



## **Nairobi Declaration for the Horn of Africa on the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and Horn of Africa**

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We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations responsible for Environment in the Horn of Africa (HoA) having met in Nairobi, Kenya, on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 on the occasion of High Level Meeting on the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa:

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to affected country parties in Africa and reaffirming UNCCD commitment to Land Degradation Neutral (LDN) world.

Further, recognize desertification is a cross-cutting issue to be addressed to fight poverty, impacts of climate change and instability of the countries and the region.

Recalling the Statement on the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (AICD) signed at the Side Event of the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) held in Nairobi on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Welcome the support provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the UNCCD with other development partners, which include the GEF and FAO to facilitate implementation of AICDs activities.

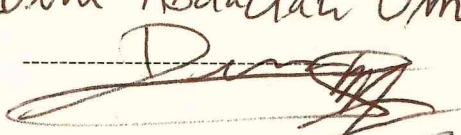
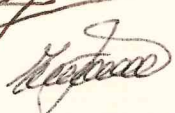

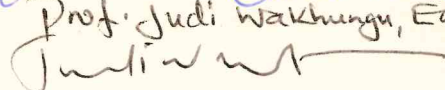
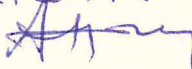



Recognizing the role of AICD as a unique opportunity, based on the country ownership, to unite, share the useful knowledge and improve access to finance to bring tangible results on the ground to combat desertification.

We hereby;

1. Adopt the Horn of Africa version of the Terms of Reference for AICD
2. Call for the Horn of Africa States to recognize and adopt the Summary of Partner Countries Action Plans developed by their representatives at the AICD Horn of Africa Regional Forum held in Nairobi from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017
3. Call for the Horn of Africa States to systematically identify, collect, document, promote and share adoption of good practices that address challenges of desertification within the Horn of Africa region

4. Support the establishment of a network for countries and stakeholders within the Horn of Africa to raise the international community's awareness on desertification in the region
5. Seek and develop partnerships among countries in the Horn of Africa, regional bodies such as the Africa Union Commission, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Development Partners, civil society and any other organizations and agencies to financially support actions geared towards combating desertification and strengthening resilience to climate change in the region
6. Call for the Horn of Africa States to mainstream desertification as a priority agenda to be addressed in the states' policies, strategies, and plans
7. Call upon the Horn of Africa States to identify gaps on measures to combat desertification and seek further attention and support from the international community

Adopted on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya by:

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