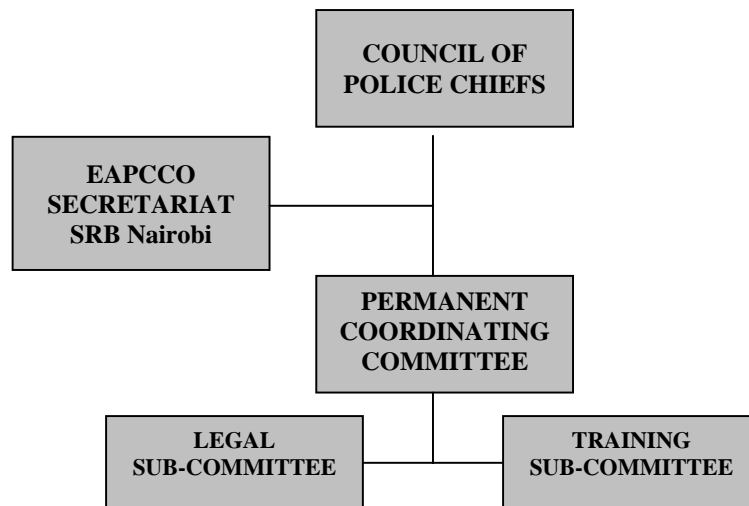


EASTERN AFRICA POLICE CHIEFS COOPERATION ORGANISATION (EAPCCO)

The Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) was created in 1998, in Kampala, Uganda, as a regional practical response to the need to join police effort against transnational and organized crime.

STRUCTURE:

In accordance with the constitution, the following EAPCCO structure is in place:



Council of Police Chiefs (CPC): The highest decision-making body that presides on all policy matters and oversees regional police co-operation as well as the proper functioning of all EAPCCO structures.

Permanent Coordinating Committee (PCC): Comprising Heads of the Criminal Investigation Services of each member country, this committee coordinates regional co-operation, plans and executes joint crime-combating operations as well as the implementation of all EAPCCO resolutions.

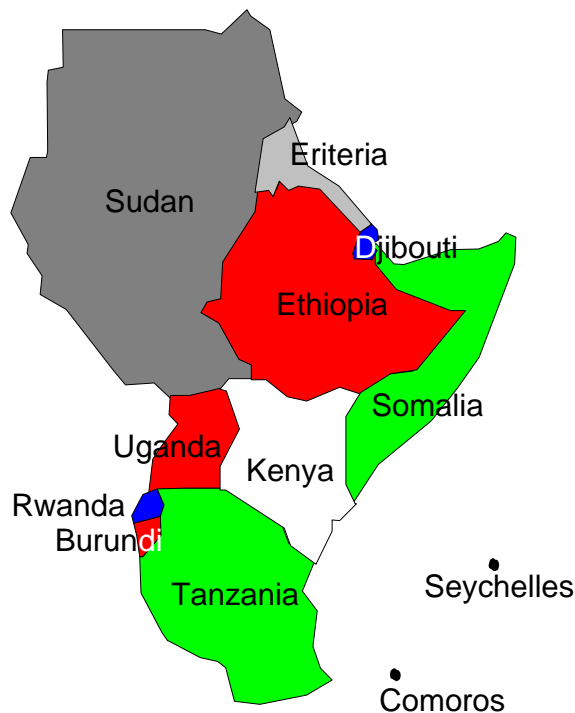
The Legal Sub-committee: Constituting Heads of Legal Units of respective police forces/services, this committee attends to all legal matters that may hamper police co-operation and lobbies for harmonizing of regional legislation.

The Training Sub-committee: Made up of the Directors of Training Institutions of respective police forces/services, this committee co-ordinates and conducts regional operational police training needs, analyses and the implementation of capacity building interventions.

The EAPCCO Constitution empowers both the CPC and PCC to appoint such committees or units as they deem fit for its operations.

Membership:

EAPCCO consist of the following 11 member countries:



- Burundi
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Eritrea
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Tanzania

Uganda

CHAIRPERSONSHIP:

The Chairpersonship of EAPCCO rotates among its members countries on annual basis. The year of EAPCCO starts from Annual General Assembly (AGM) to the following AGM.

