

## **FEAFFA weekly activity updates 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

### **1. Meeting with TMEA to discuss advocacy issues for support**

The Federation has been engaging TMEA for support in the area of advocacy. The Federation submitted a list of advocacy issues affecting the industry at a regional level upon which a meeting was organized to discuss possible support. The issues included some of those currently being addressed through the FEAFFA grant from USAID COMPETE for continuity purposes. The meeting zeroed in on the issue of the single customs territory and mutual recognition of clearing agents licenses by revenue authorities in the region. The secretariat will therefore submit to TMEA a proposal to undertake advocacy on these two issues in line with the grant's objective of sharpening FEAFFA's advocacy capacity.

### **2. E portal audit in Rwanda and Bujumbura**

The secretariat continued the e portal audit exercise in the countries of Rwanda and Burundi. The suggestions of the industry on how to improve the portal and market it were shared. Importantly, a list of priority products imported and exported by these countries was made and will form the basis for up scaling the e portal.

### **3. Organizing for the first experts meeting to draft EACFFPC training materials**

The secretariat continued preparations for the development of the EACFFPC training materials. It coordinated all the logistics for the weeklong meeting currently taking place at Livingstone Hotel in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. The meeting is expected to produce a draft revised version of the EACFFPC training materials. The experts were gathered from the East Africa Revenue Authorities and the freight logistics industry.

### **4. Produce the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the east African freight forwarders directory**

The Federation stepped up discussions with Efman communications for the production of the new directory. The contract is expected to be signed in the week starting 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012.