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# IGAD Drought Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) Sixth IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee Meeting

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## Recommendations

### 1. FACILITATION OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION TO IMPLEMENT IDDRSI

Participants comprising members of the Committee of Ambassadors, IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee members, IGAD Health and IDDRSI Focal Points, Representatives of Development Partners and Non-State Actors who attended a workshop held at the Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, and discussed issues affecting cooperation in facilitating the implementation of IDDRSI in cross-border areas between and among IGAD countries, made the following recommendations:

1.1 IGAD should, as soon as possible, establish a Cross-border Development Facilitation and Coordination Unit, based in Moroto, Uganda (initially and other locations subsequently), to serve as a pilot in the Karamoja Cluster, having the following functions:

- (a) Liaise with the affected national and local governments in the planning and implementation of activities related to the implementation of IDDRSI
- (b) Coordinate the formulation of cross-border integrated development plans
- (c) Provide harmonized and coordinated support in KM, programming and capacity building activities and other technical support to affected local and national governments and non-state actors
- (d) Provide the coordination and linkage of the regional, national and cross-border area coordination centers.
- (e) Through IGAD (IDDRSI Platform Coordination Unit) report to the affected countries and the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee.

1.2. IGAD should, in consultation with affected countries, identify cross-border areas targeted for the implementation of IDDRSI.

1.3. IGAD should approach Member States and Development Partners to put in place the necessary resources required for the functioning and sustainability of the Unit.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IDDRSI – MID –TERM REVIEW

The Steering Committee received the report on the Mid-Term Review of the IDDRSI Strategy (1<sup>st</sup> Phase, 2013 – 2017) and noted the progress in the implementation of IDDRSI. The Committee recommends that IGAD reviews the recommendations made by the MTR group of consultants, to identify the actionable recommendations and refine the report in response to the



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comments and observations made by the Steering Committee; and report the refined document and the identified actionable changes during the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROGRESS REPORTS AND UPDATES**

- 3.1 Establish a common learning and planning programme where multi-sectoral learning initiatives are designed to benefit the communities across the borders.
- 3.2 Establish mechanisms to increase funds absorption, eliminate delays at national level and improve the inter-ministerial information flows on funding support on resilience in order to expedite project implementation.
- 3.3 Recall previous recommendations and put further emphasis on the role of CSOs and NGOs in the implementation process of resilience building on regional, national and local levels.
- 3.4 Establish a fund to enable recognition of individuals, organizations and Member States for merits and achievements in building resilience

### **4. PANEL DISCUSSION ON JOINT REGIONAL RESILIENCE ANALYSIS**

Develop a comprehensive joint regional analysis framework to describe the situation in relation to the implementation of IDDRSI and its impact. PCU and RAU to lead and coordinate the development of the regional and report to the next SC.