



## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE JOINT EAC-SADC EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

1. The Joint Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) convened an Extra Ordinary Meeting virtually on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in a warm and cordial atmosphere to report progress on the mandate assigned to the Co-Chairs on the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
2. The Joint Extraordinary Summit was Co-Chaired by His Excellency, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the EAC and His Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of SADC.
3. The Joint Extraordinary Summit was attended by the following Heads of State and Government:
  - (i) His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya;
  - (ii) His Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe;

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- (iii) His Excellency Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (iv) His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda;
- (v) His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia;
- (vi) Her Excellency, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, represented by H.E. Dr. Philip Isdor Mpango, Vice President;
- (vii) His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, represented by H.E. Jessica Alupo, Vice President;
- (viii) His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, represented by H.E. Prosper Bazombaza, Vice President;
- (ix) His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, represented by H.E. Ambassador Tété António, Minister of External Relations;
- (x) His Excellency Andry Rajoelina, President of the Republic of Madagascar, represented by Honourable Dr. Rafaravavitafika RASATA, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- (xi) His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, represented by Honourable Nancy Tembo, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- (xii) His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, represented by Honourable Deng Alor Kuol, Minister for East African Community Affairs; and

- (xiii) His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, represented by Honourable Ali Omar, State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. The Joint EAC-SADC Ministers, Executive Secretary of SADC, and the Secretary General of the EAC participated in the Meeting.
  5. The Joint Extra Ordinary Summit recalled the decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint EAC–SADC Summit held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Summit held virtually on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 on the situation in eastern DRC, along with the resolutions of the 1261<sup>st</sup> Summit Level Meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and the UN Security Council Resolution 2773 held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025, all of which emphasised the need for concerted efforts to address the deteriorating security situation in eastern DRC.
  6. The Joint Extraordinary Summit appointed H.E Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, former President of the Republic of Botswana, to join the Panel of Facilitators and congratulated the Panel of Facilitators on their appointment and commended them for accepting to guide the process towards addressing the various facets of the security challenges in eastern DRC.
  7. The Joint Extraordinary Summit endorsed the following enabling documents outlining the mandate of the Facilitators:
    - (a) Framework for the Merger of the Nairobi and Luanda Processes;
    - (b) Terms of Reference for the Five-Member Panel of Facilitators appointed by the Joint EAC-SADC Summit;
    - (c) Process Design for an Inclusive Mediation Process in eastern DRC;
    - (d) Proposed Structure of the Independent Secretariat to Support the Facilitation Process; and
    - (e) The Resource Mobilisation Framework for Supporting the Joint Initiative.

8. The Joint Extraordinary Summit endorsed the following Resolutions of the Joint Meeting of the EAC-SADC Co-Chairs with the Panel of Facilitators:
- (i) Immediate merger of the EAC-SADC and AU structures to comprise the AU Mediator, EAC-SADC Panel of Facilitators, to report to the Joint EAC-SADC Summit and the AU.
  - (ii) Immediate merger of the technical secretariats of the AUC, EAC and SADC into a Joint Secretariat, led by the AUC in Addis Ababa, to operationalise the joint structure.
  - (iii) Consolidate the Terms of Reference (ToRs) and related documents for the AU Mediator and EAC-SADC Panel of facilitators to be endorsed by the Joint EAC-SADC Summit.
9. The Joint Extraordinary Summit welcomed the ongoing initiatives of the Washington Accord 2025 and Doha Declaration of Principles of 2025 and called for complementarity with the African-led process.
10. The Joint Extraordinary Summit endorsed the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the AU Mediator and the EAC-SADC Panel of Facilitators' consolidated African-led process and called for the AU Commission to endorse and lead its implementation, in collaboration with the Joint EAC-SADC Summit.
11. The Joint Extraordinary Summit called for:
- (i) The immediate mobilisation of resources, including for humanitarian support, to be centralised and coordinated by the AUC.
  - (ii) The AUC to work with all other ongoing initiatives and stakeholders and inform them on the alignment of the African-led process.
  - (iii) The AUC to communicate the outcomes of the Joint Extra Ordinary Summit to all AU Member States.

12. The Joint Extra Ordinary Summit mandated the Joint EAC-SADC Co-Chairs to oversee the implementation of the decisions of the Joint EAC-SADC Summits.
13. The Joint Extraordinary Summit commended His Excellency Félix Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda for embracing the route of dialogue to address the conflict in eastern DRC.
14. The Joint Extraordinary Summit expressed gratitude to the Chairpersons of the EAC and SADC for steering the process and for their leadership in attaining lasting peace and security in eastern DRC.
15. The Joint Extraordinary Summit expressed its appreciation to the AU Commission, EAC, and SADC Secretariats for the preparatory work undertaken leading to this Joint Summit.

**DONE virtually on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025 in English, French and Portuguese languages, all texts being equally authentic.**