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**UGANDA TO HOST THE 17TH EAC JUA KALI/NGUVU
KAZI EXHIBITION**

MEDIA CENTER

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Introduction

The East Africa Jua Kali/NguvuKazi exhibition is an annual event that is organized by the East African Community (EAC) with participation from the Partner States including Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

Over the last Fifteen (15) years, the exhibition has become an important avenue for promotion of locally produced products, transfer of technology and enhanced the integration process. The Exhibition is attended by artisans from the EAC Partner States.

Uganda to host the JuaKali Expo

Uganda will host this year's 17th EAC Jua Kali/Nguvu Kazi Exhibition that will take place on **5th – 11th December, 2016** at the **KCCA Open Show Grounds Lugogo** Kampala, Uganda.

Uganda is hosting the Expo in partnership with the EAC Secretariat and East Africa Confederation of Informal Sector Organizations (EA-CISO).

The **theme** of the Exhibition is **“Buy East African Products Build East Africa:”**

Objective of the exhibition

The main objective of the exhibition is to show case the stock of Products Locally made in East Africa and transfer Knowledge by sharing in order to build capacity for Value addition.

The Symposium

There will be a symposium to reflect on the critical issues affecting the Jua Kali sector in EAC region with special emphasis on the sustainability of Jua Kali/NguvuKazi as well as issues of market access opportunities in EAC region for the Jua Kali sector.

Participants

800 JuaKali artisans from the following EAC member States are expected to exhibit during the Expo;

- Republic of Uganda
- Republic of Burundi
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Republic of Kenya
- Republic of Rwanda
- The Republic of South Sudan will attend but may not be prepared to send exhibitors this year.

So far we have registered a total number of 500 from the EAC Partner States 200 of whom are from Uganda.

Expected outputs

- (i) Market access opportunities for the Jua Kali sector existing in EAC region
- (ii) Knowledge sharing and Transfer of Expertize and synergies.
- (iii) Discussing critical challenges affecting the Jua Kali Sector in the region, and recommending solutions to address them; and
- (iv) Discuss the sustainability of funding the future Jua Kali/NguvuKazi Exhibitions to address the current lack of financial resources for holding the Exhibition.

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