# SWEDISH - EAST AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# **Annual Report 2015**

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### General information and activities during 2015

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The objective of the chamber, as a non-profit organization, is to promote the development of trade and investments between Sweden and the EAC countries by providing a platform for business people to meet.

EAC is the acronym for the East African Community which includes the member states Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

#### **Activities**

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. The meeting was followed by a seminar with focus on financial solutions in the EAC market.

• 29 January Presentation of Spider, Kerstin Borglin

24 March Annual General Meeting and Seminar; Financial solutions with mingle

21 April Breakfast meeting Ambassador of Tanzania to Sweden

• 4 June Summer break Member Mingle

27 August Breakfast meeting with Minister of Trade, Uganda

• 13 October Breakfast meeting with David Isaksson - Who creates the image of Africa?

• 3 December Year End Member mingle

#### The SWEACC board, auditors and election committee during 2015

Jan Furuvald Chairman (elected for 2 years in 2015)
Kerstin Borglin Vice Chairman (elected for 1 year in 2015)
Sune Karlsson (elected for 1 year in 2015)

Christina af Klint
Reuben Mugisha
Per Olof Seman
Maria Lannér
Linda Krohndal

(elected for 1 year in 2015)
(elected for 1 year in 2015)
(elected for 2 years in 2014)
(elected for 2 years in 2015)

The board works voluntarily without remuneration. During the year, 12 board meetings have taken place.

#### **Auditors**

Georg Boqvist (reelected for 1 year)
Gustaf Wettergren (elected for 1 year)

The accounting is administered by the accounting firm Servoffice AB.

#### **Election Committee**

Anders Lindén (reelected for 1 year)
Jonas Högström (elected for 1 year)
Claes Torén (reelected for 1 year)

### **SWEACC** members

At the start of the year 2015 SWEACC had 200 registered members.

During 2015 SWEACC has done a member survey. Main purpose of the survey was to map the profile of the members.

In order to make SWEACC a more member driven chamber, six specific areas of interest have been pinpointed:

- Infrastructure
- ICT
- Healthcare
- Water & Sanitation
- Energy
- Tourism

SWEACC will focus on establishing clusters within these areas, and coordinate the work with the Embassies of the EAC countries.

#### **Co-operating Partners**

SWEACC has during the year continued to take part of discussion with:

Chamber Trade Sweden, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, Sweden - West African Chamber of Commerce, Sweden Central African Chamber of Commerce, Swedish-North African Chamber of Commerce and Swedish-Southern African Chamber of Commerce. The dialogue is mainly to keep each other updated and to evaluate the initiative of a pan-African Chamber. Further partners are International Council of Swedish Industry, the Swedish Trade Federation, the Nordic Africa Institute, ministry for Foreign Affairs and Business Sweden,

#### Acknowledgments

SWEACC is very grateful for the support given by the EAC embassies and the closer dialogue that has been established during the year.

Special thanks are extended to the Swedish Trade Federation which has kindly let SWEACC use their premises for seminars during 2015.

#### **SWEACC** at a new address

SWEACC has during the year changed address to Brunnsgatan 6 in Stockholm.

### **SWEACC** economy

The membership fees are the base for SWEACC's activities and cover costs for accounting and website and some activities for the members such as member mingles, ambassador breakfast meetings. The paid events are budgeted to give a little surplus. Thanks to our partners we can keep a low cost profile as we so far have been able to avoid cost for renting venues.

The Chamber's results and financial positions are described in the income statement and balance sheets attached.

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# Proposed appropriation of result

At the disposal of the Annual General Meeting: Accumulated result carried forward SEK 38 479 The board proposes the following appropriation of retained earnings: Carried forward SEK -8 520 Total SEK 29 919

#### Plans for 2016

The main objectives are

- To strengthen SWEACC's position as an important meeting forum for all business people
  engaged in or with EAC. The vision is that SWEACC should be the number one choice for
  companies interested in starting business with or in EAC.
- To increase the number of large company members
- To continuously work closer to the Embassies of the EAC countries.
- To arrange a number of informative seminars and member mingle meetings
- To have breakfast meetings with EAC ambassadors and visiting ministers
- To establish member driven clusters

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Jan Furuvald	Kerstin Borglin	Maria Lannér
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Reuben Mugisha	Par Olesson	
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Income statement	2015-01-01	2014-01-01
	2015-12-31	2014-12-31
Operating income		
Member fees	108 750	136 271
Seminars	-26	74 394
Other	0	0
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	108 724	210 668
Operating expenses		
Seminar related expenses	-11 335	-98 687
Other Operating expenses	-97 127	-106 309
<b>Total Operating expenses</b>	-108 462	-204 996
OPERATING RESULT BEFORE DEPRECIATION	262	5 672
Depreciation and financial expenses		
Depreciation of immaterial assets	-8 860	-5 500
Interest on taxes and fees	78	-8
OPERATING RESULT BEFORE TAX	-8 520	164
Tax charged for the year	0	0
NET RESULT FOR THE YEAR	-8 520	164



<b>Balance Sheet</b>	2015-12-31	2014-12-31
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Immaterial assets	19 090	23 150
Accounts receivable		
Accounts receivable	57 500	67 500
Depreciation Accounts Receivable	-5 000	0
VAT Refundable	0	7 763
Prepaid Expenses	0	28 529
Total accounts receivable	52 500	103 792
Cash and bank	41 894	63 941
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	113 484	190 883
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Equity and liabilities	2015-12-31	2014-12-31
EQUITY		
Balanced result	38 275	47 611
Result carried forward	164	-9 336
Result for the financial year	-8 520	164
Total equity	29 919	38 439
Untaxed reserves	0	0
LIABIILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Tax liabilities.	0	0
Accrued expenses and deferred income	83 565	152 444
Total current liabilities	83 565	152 444
TOTAL LIABILITIES	83 565	152 444
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	113 484	190 883
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# Accounting principles and notes

### **Accounting Principles**

The annual statement has been prepared according to Swedish accounts act for legal entities and the Swedish Accounting Board's recommendations.

The principles have not changed compared to last year.

Notes

Equity Profit carried forward

Balance 2014 38 439

Net result for the year 2015 -8 520

Balance 2015 29 919

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Jan Furuvald

Chairman

Kerstin Borglin

Vice Chairman

### INDEPENDANT AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of the Swedish - East African Chamber of Commerce SWEACC

c/o Senior Advisers Regeringsgatan 82 SE-111 39 STOCKHOLM SWEDEN

We have audited the accompanied balance sheet of SWEACC-Swedish East African Board of Commerce (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015 and the related statements of income and retained earnings for the year then ended. These final statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Sweden. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Sweden.

**AUDITORS' SIGNATURES** 

Stockholm 3 March, 2016

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