The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development
BACKGROUND

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development was established in 1996. It succeeded the earlier Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), a multinational body founded in 1986 by Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda and Kenya, with a focus on development and environmental control. IGADD’s headquarters were later moved to Djibouti, following an agreement signed in January 1986 by the member states. Eritrea joined the organization in 1993, upon achieving independence.

In April 1995, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government met in Addis Ababa, where they agreed to strengthen cooperation through the organization. This was followed with the signing of a Letter of Instrument to Amend the IGADD Charter / Agreement on 21 March 1996. The Revitalized IGAD, a new organizational structure, was eventually launched on 25 November 1996 in Djibouti.

The institution’s mandate was expanded in 1996 to encompass food security and environmental protection; economic cooperation and political and humanitarian affairs. IGAD countries host the largest grouping of pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in the world concentrated in the arid and semi-arid ecosystems. To complement efforts of IGAD member states in enhancing sustainable development in these ecosystems, the decision to establish the IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) was made in July 12th 2012 by the 45th IGAD Council of Ministers. The ICPALD protocol, which is presently domiciled in Nairobi was signed and adopted on 23rd October 2015.
**OUR MISSION**
To compliment efforts of IGAD Member States to sustainably generate wealth and employment through livestock and complementary livelihood resources development in arid and semi-arid areas of the IGAD Region.

**OUR VISION**
To be the premier Centre of excellence for promoting livestock and complementary livelihood resources development in arid and semi-arid areas of the IGAD Region.

**OUR MANDATE**
To promote, facilitate and advocate for a people centred and gender responsive sustainable development in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) in the IGAD region.
OUR OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of ICPALD is “To promote, facilitate and advocate for a people-centered and gender responsive sustainable development of livestock and complementary livelihood resource development in arid and semi-arid areas of the IGAD Region.”

**Strategic Objectives**

01 To serve as an advisory Centre and a Centre of excellence for both ASALs and livestock development issues in the region;

02 Drawing from the mandate of IGAD, to contribute to the promotion and facilitation of sustainable gender, and environment responsive and equitable development of ASALs and livestock in the region;

03 To promote and enhance the development of and livestock and complementary livelihood resources including non-wood forest products including gums, resins, spices, honey and artisanal minerals in member states;

04 To increase awareness of the true contribution of the complimentary livelihood resources (non-wood forest products and artisanal minerals) and livestock sector to national economies and assist Members States in the realization of the full potential of complimentary livelihood resources and livestock contribution to the regional economies;

05 To champion the development and implementation of internationally acceptable regional non-wood forest products, artisanal minerals and animal health inspection, certification and traceability system supported by appropriate production, value addition and quality assurance services and marketing infrastructure;

06 To promote sustainable adaptive mechanisms and resilient-measures towards reducing the effects of climate change in ASALs including free movement of transhumance in the region, equitable land use and land utilization for mobile communities, harmonized pastoral policies and resource allocation;

07 To build on lessons learned and best practices achieved in the fields of drylands crops and animal farming, wealth and employment creation and gender focused development in the ASALs in order to service both public and private institutions in Member States efficiently;

08 To articulate, facilitate and support the emerging livelihoods and environment and gender focused policies and programmes in the livestock and complementary livelihoods, especially in cross border areas that shall lead to action by the concerned Member States to enhance resilience of the agro-pastoralists and pastoralists youth and women;

09 To promote collaboration with regional, continental and international institutions.
ICPALD DEPARTMENTAL THRUSTS

ICPALD has three departmental thrusts: 1) Socio-economics, Policy and Marketing; 2) ASALs Development, ASALs Agriculture and Alternative Livelihoods; and 3) Livestock Development.

Key Achievements - 2015-2019

DT1: Socio-economics, Policy and Marketing

- Complimentary livelihood resources - Non-wood Forest Products (NWFPs) and Artisanal Mining (AM): Created awareness on complementary livelihood resources [Non-wood Forest Products (NWFPs) and Artisanal Mining (AM)] which benefits about 4.30 million people directly and 20.88 million others indirectly in the IGAD region. Shared good practices and information on Artisanal Mining through a learning event in Sudan. This event resulted in signing of MOU between Kenya and Sudan on cooperation on mining, the development of the regional strategy on AM with an action plan to support implementation and
the reviewing of strategies and legal frameworks to recognize artisanal mining and facilitate artisanal miners estimated at 2.0 million in Sudan, 1.5 million in Ethiopia, 0.3 million each in Kenya and Uganda and 0.2 million in South Sudan.

• **Socio-economic importance of pastoralism in IGAD member states:** Assessed total economic valuation for pastoralism for use as an advocacy tool through harmonization of national system of accounts for comparable data and statistics across the region.

• **Generating evidence on the socio-economic importance of livestock to the GDP:** Documented the socio-economic contribution of livestock to GDP in the region. This has contributed to the increased national budgetary allocation to livestock sector.

• **Development of tools for use at member states level:** (a) Developed regional/national policies, strategies, and guidelines and facilitated their domestication and use as tools for resource mobilization; (b) Developed two business models (value chain approach) on improved livestock management practices, fodder and fodder seed production through private and public sector investment incentives.

