

Drama at EAC as member states fall out over jobs

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A dispute over the distribution of jobs in the region of the East African Community (EAC), which has simmered for close to a decade, came to a head last week when the bloc's legislative assembly blocked the hiring of three clerks, citing irregularities in the recruitment process.

Constitutional queries stipulated in the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) in Arusha over the hiring of a clerk and a deputy, sparking a rowing discussion with the ruling bodies in the Community. Ugandan legislators, led by Denis Hamukwa, have been at the forefront of the quest for equity in the recruitment of staff, drastically scaling without that state leader Martin Ngunjiri several sittings of Tuesday through to Thursday due to lack of quorum.

The EALA started sittings in Arusha on October 2 and are expected to run until October 20.

The EAC Community, each this year, advertised at least 30 vacant positions whose filling has attracted local and external competition among the six partner states.

An extraordinary Council of Ministers meeting scheduled for last Wednesday, which was expected to resolve the staff recruitment process, had to be moved to a later date, pushed to the next week, as the presiding of Uganda's EAC Affairs Minister Rebecca Kadaga, who had repeatedly stalled.

Last on Friday, Kadaga wrote to the Secretary-General demanding that the recruitment act be lifted 15 for various advertised jobs at the EAC region and institutions be deferred.

The ruling was issued, EAC partner

states have agreed that a person can only have one job in order for all citizens to be considered eligible candidates and that at the beginning of each recruitment exercise, the EAC Secretariat shall inform each partner state about the balance of assigned posts, prior to Article 44 of the Operational Manual for implementation of the QAA. Uganda is expected to be given the first advice that the Republic of Uganda requires preparation of the assemblies, and the Secretariat submit the recruitment process for each partner state as at the date of advertising the jobs. It last dated October 13, 2014.

Some have also reacted to the Uganda's move negatively, saying they have grown to grow longer have their way.

In a motion tabled in the Assembly, Hamukwa, chair of the General Purpose Group, Committee, insisted that the process of recruiting a House clerk or deputy, advertised in July 2014, where in the EAC's code of conduct which requires equity in staffing.

"The way the EAC is supposed to work and recruitment process for seeking the principles a regulation and subsequent implementation, the Treaty, the constitution and legislation and the manual for implementation of operations," said Hamukwa.

"The call for a review under the quasi system and review applied to citizens for participation in the job advertisement process of a job, and shortlisting and interview of candidates to the recruitment exercise," he said.

Hamukwa wants an independent committee to conduct interviews.

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Government and Fisheries deputy minister Abdulkadir Uggas (left), gesturing making remarks yesterday with respect to the quality of sardines, as he toured Malindi Fish market in the shores of Kilimanjaro region of Lake Tanganyika. Photo: Guardian Live/Agence France Presse

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

THE Deputy Minister for Lands and Fisheries, Abdulkadir Uggas, has said the government is set to make sure sardines from Lake Tanganyika become a strategic commercial product to woo investors and spur both individual and the nation's economic development.

Uggas made the remarks at the weekend when addressing stakeholders at the fisheries sector at Kigoma fishing port in Kigoma Region.

He said the government intends to make the dried small fish harvested from Lake Tanganyika a strategic crop since its trade involves many people in the community.

"We at the government, particularly

Govt plans to make sardines become commercial product

to strengthen this trade, we want fishermen to develop themselves economically and we have planned to remove all obstacles that create inconveniences to dealers and we shall advertise the business to attract more investors," said Uggas.

The Deputy Minister also called on Kigoma regional officers to embark on a special campaign, ranging from advertising the quality of the dried small fish to visit to both small and big processing factories in the two regions.

However, the financial institution will invest and that would be the end for the fish to be sold increasingly due to lack of reliable market.

He also said the government intends to facilitate fishermen with various equipment to enable them engage in better, modern fishing and fish drying practices to enhance the product quality.

For his part, Bagega Ward Councilor Hamisi Njiru said as he joins the government, was keen to see the government become the backbone of revenue because the fishing

fishing port is not well built to facilitate fish traders conduct their business.

