



# Intra-ACP Focus Day

## Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation in ACP countries

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# INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

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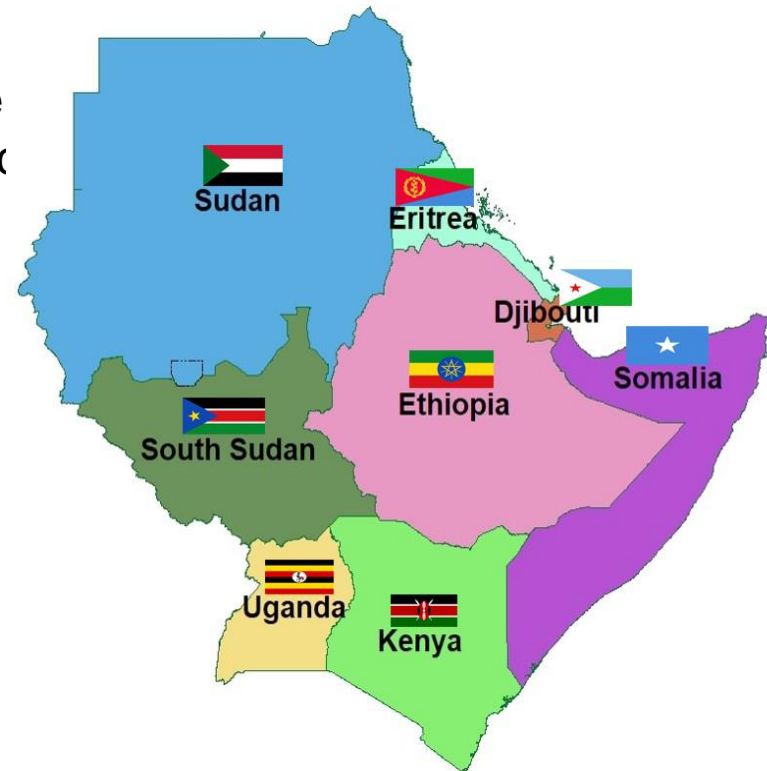
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# INTRODUCTION TO IGAD

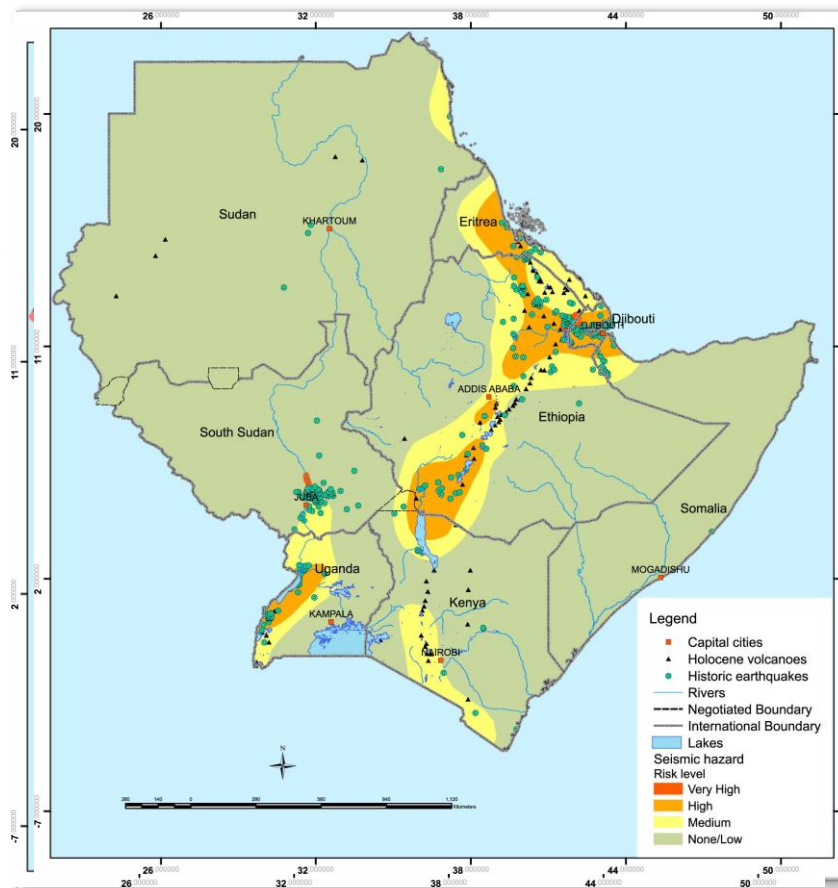
- **Year of Establishment:** 1986, to address drought and desertification, Revitalized 1996 expanded its mandate to a regional development organization, it is one of the Regional Economic Communities in Africa.
- **Area of 5.4 million SqKm** , population of about 270 million
- **Members States:** Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda
- Over 60% of the land is Arid or Semi Arid(ASAL)



