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IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI)

The IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative partners including MS, IGAD, AUC, Development Partners, UN agencies, non state actors (NSAs) and Private sector actors committed to the Initiative to End Drought Emergencies (EDE) in the Greater Horn of Africa held the 2nd IDDRSI Platform General Assembly meeting on 26th March 2014 at the Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda. The meeting was chaired by **Hon. Dr. G/Egzeabhare G/Yohannes** Minister from the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chair of the IGAD Council of Ministers. It was attended by **Hon. Mohamed Ahmed Awaleh** the Minister from the Republic of Djibouti, **Hon Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamid**, the Minister from The Sudan, **Hon. Martin Tako Moyi** the Minister from the Republic of South Sudan, **Hon. Prof. Salim Alio Ibro** Minister from the Federal Republic of Somalia, **Hon. (Eng.) Hilary Onek** Minister from the Republic of Uganda and **Mr. John Konchellah**, the Principal Secretary from the Republic of Kenya. Also in attendance was **Amb. (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim** Executive Secretary of IGAD and **Ms Kyung-Wah Kang** the Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (UN-OCHA).

The meeting's objective was to review the progress made since the 1st General Assembly and give a way forward.

Recalling:

1. The Declaration of the first Resilience Summit on “ending drought emergencies in the Horn of Africa” held in Nairobi in September 2011, which called for the establishment of a Multi-donor Trust Fund for the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI); and bestowed on IGAD the role to lead and coordinate the efforts aimed at implementing the objectives of the initiative

2. The Communiqué' of the first Platform General Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2013.

Considering:

1. It is cheaper to invest in early warning and early action than it is to invest in “emergency programmes” therefore there is need to invest more in preventive measures and early warning, which should be linked to early action and that
2. The progress made by the Platform Coordination Unit Team in knowledge management (KM), capacity development (CD) and monitoring and evaluation (M & E) to establish regional systems, processes, procedures and practices.
3. KM and M & E need to be institutionalized in each MS to track progress of implementation of IDDRSI and sharing data and information.
4. The need to facilitate and support communities in the arid and semi-arid areas (ASALs) of IGAD to invest in complimentary livelihood resources;
5. That children, women and persons with disabilities were most vulnerable in times of droughts, conflict and war and need to be protected.
6. The review process of the Hyogo Framework.
7. The importance of remittances to the resilience and development of communities across the Greater Horn of Africa and the concern that any disruption of the formal money transfer sector would have a negative impact on livelihoods in ASALs.

Appreciating:

1. The critical role of Member States, IGAD Secretariat and development partners including financial institutions, have played in building drought resilience in the Horn of Africa;
2. Member States commitment to the development of country programming papers (CPPs) and establishment of national coordination mechanisms that incorporate relevant line ministries, humanitarian and development partners, civil society, private sector actors among others.
3. The efforts made by Member States to integrate Country Programming Papers/Ending Drought Emergencies in their national development plans as this indicates ownership and ensures sustainability;
4. The role played by IGAD Secretariat in the development of the Regional Programming Paper (RPP) and establishment and operationalization of a Regional Drought Resilience and Sustainability Platform and its organs;
5. The progress in establishment and resource mobilization for the Regional Resilience Analysis Unit (RAU), led by IGAD, guided by the demands and

needs of MS, which currently incorporates FAO, UNDP, UNICEF and WFP as partners;

6. The collaboration between IGAD and Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS) in enhancing drought resilience, as an exemplary South- South cooperation.

Now the Ministers and the Partners do hereby adopt the following Communiqué:

Early warning and early action and reaffirmation of commitments by MS, IGAD, development partners, private sector actors and NSAs

1. **Call for** strengthening of early warning systems nationally and regionally and ensure that development funding is flexible enough and factors in drought risk
2. **Call for** establishment of common triggers and protocols to escalate early warning to decision makers at national, regional and global levels to mobilize early action
3. **Call for** institutionalization and investments into scalable social protection schemes

Institutionalization of CPPs

4. **Encourage:** MS that have not done so, to take the initial steps of integrating their CPPs into their national development plans and to empower the relevant existing structures/institutions to coordinate and roll out the implementation.

