East Africa Community Coach Education System Sports Head forum on enhancing the standardization,recognition and support for multi-sport community level coach education and development within East Africa

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 **“To acquaint sports leaders to the EACCES initiative processand potential of providing a framework for accreditation of community coaches”**

 **Executive summary**

The East Africa Community Coach Education System (EACCES) brought together approximately 30 representatives from sports and development agencies across East Africa region to assess the interest and impact of recogonized and standardized coaching and accreditaion system for the region,The working group mapped the EACCES from it is inception to date and the potetial it has in East Africa in regards to community coach education and development.

**1.0 Introduction to EACCES initiative**

Participants shared their organization’s structures, addressing the current structures of thier trainings,pathways and curriculum in coaching systems. It was highlighted that we should have a same structures in trainings and pathways and curiculum developed in the region, citing Kicking AIDS Out! as examples that involve graduating through various levels,as a key way to develop community coaches capacity in the region. All organizations prefered to be part of developing team with lead of the coordinator and the working group.

**2.0 Progress of EACCES**

CHRISC Tanzania has already undergone the EACCES mapping exercise, which aimed to identify why one league structure was failing to retain participants. A representative from the organisation shared how the process has impacted positve change their league management and organizational development and identified the gaps and best practices which has helped the organization to Improve on there service delievery to their participants. The Working Group and the Coordinator have been tasked to develop an action plan how the participating organizations will be mapped.

Participants were inspired with the progress of EACCES in supporting the development of organizations in terms of mapping and addreesing the coach and participants needs and the aspect of recognition and accreditation which has never been addressed by creating the platform for sharing resources and expertise. Groups explored the possibility of sharing this platform with national and regional goverments and national sports councils to strengthen the impact and framework EACCES could have.

**3.0 Identifying key areas of EACCES**

Participants spent considerable time identifying the key areas to be addressed,which were then grouped in four themes-Strategies,Resources, Advocacy/Awareness and Lobby:

* **Strategic**: EACCES straregic plan to be developed and the framework to be adapted by agencies,Including communication strategy for internal and external stakeholders,and the development and shareEACCES curriculum and pathways.
* **Resources:**There is a critical need for a platform that will be an accessible portal for information,including anacdotes of individual experiences and share tools and case stories on agencies.Participants need to form a network in East Africa to share good practices and participate fully and support the EACCES initiative to enhance ownership of the project in the region. It was agreed that monthly updates are to be sent network members.
* **Advocacy/Awareness:**Development of a comprehensive website should be a priority and it should be a platform for the culminating the coaching pathway,certification and recognition based on standardized tool/framework.
* **Lobby:** Lobbing for existing partners and institutions like National sports councils,CECAFA,CAF and Street football world who may share the project vision.

**4.0 Ways forward**

**The forum closed with participants identifying a set of essential next steps:**

* To be fully commited in the EACCES process,this forum report to be sent to the participants along with another contacts
* Develop a EACCES strategic plan,Working group to be the lead being the secretariate of the the EACCES
* Training guidelines to be developed and shared among members in the network,by the working group
* Recruitment, training,post training,activity,follow up and support and accreditation system to be developed,after all the organizations mapping and gaps identifield and best practices highlighted

**4.1 Tasks to be completed**

* The working group and coordinator to take the lead in developing the frameworks and strategic plan,as the secretariate for the EACCES
* Key partners to be involved in developing and contributing to the proccess
* The website to be a one stop shopping for information for the EACCES
* One representative of each organization should play a supporting role,in particular by submitting informations
* Participants agreed to share information and ideas from the forum with collegues in other organizations.
* Organizations to share annual workplans and major activities.

**5.0 Closing remarks**

**Evans odago East Africa Community Coach Education System coordinator (EACCES)**

Evans extended his thanks to all participants for their valuable contribution to the forum.The forum showed a whole level of enthusiasm for and commitment from organizations in sports and development to an issue that ready to crystallize.