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6TH IDDRSI PLATFORM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Consolidating the Path to Resilience and Sustainability
Friday, 6th September 2019, Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 6TH IDDRSI PLATFORM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The partners of the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI), comprising IGAD Member States, Development Partners, AU Commission, UN agencies, Non-state actors (NSAs), members of the private sector actors and IGAD Secretariat, who are committed to the objective of ending drought emergencies in the Horn of Africa, held the 6th meeting of the IDDRSI Platform General Assembly on 6th September 2019 at the Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

The meeting was opened by Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary for Devolution and ASALS of the Republic of Kenya; and was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water, Fisheries Resources and Livestock of the Republic of Djibouti; the Ministry of Agriculture of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; the Ministry of Devolution and Arid and Semi-arid Lands of the Republic of Kenya; the Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range of the Federal Government of Somalia; the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of South Sudan; the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Sudan; and the Office of the Prime Minister, Directorate for Relief, Disaster Preparedness, Management and Refugees of the Republic of Uganda.

Also in attendance were representatives of the African Development Bank, World Bank, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, European Union, USAID, African Union Commission, UN Agencies and Civil Society Organizations, as well as Amb. (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD, Members of the IGAD Civil Society Organisation Forum; Dr Abbas Gullet, Secretary General of the Kenya Red Cross; and Members of the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee.

The objective of the meeting was to review the progress made in the drought resilience initiative, launch a new set of IDDRSI programming frameworks, with recommendations for visioning an agenda to consolidate the path to resilience and sustainability during the next five years.

Recalling that the Summit of the Heads of State and Government, held in Nairobi, Kenya on 9th September 2011, made the historic decision to embark on the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI); and charged the IGAD Secretariat with the responsibility to lead and coordinate the implementation of the decision to end drought emergencies.

Appreciating the efforts of Member States, IGAD Secretariat and the support of Development Partners for the progress achieved since the launching of IDDRSI in 2013, including the establishment and operationalization of the IDDRSI Platform; the development of the IDDRSI Strategy and its translation into country and regional programming frameworks, which have guided the interventions aimed at enhancing drought resilience; and the various efforts made by IGAD Member States and Development Partners that have contributed to the enhancement of drought resilience of the drought-prone communities in the IGAD region.

Note that there is still much that needs to be done differently and innovatively, to guarantee the achievement of the goals of IDDRSI, particularly in view of the shifting dynamics of conflict, climate change and economic shocks, which have increased food insecurity, worsened critical vulnerabilities and severely undermined the livelihoods of communities in the region

Appreciate the efforts made by IGAD Member States, coordinated by the IGAD Secretary, in refining the IDDRSI programming frameworks (IDDRSI Strategy, Regional Programming Paper and Country Programming Papers); and **gratefully acknowledge** the support provided by the Government of Sweden in this endeavor, to facilitate the production of the revised programming frameworks, which will guide the implementation of IDDRSI during the period 2019 – 2024.

Now, we the Ministers, Government representatives, Development Partners and other stakeholders present, do hereby adopt the following communiqué:

1. **Adopt, endorse and acknowledge** the launch of the new IDDRSI programming frameworks (IDDRSI Strategy, Regional Programming Paper and Country Programming Papers), to guide the implementation of IDDRSI, during the period 2019 – 2024;
2. **Urge** the IGAD Member States to mainstream the Country Programming Papers within their national long term plans (visions) and Medium Term Plans, from where programmes and projects that are aimed at ending drought emergencies are recognized and funded in the national budgets;
3. **Welcome** the efforts made so far in establishing and strengthening the coordination mechanisms for the implementation of IDDRSI at regional and national levels; and urge the IGAD Secretariat and Member States to further strengthen the regional, national, sub-national and cross border resilience coordination mechanisms in the region;
4. **Call upon** all IGAD Member States and appeal to all Development Partners to make special efforts and arrangements to boost the implementation of the new Phase of IDDRSI;
5. **Call upon** the IGAD Secretariat and Member States to develop a robust Monitoring and Evaluation and Impact Assessment Framework for the revised Country Programming Papers and Regional Programming Paper, aligned with regional, continental and global result frameworks, to facilitate effective measurement of collective outcomes and better harmonization and coordination of funds for resilience, using a single results framework;
6. **Urge** all IGAD Member States to provide access to data and information related to the implementation of IDDRSI; and appeal to all Development Partners to support the rolling out

of the processes and tools for sharing the information, including the expansion of the 3-W database and other information systems in the region;

7. **Recognize** the growing challenges of conflict and humanitarian concerns as well as the increasing drivers of fragility in the region; and recommend the intensification of resource mobilization to support both humanitarian interventions and resilience-enhancing projects, including the holding of a resilience investment conference, to attract new partners; and strategies to improve access to the climate funds;
8. **Call upon** the IGAD Secretariat and Member States to promote research, dissemination and adoption of innovation and technologies that are relevant for the implementation of IDDRSI; and promote the scaling of resilience innovations, including early warning systems for early action; and renewable energy options, that will improve the livelihoods of the communities in the ASALs;
9. **Welcome** the introduction of a new priority intervention area on “Human Capital, Gender and Social Development”, within the revised IDDRSI Strategy; and urge the IGAD Member States and Development Partners to pay special attention to the issues of migration and displacement; conflict sensitivity; youth; women and children; and persons with disability;
10. **Note** the need for the promotion of the engagement of the private sector in the implementation of IDDRSI, and recommend the development and application of the risk transfer mechanisms, including livestock and crop insurance;
11. **Cognizant** of the role of the staff who are deployed to provide technical and managerial support in the execution of resilience-enhancing projects; and aware of the practice of frequent change and replacement of project staff, which causes delays and interruptions in project delivery and leads to inefficiency, appeal to Member States to ensure the continuity of technical and managerial staff;
12. **Urge** the IGAD Secretariat and the Development Partners to pay special attention to the IGAD Member States that have difficulties in implementing IDDRSI to ensure a harmonized progress across the region;
13. **Agree** that the recommendations of the 10th Platform Steering Committee meeting are adopted by the 6th meeting of the IGAD Platform General Assembly;
14. **Thank** the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya for hosting the meetings the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee and General Assembly and for their warm hospitality and excellent facilitation;

And remain committed and mobilized for the implementation of the second phase of IDDRSI.

Done at Nairobi, Kenya, 6th September 2019

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