



East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Cooperation Mission- SACU Secretariat visit to the EAC Secretariat.

1. A delegation from the SACU Secretariat led by the SACU Executive Secretary Ms Tswelopele Moremi, will undertake a visit to the EAC Secretariat from the 11th - 14th November 2008. The objective of the visit is to further explore cooperation between SACU and the EAC.
2. During the 9th meeting of the SACU Council of Ministers that took place on the 06 December 2006, Council decided that a study be undertaken on the possibility of SACU developing trade relationships with a group of African Countries. Given the potential and existing trade relations between SACU Member States and the EAC, the EAC was identified as a possible Regional Economic Community SACU should collaborate with.

3. In addition to exploring the possibility of trade relations between SACU and the EAC, there will be an opportunity for an information exchange between the two Secretariats regarding the recent developments on deepening integration in Eastern and Southern Africa.

4. The SACU Secretariat also sees the visit as an opportunity for information exchange relating to the operations of the EAC, both at a Policy and Technical level, such as the EAC's monitoring of the economic performance of the EAC as a collective; the management of economic data and trade data statistics; how it structures and organizes its meetings and how it facilitates the preparation of documentation for its meetings. It is expected that the visit will assist the SACU Secretariat improve its technical processes and service delivery.

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