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ALL PRINCIPALS SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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The County Directors of Education (to be shared in soft copy)

RE: 2020 EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The East African Community is pleased to announce the EAC Students' Essay Writing Competition; 2020. The competition is open to students in secondary schools (Form one to Form four) in the East African Community Partner States, i.e. Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and United Republic of Tanzania.

Participants in the essay competition will be required to write essays of between 1000-1500 words either in Kiswahili, French or English on the following topic:

Topic for 2020 EAC Students Essay Writing Competition

English	How can the developments in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) be utilized to speed up the development and integration efforts of the East African Community Partner States?
Kiswahili	Ni kwa namna gani mabadiliko ya TEKNOHAMA/TEHAMA yanaweza kutumika kufanikisha kwa haraka juhudi za maendeleo na mtangamano wa Nchi Wanachama wa Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki?
French	Comment les développements des technologies de l'information et de la communication peuvent-ils être utilisés pour accélérer les efforts de développement et d'intégration des États partenaires de la Communauté d'Afrique de l'Est?

The Essay Writing Competition will commence on 1st August and end on 15th September 2020. Prizes will be given to winners in the following categories.

(a) Awards to Schools

The school from which the best essay originates is awarded **school equipment worth US\$ 1,500;**

The school from which the first runner-up will originate is awarded **school equipment worth US\$ 1,200;**

The school from which the second runner-up will originate is awarded **school equipment worth US\$ 750.**

(b) Award to the winning students

The five best Essay writers will be awarded certificates of merit and are offered an all-expense tour in East Africa. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| a) 1 st Prize | - | US\$300 |
| b) 2 nd Prize | - | US\$250 |
| c) 3 rd Prize | - | US\$200 |
| d) 4 th Prize | - | US\$120 |
| e) 5 th Prize | - | US\$100 |

Five other winners will be awarded the prize of US\$75 in the following categories:

- Gender
- Rural/Urban
- Disability (Persons with special needs)
- Language variations (Kiswahili, French and English)
- Hard to reach areas

(i) Regional East African Community level

Regional prizes will be awarded during the Summit of EAC Heads of State as follows:-

- Best Essay Writer will be awarded a certificate and a cash prize of US\$750.
- The first runners-up will be awarded a certificate and cash prize of US\$650.
- The second runners-up will be awarded a certificate and cash prize of US\$600.

There will also be a tour to Tanzania after the Head of State Summit date will be communicated.

Writing guidelines to students

- Do not type your work. It should be in your own original handwriting.
- Write neatly.
- Use a foolscap paper and leave the correct margin on the left and right-hand side of the paper.
- Number your pages (at the bottom of the papers).
- Do thorough research and let it be evident in your work.
- You may provide the source of your researched material through proper referencing/bibliography.
- Scan your copy to fieldcoordinationandcca@gmail.com and cc langatjanet23@gmail.com

or

Forward your hard copy to: The Director

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