



Dr. Stanley Sonoiya is the Principal Health Officer of the East African Community which is the regional inter-governmental organization that comprise five (5) Partner States, namely; the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, with its Headquarters located in Arusha, Tanzania. The Mission of the East African Community is to widen and deepen economic, political, social and cultural integration in order to improve the quality of life of the people of East Africa through regional cooperation on health, including taking joint action in the prevention and control of various diseases and public health events of national and internal importance, among other provisions as stipulated in the Treaty on the Establishment of the East African Community.

Dr. Sonoiya was appointed by the Council of Ministers of the East African Community (EAC) as the Principal Health Officer and the first employee under the EAC Health Sector with effect from 1st October, 2004. Before he joined the Community in the year 2004, Dr. Sonoiya was working as a Medical Specialist in Paediatrics, Nephrology and Immunology at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

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