

# ADVANCING INTER-REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

The IGAD – ECCAS Memorandum of Understanding

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### **IGAD COUNTRIES**

- Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is a regional economic community comprising of eight (8) member states: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda;
- Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Dvt (IGADD) was founded in 1986 and later superseded by Intergovernmental Authority on Dvt (IGAD) in 1996





### TRANSHUMANCE IN IGAD REGIOD





Within IGAD region out of the 532M population of livestock **360M** are ruminants and **172M** are non-ruminants

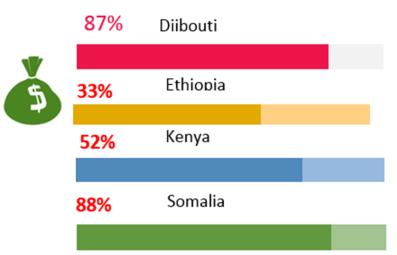


**70%** of the total land area & provides an average of 20 to 30% of GDP



40% of Africa's land mass and livestock contribute to atleast 50% of total production consumed by the average pastoralist HH

#### Contribution to AGDP





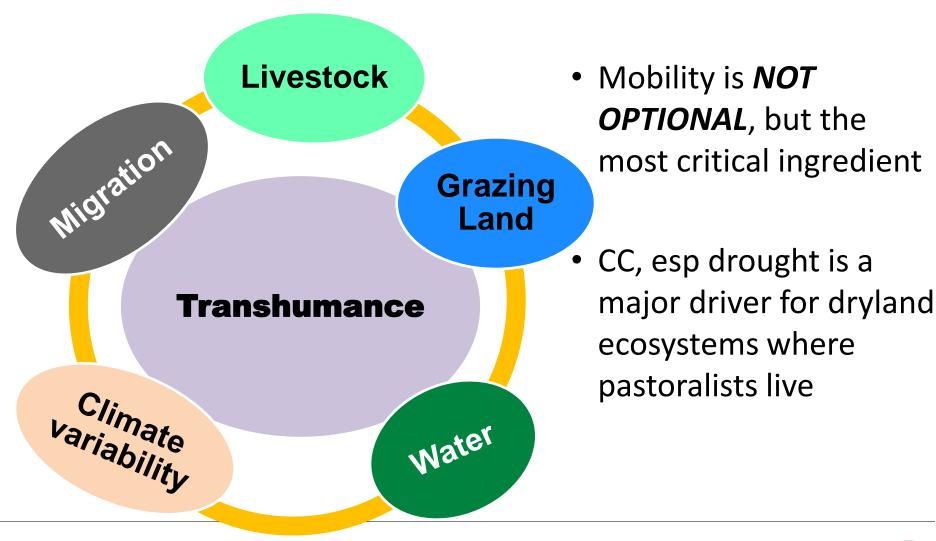


Sources: FAO STAT(2012), ICPALD X/CLE/8/2013



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## TRANSHUMANCE INTER-PLAYS





#### SHARED MANDATE AND ECONOMIC RESOURCE

- IGAD Mission is to support Member States to achieve Food security and environmental protection; Promote peace and security; and Economic cooperation and integration.
- ECCAS goal is to enhance peace, security, and stability as essential prerequisites for economic and social development; to develop physical, economic, and monetary integration; to develop a culture of human integration and to establish an autonomous financing mechanism for ECCAS
- The economic mainstay of the region is agriculture (crop & livestock production)



#### WHY THE INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION?

- Extensive border sharing and communities 4,298km
  - The Chad–Sudan border is about 1,403 km
  - The CAR Sudan / S.Sudan border 1,230 km
  - The DRC Uganda / S.Sudan border is 1,665 km
- Similar Ecological zones climate change effects of drought, landslides, etc
- Shared migration dynamics and opportunities – e.g. transhumance
- Joint programming and resource mobilization





#### PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE MOU

**Purpose** - to establish a cooperation framework and set out the terms and conditions for achieving common goals

#### **Scope:**

• **Peace, security and stability** - conflict prevention, the fight against terrorism, violent extremism, TOC, Combating proliferation of small arms and light weapons, transboundary security, safety and security within their Member states

#### Economic integration

- Natural resource management and environmental protection, management of water resources, pastoralism, especially transboundary transhumance, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, climate change mitigation, conflict early warning and response
- Inter-Regional trade and migration governance



#### SCOPE...

- Developing common **infrastructure** energy, telecommunications, land, rail and air transport
- Implementing specific programs and **projects relating to issues of mutual interest**, including NRM, conservation of biodiversity, climate change mitigation, pastoralism, transhumance and trade, food security, conflict early warning and response, humanitarian affairs and other areas of mutual interest.
- Experience and expertise sharing through **joint seminars**, workshops, symposia, training courses, invitations to meetings
- Cross-cutting issues related to to regional, interregional and trans regional integration between ECCAS and IGAD



#### **IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS**

- ECCAS and IGAD shall agree to hold regular meetings at the headquarters of either Party (or online)
- A Coordinating Committee comprising four (4) members, i.e., two (2) representatives from each Organization
- This Coordination Committee shall meet online or face to face on an ad-hoc basis
- Ad-hoc and thematic Working Groups shall be established for interventions as the need arises



#### TRANSHUMANCE AT THE EDGE

