



Programme

African Initiative for Combating Desertification Conference for Horn of Africa

Theme: Sharing Experiences on Impacts from Networking, Knowledge Sharing and Access to Finance

Date: Wednesday, 25th August 2021

Virtual Conference

Time (EAT)	Activities	Facilitator
Session I: Opening Ceremony		
[Chair: (MoEF Conservation Secretary - Mr Alfred Gichu)]		
09.00-09.15	• Conference objectives and programme overview	Director KEFRI
09.15-09.25	• Remarks by Chief Representative, JICA Kenya Office	JICA
09.25-09.35	• Remarks by Principal Secretary	MoEF
09.35-09.50	• Speech by Ambassador, Embassy of Japan (Kenya)	EoJ
09.50-10.05	• Opening Speech by Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya	MoEF
10.05-10.10	• Group photo (screen shot)	AI-CD Secretariat
10.10-10.20	Tea Break	
Session II: Progress and Achievement of AI-CD in Horn of Africa and the Sahel Region		
[Chair: KEFRI SDD R&D; Rapporteurs - KEFRI]		
10.20 -10.30	Progress and achievements in HoA from 2016-2021	HoA Hub (Kenya)
10.30-10.40	Progress and achievements in Sahel Region from 2016-2021	Sahel Hub (Senegal)
10.40-10.50	Progress and achievements of AI-CD cross regional activities from 2016-2021	AI-CD Secretariat
10.50-11.00	Q&A	
Session III: Progress and achievements of AI-CD by member countries		
[Chair : Kenya Focal Point ; Rapporteurs - KEFRI]		
11.00-11.30	(10 min per presentation) • Member countries: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia	Focal Points
11.30-11.40	• Kenya (case study)	ECoRAD
11.40-11.50	• Q&A (10 minutes)	
11.50-12.20	• Member countries: Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan,	Focal Points
12.20-12.30	• Q&A (10 minutes)	
12.30-13.30	Lunch Break	

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Session IV: Opportunities for AI-CD countries to accelerate efforts for combating desertification to strengthen resilience to climate change [Chair: AI-CD Secretariat; Rapporteurs: KEFRI]		
*The aim of the session: To discuss ways to: 1) strengthen the network further among FPs, AI-CD Partners, and Development Partners, and 2) enhance synergies and collaboration among relevant initiatives / programmes for AI-CD countries to accelerate countries' efforts for combating desertification by strengthening networks, sharing knowledge, and accessing to finance		
13.30-13.50	(5 min per presentation) Presentation from AI-CD partners (e.g. UNCCD, FAO, GEF)	AI-CD Partners
13.50-14.05	(2 min per representatives) Brief comment on the key question by AI-CD Partners, and Development Partners (e.g. UNCCD, FAO, GEF, UNEP, AU, AfDB, WB) *Key question: “ <i>What opportunities can AI-CD countries have to continue their efforts in building networks, knowledge sharing and access to finance?</i> ”	Development Partners
14.05-14.30	Open discussion among FPs, AI-CD Partners, Development Partners, and other participants	AI-CD Partners, Development Partners, FPs, and other participants
Session V: Closing [Chair : Director KEFRI ; Rapporteurs : KEFRI]		
14.30-14.40	• Synthesis and way forward	Kenya Hub/ JICA / AI-CD Secretariat
14.40-14.50	• Remarks from HoA (South Sudan, Focal Point)	South Sudan FP
14.50-15.00	• Closing remarks (JICA Headquarters)	JICA Headquarters
15.00-15.10	• Closing remarks (Principal Secretary, MoEF, Kenya)	MoEF

Abbreviations

AI-CD	African Initiative for Combating Desertification
EAT	East African Time
ECoRAD	Project for Enhancing Community Resilience Against Drought in Northern Kenya
EoJ	Embassy of Japan
FP	Focal Point
HoA	Horn of Africa
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KEFRI	Kenya Forestry Research Institute
MoEF	Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Kenya)
Q&A	Question and Answer
SDD R&D	Senior Deputy Director Research and Development