

Press Release

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The African Union Border Day is an annual commemoration with the aim of addressing the persistence lack of delimitation and demarcation of African boundaries that gives rise to 'undefined zones', to facilitate and support the delimitation and demarcation of African boundaries and to develop crossborder initiatives among States. 'The year of refugees, returnees, and internally displaced persons' being the theme for the AU this year, goes hand in hand with celebration of the

'African Border Day'.

The Eastern Africa standby Force (EASF) wishes to emphasis on the role borderlands play in free movement of people and goods and the importance of border communities in promoting good neighborly relations thus fostering peace in Africa. EASF is supportive of the significant progress in the areas of delimitation and demarcation of boundaries, cross-border cooperation and capacity building.

The Eastern Africa Standby Force is a regional organization whose mandate is to enhance peace and security in the Eastern Africa region. It is one of the five regional multidimensional Forces of the African Standby Force (ASF) and EASF has a direct interest in the promotion of cross-border cooperation and border diplomacy.

Let the celebration of the 'African Border Day' brings the African communities closer and let the spirit of the AU's 2019 theme be our guiding principles as we observe this day.

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