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IGAD Executive Secretary Congratulates H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf on Election as AU Commission Chair

February 15, 2025 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – The Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, extends his warm congratulations to H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf of the Republic of Djibouti on his election as the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) for the 2025–2029 term.

This election comes at a defining moment for the continent as a Member State candidate assumes leadership of the AU Commission, guiding Africa's collective development agenda forward.

H.E. Dr. Workneh reaffirms IGAD's commitment to working closely with the African Union under H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf's leadership to advance peace, stability, and prosperity across the region and the continent.

"H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf's election is a resounding affirmation of the trust and confidence placed in him by African Heads of State and Government. His leadership comes at a crucial time for our continent, as we work together to advance 'The Africa We Want.' I look forward to collaborating closely with H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf to strengthen regional stability and accelerate Africa's integration agenda," stated H.E. Dr. Workneh.

As the Chair of the Inter-Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Coordination Platform, H.E. Dr. Workneh also assures H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf of his steadfast commitment to strengthening collaboration between the AU and the RECs, ensuring harmonized and coordinated efforts in addressing Africa's challenges and opportunities.



