

**MINISTERIAL MEETING ON PARTNERSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR
COMBATING LAND DEGRADATION AND POVERTY**

KAMPALA RESOLUTIONS

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An IGAD Ministerial Meeting on the partnership and capacity building for combating land degradation and poverty was held on December 14, 2001 in Kampala Uganda, which was preceded by a technical expert's workshop in the same venue December 10-13, 2001. The meeting was attended by:

Hon. Mary Mugenyi, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries Uganda.

Hon. Rukutana Mwesigwa, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic development, Uganda.

Honorable Dr. Lawrence Kezimbira-Miyingo Minister of State for Environment, Ministry of Water, Land and Environment, Uganda.

Honourable Angelo Beda, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly of the Republic of the Sudan.

Honourable Adan Mohamed Noor, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of Kenya.

H.E. Arafein Berhe, Minister of Agriculture, State of Eritrea.

H.E. Dr. Mullu Ketsela, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia.

H.E. Dr. Tewolde Gebre Egziabher, General Manager Ethiopian Environment Protection Authority, Ethiopia.

Mr. Djama Mohamoud Doualeh, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Sea, Republic of Djibouti.

The meeting was also attended by regional and international organizations which included ADB, ECA, FAO, GM, GTZ, SADC, UNCCD Secretariat, UNDP, UNDP/UNSO, UNEP, WB and WFP.

The meeting was officially opened by Honorable Dr. Lawrence Kezimbira-Muyingo Minister of State for Environment, Ministry of Water, Land and Environment on behalf of Her Excellency Dr. Specioza Wandira Kazibwe the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda. Statements were also made by IGAD Executive Secretary, the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, Representative of the UNCCD Secretariat, UNDP Resident Coordinator for Uganda, and the Ambassador of Italy on behalf of IGAD Partners Forum (IPF).

After the Opening Ceremony, Uganda was elected to the Chair and Kenya as Rapporteur. Thereafter, statements were made by each Member State delegation.

The Ministers then considered the Report of the Expert's Meeting (attached) and adopted it with some amendments. The Ministers made the following resolutions:

Resolutions

1. The Ministers noted the importance of proper mainstreaming and enhanced internalization for effective implementation of the NAPs and SRAP and thus resolved that Member States and IGAD Secretariat develop and implement appropriate strategies, policies, institutional and incentive frameworks at national and sub regional levels.
2. The Ministers resolved that the IGAD Member States and the Secretariat pursue mainstreaming/integration/internalization of their NAPs and SRAP into their respective development frameworks/plans and the related budgetary process of Governments and development partners (PRSPs, PEAP, PMA, CAS, NSS, RSS, etc.) and give priority to the implementation of the UNCCD as an instrument for sustainable development.
3. The Ministers resolved that NAPs and SRAP be mainstreamed and integrated into respective Partners cooperation frameworks at national and sub regional level respectively. They also urged that development partners' cooperation frameworks be more open and responsive to Member States requests.
4. The Ministers noted the need for developing Road Maps as tools for enhanced implementation of the NAPs and SRAP. The Ministers also noted that Road Maps do add value to the current efforts of NAPS and SRAP implementation. Road Maps must however take into account the stages of developments of the NAPs and SRAP and the specific conditions of each country and the sub region and therefore have a specific design for each country and the sub-region.

