representations regarding the Agreement.

The views, representations or written Memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi**; or emailed to [clerk@parliament.go.ke](mailto:clerk@parliament.go.ke); to be received **on or before Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. The full text of the Economic Partnership Agreement and the accompanying Memorandum to Parliament may be accessed at [www.parliament.go.ke](http://www.parliament.go.ke).

**JUSTIN BUNDI, CBS**  
**CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**