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In Summary

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“The time has come for us to produce affordable clothes for all Kenyans,” she added.

Kenya members chairperson Nancy Abisai said the community has over 172 million people who provide ready market for entrepreneurs.

The workshop was attended by over 3,000 students and staff who asked members to look into making cross border points conducive for the disabled, hastening the education system harmonisation to allow university graduates get jobs all over East Africa.

The legislators reminded the participants that they are only play oversight over member countries without interfering in national issues.

“We are a diplomatic assembly, we can only intervene on an issue through a petition from individuals in the member state,” explained Ms Ng’aru.