Coordination

5. **Encourage:** MS to strengthen convening power (leadership) of designated drought resilience management institutions required to facilitate joint humanitarian-development investments to build resilience
6. **Encourage:** MS that have not done so, finalize the composition of the national coordination mechanisms and purposefully put in place measures to ensure the participation of women and youth,
7. **Urge** IGAD Secretariat to fast track the recruitment of the national coordinators, for MS where it has not done so, to strengthen and support the national coordination structures in MS,
8. **Call for** establishment of a strategic common situation analysis process with key stakeholders to inform investment planning in a coordinated manner.
9. **Urge** development partners to seriously consider rationalizing and harmonizing accounting and M and E procedures at regional and national levels

Capacity development

10. **Urge** IGAD to pursue the implementation of the Capacity Development recommendations of the Oct 2013 Steering Committee meeting.
11. **Urge** IGAD to put in place a capacity development strategy for the specific MS and CSOs,

Investing Differently

12. **Urge** Member States to invest in security initiatives which promote community participation and proactive assessment and early action of security concerns to ensure sustainable peace and security in ASALs.
13. **Urge** Member States to prioritize investments in foundations of development in arid and semi arid areas including roads, electricity, ICT, water and other infrastructure; as well as in social services such as health and education in the ASALs to enhance resilience.
14. **Call** on Member States to establish Institutional Frameworks in which National level coordination is directed personally by the Chief Executive of the State, has early warning and supervisory responsibility and is financed by Member States.
15. **Call** upon the international community to move with urgency to agree upon interim systems, rules and procedures that would permit the continued flow of remittances to the region without interruption, and build the capacity of the money transfer sector to comply fully with international norms and standards.

Resource mobilization

16. **Encourage** Eligible MS to submit their formal financial requests for consideration by AfDB and WB to be considered under the second phase of funding.
17. **Call** for increased sustained long term investments in the ASALs which are coordinated and inclusive of target communities, and informed by adequate risk information and contribute to drought resilience.
18. **Call** for decentralization of responsibilities to local authorities complemented by decentralization of resources underpinned by capacity building of local authorities
19. **Encourage** MS to provide a conducive environment for the private sector to invest in dry lands.
20. **Call** for strengthening of investments at regional level in an inclusive and equitable manner.

Knowledge Management, Capacity Development and Monitoring and Evaluation

21. **Urge** The PCU and partners to dedicate more time and resources to facilitate the development of gender responsive KM, Planning and M and E systems at MS levels that are linked to the regional and sub-national structures,

22. **Urge** IGAD to support the KM, programming and M&E work with the adequate capacity development initiatives.
23. **Urge** IGAD to strengthen the knowledge management products it piloted by creating an online platform that effectively serves MS, Development Partners and wider stakeholders as part of the unified knowledge management system.

Cross-border programming

24. **Call** for programming skills to be improved within the whole Programme Cycle Management (PCM) at both national and regional level.
25. **Call** for harmonization of cross border policies taking into account the livestock and population movements (transhumance), the sharing of natural resources (such as water and grazing) and markets.

Humanitarian Access and Security

26. **Request** IGAD to urge the warring factions in all conflict situations in the region to allow access to communities by relief/humanitarian agencies.
27. **Urge** MS to apply and domesticate the Kampala convention (which entered into force in 2012) to address vulnerabilities associated with internally displaced persons

DRR/M

28. **Appreciate** the institutionalization of Drought Risk Reduction/Management in some of the MS and urge those that have not done so to fast track their processes to do so.
29. **Encourage** Member States to streamline, harmonize and rationalize Drought Risk Reduction/Management and IDDRSI structures.

South-South Cooperation

30. **Call** for cross-fertilization among the Secretariats of IGAD and CILSS with other RECs to enhance drought resilience in Africa.

Domestication of regional policies

31. **Urge** IGAD Secretariat to implement approved regional environmental policies and support their domestication at national level so as to enhance the ecological component of drought resilience in the region.

32. **Agree:** to hold the second meeting of the IGAD Platform General Assembly during last week of March 2015 at a place to be determined and hold the 3rd Steering Committee in 6 months at a place to be determined.
33. **Agree:** that the recommendations of the 2nd Platform SC meeting are adopted by the 2nd IGAD Platform General Assembly.
34. **Thank:** the Government and people of the Republic of Uganda for hosting the IGAD Platform Steering Committee and General Assembly and for their warm hospitality and excellent conference facilities.
35. **Remain seized** of the resilience agenda

Done at Kampala, Uganda, 26 March 2014