**DT2: Drylands Development, Drylands Agriculture and Alternative Livelihoods**

• **Mapping of critical livestock infrastructure:** Completed the mapping of the cross-border livestock infrastructures (markets, water and animal health services) and rangelands (land use, grazing, transhumance and trade-routes, and stock-routes). These maps **have enabled effective development programming among MS, the Centre, and other stakeholders.**
• **Securing transhumance routes:** In collaboration with member states and partners developed a transhumance protocol to facilitate cross border movement of pastoralists and their livestock; secure the routes and resources therein; and improve access to social services including education, health, security and finance.

• **Facilitating community centred investments:** Supported 15 cross-border communities (1200 households) in (Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia) with grants to support their community action plans and investments.
• Generating evidence to enhance resilience and conflict management: Conducted baseline information on livelihood resilience, conflict, natural resources and food security in the target areas to inform future joint programming for conflict management and resilience building interventions in the cross border areas.

• Promoting sustainable harnessing of complementary livelihoods: Supported identification of potential complementary livelihoods in cross-border areas including value chain analysis. The report identified potential areas of investment along value chains and complementary resources including honey, non-wood forest products and artisanal minerals.

• Targeted drought response: In collaboration with the government of Kenya, Mandera County and FAO - responded to drought emergency in IGAD Cluster III, targeted 600 households (with both human and livestock food and feed supplements).

• Rangeland rehabilitation: Supported interventions that improved degraded conditions in arid areas by remedying unsustainable management practices. Completed over 6000 ha of rangeland management demonstration sites (physical and biological conservation structures) in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.
DT3: Livestock Development

- **Supported member states** in reducing the impact of trans-boundary diseases (TADs) and zoonosis on livelihoods and trade through (a) development of standard methods and procedures (SMP) for nine priority Animal diseases (b) joint disease surveillance, control and prevention programmes underpinned by bilateral and multilateral cross border MOUs; (c) Development of regional strategies [Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), Peste des Petites Ruminants (PPR), Animal Health, Rangeland Management, Animal Welfare and standards (Grade and Standard) and supported national strategies to align with the regional strategies towards the reduction of the impact of TADs;

- **Functional Regional coordination platform:** Establishment and operationalization of three (3) regional coordination mechanisms (Surveillance; Livestock Identification and Traceability System (LITs) and PPR); and three regional animal health networks (Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO); Laboratory, quarantine and Epidemiology) are functional in the control of TADs in the region and regional feed and range platform.

- **Enhancing laboratory services and services in quarantine stations:** Developed harmonized standard laboratory procedures and SMP for export quarantine stations.

- **Enhancing the capacity of member states to discuss and review/develop appropriate policies:** Provided and maintained institutional support to the regional and national Livestock policy hubs for seven (7) member states (MS).

- **Inculcating information sharing culture in Member States:** Harmonized and strengthened the National and Regional livestock market information system (LMIS) including the online LMIS at IGAD level.

- **Facilitating and championing livestock market research:** Facilitated and supported member states livestock and livestock products trade mission to Asia (Malaysia, Vietnam and Hong Kong) and West Africa, identified new markets and
products and created trade linkages. As a result, Ethiopia is currently exporting to Vietnam. Supported and facilitated private sectors to participate at GULF international trade fairs which resulted in the increase of meat volumes traded in Middle East and North Africa.

- **Engaging the private sector:** In collaboration with AU-IBAR; (a) strengthened North Eastern Africa Livestock Council (NEALCO); (b) enhanced the private sector capacity to advocate for policy enforcement; through training in policy, investment, communication and advocacy (PICA) (c) mobilized private sector stakeholders to improve disease control and Livestock trade for their benefit.

- **Observer status at global level:** ICPALD followed up and secured observer status for IGAD at OIE, CODEX, SPS/WTO and IPPC forums; participate on the forums and report technical support to member states

- **Provided regional trainings:** Facilitated a number of trainings including training of trainers (ToT) on enhancing disease surveillance, laboratory diagnosis, disease emergency management, contingency planning and simulation exercises, feedlot establishment and management, trade counselors on promotion and import requirements, export slaughter houses on halal slaughtering, livestock value chain.

ICPALD Development Partners

Currently, ICPALD programmes/projects are funded by European Union (EU), USAID, World Bank, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), and the Italian Government. ICPALD also works closely with other Development Partners in, resource mobilization as well as in implementation of projects. The main partners are AU-IBAR, FAO, and UNDP.

ICPALD is currently collaborating with some NGOs in the implementation of the following projects; Omo Delta Project (ODP), Support for Effective Cooperation and Coordination of the Cross-border Initiatives (SECCCI), IGAD FAO Partnership Programme (IGAD FAO PP) and Building Opportunities for Resilience in the Horn of Africa (BORESHA)
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IGAD Council of Ministers assigned IGAD Secretariat to explore the viability of establishing an institution in the Horn of Africa.

December 2010: Ministers for Agriculture/Livestock mandated IGAD to establish an institution responsible for Regional Livestock Development (Livestock Unit).

IGAD Sheikh Technical Veterinary School (ISTVS) protocol signed.

2011

IGAD Executive Secretary (ES) appointed a committee of regional experts. The committee recommended viability of a “dry-land and livestock centre” (ICPALD established).

July 2012: The 45th IGAD Council of Ministers mandated IGAD secretariat to establish “IGAD Centre For Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD)”.

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