



COMMUNIQUE OF THE IGAD SECTORAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT, KHARTOUM. THE SUDAN, 22ND APRIL 2013

The IGAD Sectoral Council of Ministers meeting in charge of Disaster Risk Management was convened at Khartoum, The Sudan 21st April 2013 to discuss the establishment of the Disaster Response Fund. The meeting was chaired by **H.E. Ato Erestu Yirda Welu**, the State Minister of Agriculture, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the current chairing country of IGAD. The meeting was attended by **H.E. Hassan Omar Mohamed**, Minister of Interior of the Republic of Djibouti; **Hon. Joseph Laul Achuil**, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management of the Republic of South Sudan, **H.E. Eng. Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamid**, Minister of Interior, the Republic of The Sudan; **Mr. Andrew A. O. Mondoh**, Permanent Secretary, Office of the President, Ministry of State for Special Programmes of the Republic of Kenya; **Prof. Mahamoud Mahamed Mahamoud** General, Ministry of National Resources for Disaster Resilience of the Federal Government of Somalia and **H.E. Amb (Eng) Mahboub M. Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD.

After deliberating at length on the establishment of the Disaster Response Fund, the **Council**:

1. **Notes** the principles, aims and objectives of IGAD as spelt out in the Agreement establishing IGAD that includes achieving regional food security, encouraging and assisting member states to collectively combat drought and other manmade disasters and their consequences and to mobilize resources for implementation of emergency, short-term, medium and long-term programmes within the framework of regional cooperation
2. **Recalls** the previous decisions of the Council of Ministers in 2002, 2003, 2006, and the IGAD Summit declaration on June 2008 that resolved to

commence the process of establishing a regional emergency reserve fund/facility as set out in the Agreement establishing IGAD.

3. **Notes** that IGAD Member States are at risk from a wide range of natural and human induced hazards and disasters
4. **Appreciates** efforts of Member States to incorporate disaster risk management in the development policies and programmes to effectively contain recurrent disasters.
5. **Notes** the historical development of IGAD that stemmed from Member States conviction and realization of the need to promote development through joint actions and cooperation among the countries of the Horn.
6. **Notes further** the African Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction adopted on 2004; the African Union Extended Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Strategy adopted in 2010 and taking into account the Hyogo Framework for Action in promoting the establishment emergency funds to support response, preparedness and recovery.
7. **Recalls** the Declaration of the second African Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction of April 2010 calling upon development and humanitarian partners to ensure disbursement of 1% of development assistance and 10% of humanitarian assistance supports disaster risk reductions, preparedness and recovery.
8. **Decides** to establish an IGAD Disaster Response Fund as provided in the protocol establishing the Fund.
9. **Decides further** to launch the Hazard Maps and Atlas and commit to utilize the same in policy decision making and Disaster Risk Management.
10. **Commits** to regularly contribute to the fund as part of the IGAD annual budget and provide political and financial support to the Fund and ensure accountability in implementation.
11. **Commits further** to promoting and mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Management into national development policies, strategies and plans,

12. **Calls** upon the donors and development partners to take note and recognize the added value of the IGAD Disaster Response Fund and support the Funds initiatives.
13. **Urges** the IGAD Secretariat to put in place a resource mobilization strategy to sustain the Fund.
14. **Appreciates** the financial Support from the European Union (EU) through the ACP Group of States in the process of establishing the Fund.
15. **Salutes** the Government and the people of the Republic of The Sudan in hosting this meeting and the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to all the delegates, partner organizations and invited guests.
16. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

Done at Khartoum, The Sudan on 22nd April 2013