Kigoma Urban Member of Parliament, Khumbi Ngwila said because the country was developing in the five domains that calls for enhancing production from three lakes and the sea for the country's economic growth, the government should see the need to reform some of the conditions to enable more operators participate in the Blue Economy.

was smoothly run in the city.





Hakim Ali
Naibu Waziri wa Mifugo na Uvuvi, Abdallah Ulegu (wa pili kulia) akikagua ukaushaji wa daqaa kwa

Malengo>>>Zao la dagaa kuwa la kimkakati na kibiashara nchini

Dagaa wa Kigoma kuvutia uwekezaji

Na MWANDISHI WETU, Kigoma

WIZARA ya Mifugo na Uvuvi, imesema imejipanga kuhakikisha dagaa wa Kigoma wanakuwa zao la kimkakati na la kibiashara litakalovutia uwekezaji, kusiimua uchumi wa nchi na mtu mmoja mmoja.

Naibu Waziri wa wizara hiyo, Abdallah Ulega, aliyasema hayo mwishoni mwa wiki katika kikao chake na wadau wa uvuvi, kilichofanyika Mwalo wa Katonga, ulloko Mkoani Kigoma.

Alisema serikali imejipanga

kufanya zao la dagaa wa Kigoma kuwa la kimkakati kwasababu biashara ya dagaa inahusisha watu wengi katika jamii, hivyo kuimarisha biashara hiyo ni kuwalimarisha wananchi kiuchumi.

"Tunataka kuinua biashara ya dagaa wa Kigoma, tunataka wavuvi wainuke kiuchumi na tumejipanga kuondoa vikwazo vyote vinavyowasumbua na tutalitangaza vema zao hili ili kuvutia uwekezaji zaidi hapa Kigoma," alisema.

Pia, aliwataka viongozi wa Mkoa huo kuanza mikakati na kampeni maalumu ya kutangaza ubora wa dagaa wa Kigoma ili kuvutia uwekezaji wa viwanda vidogovidogo na vikubwa

ya kuchakata dagaa hao.

Allendelea kusema kuwa zao hilo la dagaa likitangazwa vizuri, wawekezaji na taasisi za benki watakwenda kuwekeza na ndio utakuwa mwisho wa dagaa wa Kigoma kutupwa hovyoye kwasababu ya kukosa soko.

Aliongeza kuwa uvunaji wa dagaa hao unapaswa uendane na utunzaji wa mazalia ya samaki ili upatikanaji wa rasilimali hiyo uwe wa uhakika wakati wote.

"Ndugu zangu, mkakati huu wa kuinua biashara ya zao la dagaa hautafanikiwa kama malighafi haitakuwepo, ili viwanda vianzishwe ni lazima malighafi ipatikane ya kutosha," alisistiza.

Ulega alisema serikali imejipanga kuwawezesha wavuvi vifaa mbalimbali vitakavyowasaidia kuvuna dagaa kwa uhakika na kuwakausha kwa kutumia vichanja vya kisasa, ili kupunguza upotevu wa dagaa na kuongeza ubora wake.

TARI yaanza kusaka mbegu bora mpunga

Na WARIOBA IGOMBE, Kyela

TAASISI ya Utafiti wa Kilimo Tanzania (TARI), Kituo cha Dakawa, Wilaya ya Mvomero na Shirika la African Agriculture Technology Foundation (AATF) la Kenya, wanafanya utafiti kupata mbegu bora ya mpunga itakayowanufaisha wakulima.

Imeelezwa lengo la kufanya hivyo ni kuhakikisha uzalishaji wa mpunga unakuwa na tija nchini.

Ofisa Mtafiti Kilimo TARI Dakawa, Barnabas Sitta, aliyasema hayo juzi na kuongeza kuwa lengo la utafiti huo ni kupata mbegu itakayopendwa na walaji na wafanyabiashara wa zao hilo.

"Lengo la utafiti huu ni kutaka kuongeza tija ya uzalishaji wa mpunga kwa wakulima wote nchini, hivyo umelenga kupata mbegu bora inayotoa mavuno mengi, pia kuwa na ladha nzuri zaidi midemuni," alisema.