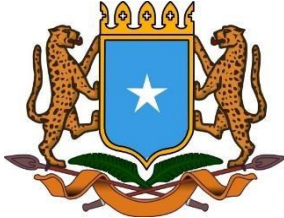


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- Your Excellency Dr. Fikru Regassa, the State Minister of Agriculture of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Your Excellency, Dr. Fatima Rahma, Director General, International Relations Directorate; Ministry of Agriculture and Forests; The Republic of Sudan
- Your Excellency Hon. Abdul Bahari Jilo, Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS); representing Prof. Margaret Kobia, PhD, EGH; Minister (Cabinet Secretary); of Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizens Affairs and Special Programmes, the Republic of Kenya
- Your Excellency, Mr Joseph Africano Bartel, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forestry; representing H.E Ms Josephine Napwon Cosmos; Minister of Environment and Forestry; the Republic of South Sudan
- Mr Tabarek Mohamed, Technical Advisor to the Minister, representing; H.E Ibrahim Elmi Mohamed; Minister of Agriculture, Water, Fishery and Livestock, in charge of marine resources; the Republic of Djibouti
- Ms Pamela Komujuni, Senior Disaster Management Officer, Office of the Prime Minister, representing; Hon. Esther Anyakun; State Minister for Disaster preparedness, refugees and Management; the Republic of Uganda

**Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, brothers and sisters** All Protocols Observed

It is a great pleasure and an honour to join you in the 8th meeting of General Assembly) in this beautiful capital city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

On behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia, I would like to thank the Federal Government of Ethiopia and people of Ethiopia for hosting us in this IGAD Platform meeting.

I also truly appreciate the time, outstanding efforts and contributions made by the IGAD Staff and Delegates of IAGD member countries and development partners in theme of consolidating the path to resilience and sustainability while scaling up humanitarian action and resilience

**Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen;**

Since the establishment of the central authority of Somalia in 2004 and the adaptation of a provisional constitution in 2012, Somalia has achieved remarkable progress on nation-building, peace, stability, and sustainable development. Furthermore, we have now successfully concluded

our federal election system by electing new President, Hon. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre , who will soon establish his members of Somali cabinet.

**Ladies and gentlemen;**

Droughts have been more severe and frequent in Somalia over the years, creating chronic vulnerability with continuous food shortages, widespread economic challenges, displacement, and untold human suffering, particularly among pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities.

In Somalia, over 7.1million (45 percent of the entire population of our people) are facing acute water and food shortages and risk of famine.

Crop and animal production have failed; around 4 million of our animals lost; food prices have risen rapidly. Food insecurity and malnutrition are expected to worsen further and quicker between now and September 2022.

The main drivers of food insecurity in Somalia include the impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, violent conflict and insecurity, climatic shocks (floods, cyclones and droughts), desert locust land degradation by human activities.

Somalia is one of the most vulnerable countries in the horn of Africa to climate change because its livelihoods are directly dependent on livestock, agriculture, forestry and fisheries which are very vulnerable to climate change and climate variability.

To mitigate the effects of climate change, investment of climate smart technology is needed and it is also essential to integrate the management of land and across productive sectors.

Somalia remains committed to do everything possible to contribute to the climate smart food systems. Key resilience reforms include enhancing peace, holding fair and transparent elections and strengthening and consolidating our democratic institutions at all levels, and building on lessons learnt from previous resilience-building programs to plan and implement our building resilience programs and achieve sustainable development goals.

I am very confident that our great efforts here in Addis Ababa will rise to the key challenges, strengthen the resilience of our people in overcoming the emerging crisis facing our communities in the Horn of Africa and hence become prosperous in near future.

I am also very confident that Somalia will instil the value of prosperous society into strong and self-reliant, peaceful communities and the Somali people will come out of this as victorious.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you very much for your attention!

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