

**BIEAC PROJECT PHASE II ACTIVITIES: UPDATE**

**April 2010**

Phase II activities commenced in December 2009 with a research dialogue from which six topical issues were selected and distributed among the project countries as follows:

- Burundi: Accession of Burundi and Rwanda into EAC and Implications for private sector development.
- Kenya: (a) State of Informal cross-border trade and implications on implementation of the EAC Common External Tariff. (b) Harmonization of EAC tax regimes: proposals for a SME's friendly taxation system.
- Rwanda: Integrating Migration with Development in EAC: Policy challenges and Recommendations.
- Tanzania: Non-Tariff Barriers in trading within EAC: status, challenges and way forward in 2010 and beyond.
- Uganda: National competition policy and law versus the regional competition law ACT: status and way forward on addressing the implementation challenges.
- CUTS-GRC: Analysis of policy challenges for EAC integration.

The first drafts of the above papers have been concluded and will be presented at National workshops in the respective countries as follows:

- Burundi: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- Kenya: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- Rwanda: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- Tanzania: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- Uganda: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

The papers will also be presented at a regional workshop scheduled for third week of May 2010 and final drafts published and disseminated to all stakeholders thereafter.