



**PEACE, PROSPERITY AND
REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

IGAD DROUGHT DISASTER RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (IDDRSI)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 8th IDDRSI PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Appreciating the progress made in the last five years since the establishment of IDDRSI and the renewed commitment to regional cooperation that would ensure a transformational resilience agenda for the next five years, the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee (PSC):

1. Notes that building resilience in the region is a long, challenging journey steadily being undertaken at sub-national, national and regional levels that requires multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder involvement;
2. Recognizes the preparatory ground work started to develop infrastructure and increase investment in the arid and semi arid lands (ASALs) of the region, acknowledges the remarkable results achieved so far, and envisages much more to be done differently and innovatively to guarantee the achievement of the goals of IDDRSI;
3. Calls upon the IGAD Secretariat to follow up with Member States to address pending issues to ensure full operationalization of the IGAD Cross Border Development Facilitation Unit based in Moroto, Uganda;
4. Reaffirms the recommendation to expand the cross-border initiatives to include all forms of cross-border cooperation approaches taking into account and benefiting from the African Union Convention on Cross-border Cooperation (the Niamey Convention) in all cross-border areas of the IGAD region;
5. Recalls the recommendation made by the 4th PSC Meeting held in Khartoum to establish the Gender and Resilience Working Group and Communities of Practice for strengthening gender mainstreaming in IDDRSI;
6. Calls on Platform Members to undertake studies to deepen understanding on the impact of consecutive droughts on agricultural systems and ecosystems in the IGAD region for better and adequate response;
7. Recommends the protocol on free movement of persons to include trade in goods and services, and supports the development of the transhumance protocol by ensuring safe access of pastoralists to corridors of pasture, water and basic social services;

8. Recalls the recommendation made by the 6th PSC Meeting in Nairobi to find efficient ways of improving procurement procedures particularly in large infrastructure procurement;
9. Urges IDDRSI Platform Members to put a strong emphasis on strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation, as well as the reporting systems;
10. Calls on IDDRSI Platform Members to employ measures and approaches that will enable effective measurement of collective outcomes through the adoption and implementation of Resilience Measurement and Knowledge Management for informed decision making and investment;
11. Urges Member States, Development Partners and the IGAD Secretariat to allocate sufficient resources to support the staff and activities of the Platform Coordination Unit;
12. Further urges Member States and the IGAD Secretariat to strengthen and operationalize national coordination mechanisms;
13. While acknowledging the pioneering efforts of the African Development Bank and the World Bank that inspired other Development Partners to support IDDRSI, appeals to all development partners to continue their support to IDDRSI;
14. Recommends to Member States and the IGAD Secretariat, the diversification of resource mobilization that go beyond traditional Development Partners to include domestic sources and non-traditional partners;
15. Urges Member States and the IGAD Secretariat to send a consolidated report to PSC Members at least 15 days before the Meeting;
16. Welcomes the roadmap for the revision of the IDDRSI Programming Framework Documents, paying special attention to global frameworks, such as the Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact for Migration.