

About EABC (East African Business Council)



- ▶ **Who we are:** Umbrella body of the Private Sector: Associations and corporate in the EAC Community – (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania & Uganda)
- ▶ **Establishment:** In November 1997 to foster the interests of Private Sector in the EAC's integration process currently with 177 members mostly Business Associations
- ▶ **Relationship with EAC:** EABC enjoys “**Observer Status**” in EAC Secretariat, EAC Organs and Institutions. EABC is invited and participates in various technical, sectoral council, and ministerial meetings at EAC where we represent private sector interests. Process to establish a framework for private sector participation in EAC policy making is underway.
- ▶ **Recognition:** Besides the observer status, EABC is recognized by both EAC Policy Makers and the business community as the key multi-sectoral private sector facilitator / platform that brings the business community together at the EAC level.
- ▶ **URL:** <http://www.eabc.info>

Profiles of the Panelists



Mr. Econie Nijimbere (Burundi)

Currently he is the President of Burundi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CFCIB). Born in 1962, he is an Economist with a Bachelor of Economics (Management and Administration Option) from the University of Burundi. Before embarking in the private sector, Mr. Econie Nijimbere worked for four years for a public company COTEBU (Bujumbura Textile Complex). Within the company, he held senior positions. After leaving COTEBU in 1992, he served as Economic Adviser to the Finance Directorate General. Since July 1992, he joined the private sector as a Director and CEO of the company “Mister Minute Printing”. Spending 19 years in the private sector, he has excellent knowledge of Burundian business. From 2010 to the present, he is President of the Industrial Association of Burundi, Board Member Administration of the OBR (Burundi Revenue Authority) and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB). Mr. Econie Nijimbere has regularly participated in international business forums and thus has proven experience in the business community, as evidenced by receiving first gold medal in Switzerland in April 2005.



Dr. Paul Mwaniki (Kenya)

Dr. Paul Mwaniki, Vice Chair of Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) and President of The Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK), graduated from the University of Nairobi with a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree. He is also a Board Member of the Pharmacy and Persons Board - the Government of Kenya Regulatory Board of the Pharmaceutical Sector. He is also the Director of Kileleshwa Medical Plaza and Kileleshwa Pharmaceutical Limited. Dr. Paul is also the Vice Governor of Kenya Private sector Alliance (KEPSA) Representing the Health Sector.



Mr. Dennis Karera (Rwanda)

Dennis Karera is a business entrepreneur in Rwanda with many years of outstanding and diversified experience in Real estate development. He has developed and owns properties in Kigali, and is the Managing Director of Park View Courts, and outstanding Apart-Hotel facility in Kigali. He is also the Managing Director of Kigali Height Development Company a Kigali based Real Estate Company currently doing mixed use development. In addition, he is the Chairman of Rwanda Hospitality Association and is a key player in the activities of the Rwanda Private Sector Federation. He is professionally a graduate of

Criminology from the University of Cambridge-UK, a retired senior civil servant and a seasoned business operator in the East African Region. He is also the Honorary Consul of Ghana Consulate in Rwanda, as well as the Vice-Chair, East Africa Business Council representing Rwanda.



Mr. Avninder Dhariwal (Tanzania)

After graduating from Warwick University UK in Engineering Science he worked in the construction industry in the UK for 12 years. In 1993, he returned back to Tanzania to join his family construction company and formed Avco Investments Limited which has grown into a large logistics company transporting goods all over the East, Central and Southern Africa region. The company is also involved in the building materials production and supply. His experience in transport has given him a good insight into all the opportunities existing in the region for various industries. He is a keen entrepreneur and has a vision to expand into Industry. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the British Business Group Tanzania and on the Northern Zone Committee of Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATO).



Mr. Jim Kabeho (Uganda)

Mr. Kabeho is a Commerce graduate from Makerere University and is an entrepreneur who has vast knowledge on private sector issues. Currently, he is the executive director of Madhvani Group Ltd and the chairman of the Uganda Sugar Manufacturers Association. He is also a board member of the Private Sector Foundation Uganda, the Uganda Manufacturers Association and also sits on the Finance and Administration Committee, EABC.



Mr. Junji Koike (Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.)

Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University graduate, Columbia University School of International Public Policy graduates (Master of Public Management). Company engaged in advancing support to target emerging countries around the Middle East and Africa. Cooperation Center for the Middle East by Japanese companies to the UAE and Saudi Arabia as a member of the oil-producing countries in investment promotion project is being carried out for many years to advance support. The source of private-public initiative by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, in recent years it has done a lot of business expansion assistance to Africa.



Mr. Tidiane Boye (United Nations Industrial Development Organization)

Mr. Boye is an Investment Promotion and Private Sector Development Specialist with close to 25 years of experience in Senegal and International Organizations. He is currently an Industrial Development Officer, managing several investment promotion and private sector development projects in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining UNIDO, Mr. Boye served as Executive Director of the Business Association of Senegal and West Africa. He also served as Investment Promotion Delegate in France. He occupied various positions in the Private Sector, specializing in developing international business between Africa and Europe and Africa and Asia. Mr. Boye is a graduate of McGill University (Montreal, Canada) and Cambridge University (United Kingdom).