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## **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> IGAD DROUGHT DISASTER RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (IDDRSI) PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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The partners of the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) - the IGAD Member States (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda), Development Partners (Germany, Sweden, USAID, EU), UN Agencies (FAO, UNOCHA, UN Women, UNDP), Non-State Actors and the IGAD Secretariat, held the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee on 20-21 July 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with an option for online participation. The theme of the meeting was *Consolidating the Path to Resilience and Sustainability: Scaling up Humanitarian Actions and Resilience Investments*.

The meeting was officially opened by H.E. Dr. Fikru Regassa, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and was chaired by H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, the IGAD Executive Secretary and Chair of the IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee.

Recognising that the region is undergoing the worst drought in over four decades and coping with the ravages of flooding since 2019; noting the factors such as political instability at the global and regional level, high fuel prices, and transboundary pests; acknowledging the 14-point communique of the Ministerial Meeting on Drought held in Nairobi on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022; guided by the 17-point communique of the 39<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Assembly of the Heads of States and Governments of the IGAD region held in Nairobi, Kenya on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022; appreciating the collaboration between Member States and Development Partners in implementing humanitarian actions and resilience investments, and acknowledging the progress made in pursuit of the IDDRSI goals:

The Platform Steering Committee:

- 14.1. Appeals to the Member States, Humanitarian Actors and Development Partners to mobilise resources for scaling up humanitarian responses, to address the persisting food insecurity; and in this regard, take extra measures to assess and manage the impacts of the ongoing drought on gender inequalities.

- 14.2. Recalls Recommendation 13.4 calling on the IGAD Secretariat, Member States and Development Partners to expand the scope and scale of resilience investments in the region in the face of multiple hazards; and further emphasises the need to focus on innovative, comprehensive, collaborative, multi-sectoral, cross-border approaches to resilience building as envisioned in the IDDRSI.
- 14.3. Calls on all Platform members to upscale and expand good practices and technologies for climate change, resilient agriculture, diversification of food and livelihoods, post-harvest loss, livestock insurance, land demarcation, and enhanced investment in water, feed and fodder and rangeland management.
- 14.4. Recalls recommendation 13.1 urging IGAD and the Member States to mobilise resources for sustainable large-scale surface and ground water-based development that would bring a meaningful impact and direct economic and social benefits for youth, women and resource-poor households.
- 14.5. Urges the IDDRSI Platform members to support the effective implementation of the IGAD Protocol on Transhumance to regulate cross-border pastoralist mobility to avoid conflict.
- 14.6. Calls on the IGAD Secretariat and the Member States to strengthen capacities for anticipatory early action by developing regional early action frameworks and protocols at national and local levels.
- 14.7. Urges the IGAD Secretariat to strengthen climate forecasting and multi-hazard early warning systems by improving capacities of the multi-hazard early warning situation rooms at ICPAC and work to establish dedicated situation rooms in the member states.
- 14.8. Recognises that addressing the correlations implicating conflict with drought, floods, food insecurity, displacement and migration requires an integrated programming approach guided by national policies and IGAD's institutional contexts. Therefore, urges the Member States and IGAD to support traditional cross-border resource sharing and peacebuilding initiatives based on the mapping of cross-border conflict hotspots.
- 14.9. Commends the efforts made by the IGAD Secretariat to build M&E capacity in the Member States; and encourages the IGAD Secretariat and

Development Partners to continue their support to IDDRSI coordination and Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning mechanisms at national and sub-national levels.

- 14.10. Recalls recommendation 13.8 calling on the IGAD Secretariat and the Member States to undertake the mid-term reviews of the Regional Programming Paper and the Country Programming Papers and urges the IGAD Secretariat and the Member States to mobilise resources to carry out an analysis at national and sub-national levels.