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EAACLALS has had its activities hampered since 2020 due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Activities such as the National Book Week that take place in September of each year, and in which the association has always been actively involved have been suspended over the period, and thus our interactions with corporate entities such as the National Book Council of Kenya and the Kenya Publishers Association have been hampered, denying us much needed visibility.

EAACLALS was privileged to send representatives to represent ACLALS at the Conference of Commonwealth Ministers (CCEM), which took place at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi from 27-28 April 2022. The conference discussed the current situation within the education sector for Commonwealth countries. It was made evident that the Covid 19 pandemic has had a negative impact on education, and that efforts should be made to mitigate against these effects on learning. Environmental issues also came up as a major factor hindering progress in education, and as such sustainable solutions to improve the quality of Education for all. Kenya’s Ministry of Education was handed the leadership of CCEM’s secretariat as from 2022-2025. EAACLALS hopes to work closely with the Ministry in formulating and implementing education policies for Commonwealth countries over that period.

Members of the executive committee of EAACLALS have proposed that their chair, Dr. Alex Wanjala of the University of Nairobi vie for the presidency of ACLALS during the 19th triennial of the association which will in Toronto, Canada in July 2022. EAACLALS through its executive committee further expresses its desire that the 20th ACLALS triennial be hosted in East Africa. It is hoped that our candidate will receive the support of the other Chapters in the Association.