5. The Ministers noted the Khartoum IGAD Summit Decision of November 2000 on operationalizing the National Desertification Fund (NDF) and the Sub regional Facilitation Fund (SFF). They also noted that NDFs development in Member States are at different stages of progress and that SFF has not taken off. In this regard the Ministers resolved that Member States meticulously pursue the establishment of NDF including the development of the appropriate legal, institutional, financial and administrative frameworks. Similarly the Ministers requested IGAD Secretariat to develop modalities to operationalize the SFF. In this regard IGAD and its Member States should place particular emphasis on the introduction of new and innovative ways and mechanisms (eco-cent, lottery, etc.) for resource mobilization to make the NDFs and SFF sustainable.
6. The IGAD Secretariat and its Member States note with appreciation that the GM is prepared upon request to provide US \$ 350,000 as seed money to jump-start a Sub regional Support Facility (SSF) with financial as well as technical arms. The African Development Bank (ADB) expressed interest in the SSF and invited IGAD Secretariat to send detailed proposal for the SSF upon finalization of the modalities. The Ministers urged the African Development Bank (ADB) to review favorably IGAD's request for US\$ 1.7 million of Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) to undertake feasibility studies on small-scale irrigation and water harvesting projects in the sub-region. However, the Ministers resolved that the use of the funds should not be limited to feasibility studies only, but to include other activities (such as implementation) based on Member States stages of development. The Ministers also resolved that IGAD Secretariat working closely with the GM should make use of these opportunities and invite IGAD Partners Forum (IPF) and other development partners to support and contribute to the SSF. The Ministers further resolved that the SSF be considered a transitional phase in operationalizing the SFF and NDFs.
7. The Ministers noted the many initiatives that are independently emerging in the sub region all in some way or another addressing similar issues relating to land degradation and poverty alleviation. In this regard the Ministers resolved that IGAD Secretariat and Member States take the ownership of these initiatives, integrate and internalize them into existing partnership frameworks (e.g. SSF, IPF, etc.) and that partners in development (FAO, WB, EU, etc.) provide the required technical assistance.
8. The Ministers noted the complexity and diversity of natural resources and environmental trans-boundary issues and concerns in the sub region. The Ministers resolved that the IGAD Secretariat working closely with Member States identify potential areas of transboundary natural resources management and environmental improvement for compilation and review by IGAD Secretariat. Further IGAD Secretariat working closely with the GM and other partners develop these into a portfolio of trans-boundary project with national as well as global financing for national and sub-regional benefits. IGAD Secretariat was also requested to revisit and review the structure of IGAD SRAP and the linkages

between NAPs and SRAP in light of its mainstreaming into the IGAD's core activities giving special focus to the role of NGOs.

9. The Ministers noted the urgent need for strengthening the technical capacity in IGAD Secretariat and Member States. In this regard they called on development partners to enhance technical assistance as part of the development cooperation.
10. The Ministers noted the inherent linkages between land degradation (desertification), food insecurity and poverty and their direct relationship to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). In this regard the Ministers resolved that IGAD Member States and development partners renew their individual and collective commitments to substantially increase their financial and technical support to the UNCCD implementation at national and sub-regional levels.
11. The Ministers noted with appreciation the composition of the multi-disciplinary country delegations, which included leaders and experts from Agriculture, Finance, Environment, Water, and NGOs. They also appreciated the active participation and the valuable contributions of all participants. In this regard the Ministers resolved that such trend be pursued in addressing cross-cutting issues such as land degradation and poverty.
12. The Ministers noted with appreciation the establishment of Women Desk at IGAD Secretariat to mainstream gender issues into IGAD policies, projects and programs. In this regard the Ministers requested IGAD Secretariat to strengthen the involvement of women, youth and other major groups in the implementation of the UNCCD and poverty alleviation. In addition Member States were urged to mainstream gender issues into their NAPs.
13. The Ministers noted the importance of NGOs and civil society organizations in the implementation of the UNCCD and they also realized need to build their capacities to enhance their contribution to the implementation of the NAPs and SRAP as envisaged in the Convention. In this regard the Ministers resolved that the IGAD RIOD members establish a strong and effective network so that information flow at all levels is guaranteed. They also resolved that IGAD Secretariat work out modalities to enhance NGOs participation in NAPs and SRAP and enable them access the SSF.
14. In the context of the GM assisted Road Maps, IGAD Secretariat and its Member States request the GEF and its Implementing Agencies, in accordance with GEF operational guidelines to: i) establish linkages between CDI support activities and the NAP priorities at country level; and ii) provide support under CDI for capacity building at sub-regional level. In this regard the Ministers urged the GEF and its Implementing Agencies to consider this request favorably.