KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1ST EAC REGIONAL STI CONFERENCE

1. IUCEA and EASTECO to work closely with academia to promote best practice and quality in supervision and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students
2. Universities to identify pilots and undertake the continuum of innovation ecosystem with a view to translate research –into –use (Products and services)
3. Create environment at Universities and Research Institutions that fosters Innovation in curriculum development and implementation – involve relevant stakeholders in the process
4. Partner States of EAC to enact relevant policies on data sovereignty issues,
5. EASTECO TO Develop and implement innovative approaches and mechanisms that promote and sustain collaborative engagements between industry and academia
6. Partner States and universities to take advantage of the opportunities provided by SDG-17 in mobilizing broad international partnerships to achieve the National Development plans and SDGs.
7. EAC Regional Institutions such as EASTECO to put in place a platform for partnership and collaboration between research institutions and industry.
8. Align University Research and Training Programs to suite the context of Private Sector / Industry with niche specialization for universities
9. Research with communities instead of Research-on Communities to promote relevant research that will develop appropriate solutions
10. Institutions to adopt Co-design, co-implementation and co-ownership in their projects and programs, with multi-stakeholder Collaboration Model
11. Partner States to increase investments in R&D undertaking and infrastructure using Innovative Funding Models for R&D that promotes APPP
12. EASTECO to develop and implement a regional program on R&D, Technology adaptation and transfer involving linkages of academia, public research organization and private business sector for food security, health and energy among others;
13. EAC to track transformation towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) where new knowledge is generated and applied for industrial development and implement Appropriate policies that promote R&D.