Below is the information about EAPCCO's chairpersonship since its 1st Annual General Meeting in 1999

PERIOD	COUNTRY	Venue of AGM	TITLE	NAME
2007/2008	Burundi	Bujumbura/2007	Commissioner General	Mr. Fabien NDAYISHIMIYE.
2006/2007	Uganda	Kampala/2006	Commissioner	Maj.Gen.Kale KAYIHURA
2005/2006	Kenya	Nairobi/2005	Commissioner General	Maj.Gen.Mohammed H.ALI
2004/2005	Seychelles	Victoria/2004	Commissioner	Mr.Andre QUILINDO
2003/2004	Tanzania	Extraordinary Arusha/2003	Inspector General	Mr.Omari Iddi Mahita
2002/2003	Tanzania	Zanzibar/2002	Inspector General	Mr.Omari Iddi MAHITA
2001/2002	Rwanda	Kigali/2001	Commissioner	Mr.Frank MUGAMBAGE
2000/2001	Sudan	Khartoum 2000	Director General	Mr.Omar El-Haj AL-HUDAIRI
1999/2000	Kenya	Nairobi/1999	Commissioner General	Mr.Phillimon A. ABONGO

Priority Crime Areas:

The priority crime areas for the Sub-region as determined by EAPCCO are:

- Anti-terrorism
- Motor vehicle thefts
- Anti-drugs
- Economic crimes and corruption
- Illegal firearms
- Cattle rustling
- Environmental and Wildlife crime
- Trafficking in human beings and Illegal immigrants

The EAPCCO Constitution

Objectives

The objectives of EAPCCO as provided for in Article (3) of its constitution are;

- To promote, strengthen and perpetuate co-operation and foster joint strategies for the management of all forms of cross-border and related crimes with regional implications.
- To prepare and disseminate relevant information on criminal activities as may be necessary to benefit members to contain crime in the region.
- To carry out regular reviews of joint crime management strategies in view of changing national and regional needs and priorities.
- To ensure efficient operation and management of criminal records and efficient joint monitoring of cross-border crime taking full advantage of the relevant facilities available through Interpol.
- To make relevant recommendations to governments of member countries in relation to matters affecting effective policing in the Southern African region.
- To formulate systematic regional training policies and strategies taking into account the need and performance requirements of the regional police services/ forces.
- To carry out any such relevant and appropriate acts and strategies for purposes of promoting regional police co-operation and collaborations as regional circumstances dictate.

Principles of Co-operation

As stated in Article No.4 of its Constitution, the principles upon which the organisation was founded are that police co-operation within EAPCCO is to be implemented in accordance with the following:

- Respect of national sovereignty;
- Equality of police forces/services;
- Non-political professionalism;
- Non-discrimination and flexibility of working methods;
- Mutual benefit to all members;
- Observance of human rights and mutual;
- Respect and goodwill.

Further, the constitution provides for member countries to co-operate with one another on a bilateral or multilateral basis and the major issues of common interest include but are not limited to:

- Formulation of agreements on joint cross-border operations
- Reduction of time-consuming bureaucratic procedures on cross-border operations by recommending amendments to border control legislation.
- Promulgation and harmonization of regional legislation and practices
- Improvements in the dissemination of criminal intelligence/information

- Development and maintenance of appropriate regional training structures

To ensure a smooth law enforcement co-operation in the sub-region, the EAPCCO member countries through their ministers responsible for police matters concluded the drafting and the signing of the following legal Instruments:

(a) Agreement in Respect of Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in the Field of Crime Combating. (Signed by nine members out of the eleven EAPCCO countries).

(b) Agreement in the field of Combating Narcotic Drugs. (Signed by nine members out of the eleven EAPCCO countries).

(c) Agreement in the Field of Combating Terrorism (Signed by nine members out of the eleven EAPCCO countries).

(d) Agreement on Extradition of Fugitives and Sentenced Criminals (signed by nine members out of the eleven EAPCCO countries)

The above mentioned agreements are yet to be ratified by member countries.

These provide for police officers to travel to other countries in the region to undertake investigations or the seizure of exhibits, tracing and questioning witnesses in connection with any such offence. Nevertheless, the local police force/service maintains authority in effecting the relevant police actions.

Relationship between EAPCCO and INTERPOL

All members of EAPCCO countries are members of INTERPOL. The INTERPOL National Member Countries are utilised as liaison offices for EAPCCO. The official languages of EAPCCO are English, French and Arabic which are all INTERPOL official languages.

- The two Organizations' objectives are consistent.
- EAPCCO designated the INTERPOL Sub-Regional Bureau to be its Secretariat.
- All staff are seconded to INTERPOL, and use INTERPOL equipment to facilitate their activities.

Cooperating Partners

EAPCCO receives good co-operation and support from its cooperating partners. Some of the organisations that provide financial and technical support to EAPCCO over the years include;

- Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) (Tanzania)

- Institute for Security Studies (South Africa and Nairobi)
- Safer Africa
- Regional Centre For Small Arms (RECSA)
- Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (Eastern Africa and Vienna)