

## MEETING REPORT

### Regional Integration Support Programme, IGAD Component (RISP3) March 01, 2015, Djibouti, Djibouti

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<b>Dates of Events</b>	01, March, 2015
<b>Purpose of Mission</b>	To participate in the First RISP3 Steering Committee Meeting



*Group photo taken during the 1<sup>st</sup> RISP III SC - Regional Integration Support Programme, IGAD Component (RISP3) March 01, 2015, Djibouti, Djibouti*

#### **Introduction:**

The 3rd Regional Integration Support Programme (RISP3) is a follow-up phase to RISP1 (2005-2010) and RISP2 (2010 - 2013). The RISP3 programme seeks to support well selected, high priority and complementary activities to accelerate domestication and implementation of regional commitments including targeted national consultations and consensus building, background analytical work, reviews to identify gaps between current national laws and regional commitments, drafting of new legislation to comply with regional decisions, and strengthening national and regional institutions involved in coordination and implementation of regional integration activities. The main instruments of the IGAD support

to member states will be capacity development, information gathering and analysis, advocacy and promotion of issues, and promotion of appropriate policy and intervention development in member states.

During the formulation of the programme, formation of steering committee board was foreseen to provide the appropriate strategic guidance as well as oversee and validate the overall direction and policy of the programme. In addition to that, it will also facilitate to achieve synergies and complementarities with the existing initiatives. This meeting, which was the first one for RISP3 as contained in the signed agreement, was held in Djibouti on first of March, 2015. It was attended by the Steering Committee Members from ICPALD, IGAD member states, IGAD Secretariat, , and observers , EU Delegation and FAO.

### **The Objectives of the meeting**

The main objectives of the first Steering Committee meeting were to:

- a) enable program stakeholders to have a better understanding and good picture about the main activities which are going on.
- b) review the project progress reports including technical and financial reports.
- c) Assess the achievements till date and identify the gaps.
- d) suggest ways of enhancing coordination to speed up project implementation and enrich project monitoring and evaluation.
- e) share information and knowledge about various interventions in the region will be strengthened

### **The process and outcomes of the meeting:**

At the opening ceremony, Dr Solomon Munyua, Ag Director, ICPALD made the opening remarks, which were followed by a welcoming speech by Mr Ruben Alba, representative of the European Union Delegation, Djibouti. Then remarks were also made by Mr Mohamed Moussa who represents IGAD ES and the meeting was officially opened by Dr Moussa Cheikh, CVO, Ministry of Agriculture, Djibouti.

The meeting deliberated on the following key issues:

- ToR of the Steering Committee for RISP3 programme
- The technical progress report for the period June 2014 to February 2015.
- The financial report for the same period
- Recommendations and the way forward.

The steering committee discussed and approved the progress and financial reports and work plan for the next last quarter, and provided some recommendations for follow up.

### **Recommendations**

- It was recommended that IGAD secretariat (finance and project coordinator) and ICPALD need to improve coordination and sending the reports in time with the minimum contents (narrative and financial) captured and should be sent two weeks before for SC members
- The PE I budget revision was supported and approved – the draft PE II was to be circulated to SC members

- The SCM recommended that the concept note on cattle rustling be circulated to SC members for consideration and comments
- The reports, lessons and outputs of the project be shared to SC members
- To hold the second steering committee before submission of PE2
- All past RISP annual reports be shared with SC members

### **The way forward**

- The steering committee (SC) adopted the ToR of the SC and agreed to send their comments to ICPALD on the ToR; if any until March 15, 2015 and then ICPALD will circulate the final version to all participants
- The PE I budget revision was approved and it was agreed that the draft PE II should be circulated
- ICPALD to summarize the achievements of RISP I, RISP II under IGAD and share to SC members in two weeks time
- The progress report shall be sent with the financial component to the SCMs
- The Concept note on cattle rustling shall be also shared