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# **Kenya: Common Visa Favored for 5 East African Nations**

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Five East African nations are nearing agreement to collapse their borders so that foreigners will need only one visa to travel to any of the five, [Kenya's immigration](#) minister said Friday. The proposal is part of an effort to forge [Burundi](#), Kenya, [Rwanda](#), [Tanzania](#) and [Uganda](#) into a single market and increase investment in the region, Immigration Minister Otieno Kajwang said. Citizens of the five nations do not need visas to travel within their economic bloc, the East African Community, which on Thursday officially began operating as a single market with one set of regulations. Each country, however, still has to change a wide variety of labor, taxation and immigration laws to conform to the protocol.