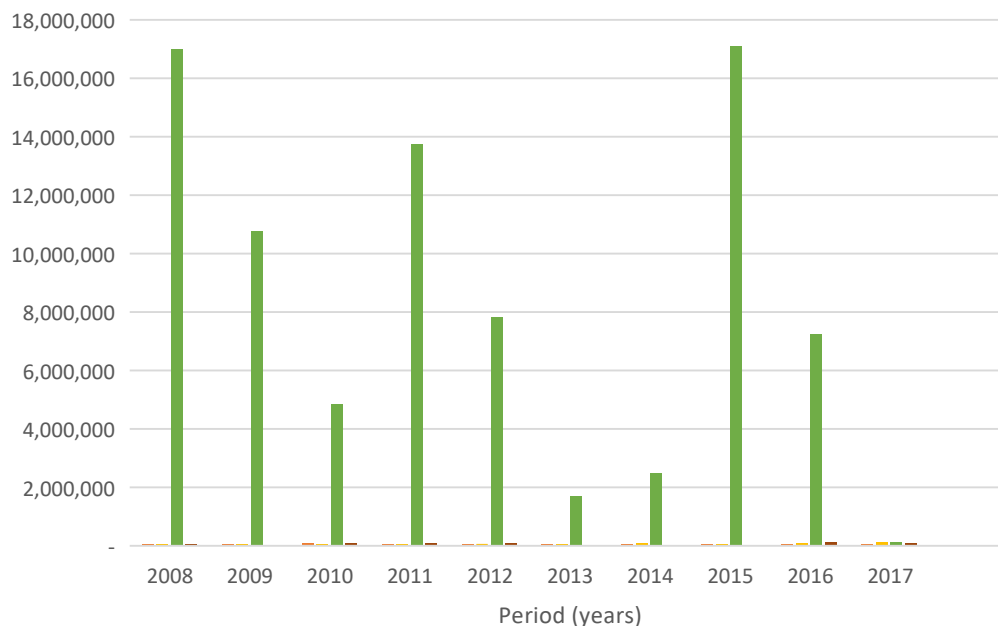
## Some of the Common Hazards in the Region:

- **Drought**
- **Floods**
- **Livestock pests: Tsetse fly**
- **Desert Locust**
- **Seismic and Volcanism**
- **Conflicts, Landslides, land degradation.**

95% of disasters and 70 - 75% of loss (human + economic)  
(WMO, 2007)



Number of People affected by disasters from 2008-2017



total number of people affected by disasters over the 2008-2018 period was 82,687,238 according to the EM-DAT data.

Country	Occurrence	Rank
Kenya	68	1
Sudan	49	2
Uganda	42	3
Somalia	27	4
Ethiopia	23	5
South Sudan	21	6
Djibouti	3	7
Eritrea	1	8

Table 1: Ranking of the IGAD countries by disaster occurrence (2008-2017)

(Source; EM-DAT data)

# Perspectives on mainstreaming DRM and CCA

- IGAD DRM program has recognized the challenges of hydro-meteorological hazards aggravated by climate change.
- A regional Farmework is being developed for the region to guide the integration of DRM and CCA.



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# **ACP-EU NDRR project(s) contribution to mainstreaming DRM and CCA**

- **The IGAD DRM program established in 2004, but the sustainability has been ensured due to the ACP-EU NDRR (cf. REFORM, NDF and the current EDF 10) with tangible results as below;**
  - **IGAD Hazard Atlas - Common Hazards & Launched by the DRM Ministerial Council, 2013 → Basis for new ICPAC Atlas**
  - **The IGAD Disaster Response Fund Established by the DRM Ministerial Council,**
  - **The IGAD Framework for Mainstreaming DRM & CCA in Schools/Education Curricula validated**
  - **Review of regional DRM strategy underway**
  - **Pilot Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture ongoing**
  - **Several capacity building activities at regional and national level**
  - **Assessment research on mainstreaming DRM/CCA, 2015/2016 El-Nino impact in the region, contributing to Early warning for early action.**

# Institutional Setup for DRM

- IGAD DRM unit established ,strategy developed 2004 and has been operational within a division reporting to the ES
- The DRM Ministerial Committee & the Technical Advisory Committee institutionalised.
- IGAD DRM hosted at ICPAC/Nairobi as part integrating DRM and CCA
- Framework for Mainstreaming DRM & CCA in Schools/Education Curricula developed
- Review of regional DRM strategy underway

# CHALLENGES

- Translation of political commitments into practice
- Dependency on external resources,
- Mainstreaming DRM as development agenda in all relevant sectors still wanting
- Realising DRM as development challenge as opposed to humanitarian issue
- Incapacity to address the root causes of disasters

# **Lessons Learnt**

- **Promoting the integration of DRM and CCA was the right way forward as pronounced in Africa-Arab regional platform meeting in Tunisia.**
- **Involvement of High Level Decision makers and partners in preparedness, resources mobilization helped to mitigate the 2015/2016 Elnino impacts in the region, averted major negative impacts compared to the 2010/2011 drought in the region**
- **Promotion of the climate smart agriculture in one locality in Kenya proved to be beneficial which has potential for up-scaling and diversification in areas vulnerable to CC.**
- **The DRM working sessions in GHACOFs demonstrated the relevance by engaging all relevant sectors (water, agriculture, health, media, conflict(CEWARN) from member states/countries in planning preparedness and mitigation actions in anticipation of disaster risks based on the climate outlook products.**
- **Taking capacity building trainings from the regional level to country specific levels as part of creating a critical mass of trained technical personsal from relevant sectors.**