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INTER-REGIONAL PLATFORM ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF DESERT LOCUST & OTHER TRANSBOUNDARY PESTS IN THE IGAD REGION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1ST PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Introduction

With funding from the World Bank, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is currently implementing a three-year project (2021-2024) that will establish an Inter-Regional Platform for the Management of Desert Locusts (DL) and other Trans-Boundary Pests.

The goal of the Platform is to strengthen synergies, sustained management and control of desert locusts and other transboundary pests in the IGAD region. The platform will be extended, not only to IGAD member states, but to the neighboring countries affected by the desert locusts and other trans-boundary pests. Operationalization of the platform will be conducted by IGAD in partnership with the Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA). The Platform's coordination unit is constituted at the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC) in Nairobi.

On 9-10 June 2022, IGAD held the first Platform Steering Committee meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in order to lay a foundation for the management of the Platform. The meeting was attended by PSC members nominated by IGAD and its Member States, DLCO-EA, World Bank, FAO, CABI and ICIPE as well as technical experts from each of the institutions.

Summary of Deliberations

The 1st Meeting PSC;

1. Officially launched the Inter-regional Platform for the management of Desert Locusts and other Transboundary pests.
2. Reviewed and adopted Terms of Reference for the Platform Steering Committee.
3. Reviewed and adopted Rules and Regulations of the Platform Steering Committee.
4. Reviewed and endorsed Terms of Reference for the Early Warning working group.
5. Reviewed and endorsed Terms of Reference for the Capacity Building working group.
6. Reviewed and endorsed Terms of Reference for the National Taskforces.
7. Adopted decisions and recommendations of the inception meeting that was held on 7-8 June 2022.
8. Urged World Bank to consider Uganda in the next phase of the Emergency Locust Response Program (ELRP).