

IGAD Drought Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) Platform

7th IDDRSI PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA 20TH JANUARY 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Referring to the recent summit decision to establish a multi-donor fund for humanitarian and IDDRSI implementation, urges the need for IGAD & MSs to expedite the operationalization of the IGAD Disaster Reduction fund within the IDDRSI frame work in light of the recurrent droughts in the region
2. The PSC notes the escalating humanitarian crisis in the region as a result of drought and conflict and calls for early action to protect the gains made in recent years in light of preventing the crisis from becoming a catastrophe in the coming months by stepping up immediate humanitarian assistance and at the same time protecting assets and livelihoods of the population at-risk including in cross-border areas. Urgent funding by Member states and partners is required in addition to unhindered humanitarian access.
3. Urges MSs and IGAD to domesticate and implement the programme of action for the implementation of Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction 2015-30 adopted at the 5th high-level meeting on disaster risk reduction in Mauritius on 25th November 2016
4. Calls upon MSs to actively participate in the 2017 Global platform for disaster risk reduction to be held from 22-26 May 2017 in Cancun, Mexico
5. RAU and PCU in collaboration with MSs and Implementing agencies should develop annual analysis tracking the location of communities in need of humanitarian assistance, the progress of resilience building in the region and analysis as to why the humanitarian caseloads increase.
6. MSs called upon to actively solicit support for the cluster-based cross border cooperation and stressed the need for the involvement cross-border communities at all levels.
7. PCU should use the MTR report and recommendations from the PSC to update the Drought Resilience Platform Document for circulation by April 30th; and presentation to the 8th Platform Steering Committee (PSC) for

validation and subsequent submission to the General Assembly, for approval and extension of the tenure of the current PSC.

8. The PSC welcomed the MTR recommendations with some amendments and called upon the PCU to coordinate and expedite the implementation of the recommendations
9. Except for invited key note addresses, PSC presentations should be precise overview summary statements of the situation on the ground, in accordance with the previously agreed reporting templates
10. IGAD should liaise with MSs to highlight the low up-take of funds and explore ways of expediting the implementation of resilience projects
11. Form a steering committee to develop plans for a 5year summit to demonstrate progress and renew commitment to resilience agenda in the Horn of Africa.