



Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA)

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 67th DLCO-EA REGULAR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING HELD AT SPEKE RESORT MUNYONYO, KAMPALA, UGANDA 27TH - 28TH OCTOBER 2022

THE ORGANIZATION

The Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (**DLCO-EA**) is a Regional pest and vector management Organization **established in 1962** with its Headquarters located in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** and Control Reserve Bases (CRBs) in the Member Countries. The Member Countries are **Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania** and **Uganda**.

MANDATE

The Organization is mandated to enhance **Food Security** in the Eastern Africa Region by conducting research, monitoring and forecasting, implementing control operations against mandated **Migratory pest occurrences** viz: Desert Locusts, African Armyworms, Grain eating Quelea birds and Tsetse flies.

THE 67th DLCO-EA GOVERNING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION

The Governing Council made up of the Cabinet Ministers responsible for Agriculture in the respective Member Countries convened in Kampala from **27th – 28th October, 2022** to address **food security** challenges by taking up measures to control the migratory pests.

The Council received, discussed and approved the financial proposals and work plans of the Organization for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council

1. **APPRECIATED** the hospitality and cordial reception accorded by the Host Country under the able leadership of the President, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.
2. **RECOGNIZED** and **CONGRATULATED** the Federal Republic of Somalia for peacefully concluding the recent Presidential Election in 2022.

3. **RECOGNIZED** and **CONGRATULATED** the Republic of Kenya for peacefully concluding the recent General Elections in 2022.
4. **NOTED** that Agriculture is the backbone of the economies of the Member Countries and that **food security** is of major concern to all the respective Member Countries.
5. **REITERATED** the importance of ensuring food and nutrition security as a basis for healthy populations and appreciated the contribution of Agriculture towards **poverty alleviation**.
6. **RECOGNIZED** the need to have a platform of the Heads of State of the Member Countries to provide strategic direction to the Organization.
7. **RECOGNIZED** the need to revamp all the Control Reserve Bases in the Member Countries for sustainability of the Organization.
8. **RECOGNIZED** the need to transform and modernize the operations of the Organization taking into consideration of the Information and Technology era of Artificial Intelligence.
9. **RECOGNIZED** that migratory and other pests of economic importance can contribute to losses up to **100%** of potential agricultural production if not managed in a timely manner.
10. **RECOGNIZED** the seriousness of other emerging migratory pests in the region.
11. **RECOGNIZED** the need to review and update the DLCO-EA Convention in order to be able to address the current and emerging challenges of migratory pests in the region.
12. **RECOGNIZED** the **financial challenges** facing the Organization and urged Member Countries to honour the committed Annual contributions and Arrears to enable DLCO-EA offer better services to the Member Countries.
13. **RECOGNIZED** the need to pay a courtesy call to H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda for strategic guidance; upon which he recommended the following
 - a) Escalate the policy organ of DLCO-EA to IGAD by formulating IGAD plus.
 - b) Payment of arrears by all Member Countries
 - c) Initiate reforms to modernise the organization so that it responds to the current and emerging challenges.
 - d) Develop a strategy for preemptive action at the source in the operations of the organization
 - e) To follow up with his counterpart Heads of State on the above.

In appreciation of all the above:

- i) The Council **DIRECTED** Management to mobilize funds from both the Member Countries and Development Partners among others to finance the Organization.
- ii) The Ministers further **COMMITTED** their respective Governments to support the activities of the Organization through timely payment of the **annual contributions and arrears**.
- iii) The Council **AGREED** to hold its next **(68th)** DLCO-EA Executive and Council Regular Sessions in Tanzania in September, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Somalia.

Signed on the 28th day of October 2022 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda.

Hon. Major (RTD) Kyakulaga Fred Bwino (MP)

State Minister

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

& 1st Vice Chairman, DLCO-EA Governing Council of Ministers

ENTEBBE, Uganda

Signature: _____

Dr. Tabarek Mohamed Ismael

Technical Advisor

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry Livestock and Fishery

DJIBOUTI

Signature: _____

Mr. Semere Amlesom

Director General

Agricultural Extension Department

Ministry of Agriculture

ASMARA, Eritrea

Signature: _____

Mr. Girma Bekele

Head of Minister's Office

Plant Health Regulatory Directorate

Ministry of Agriculture

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia

Signature: _____

Mr. Collin Marangu

Director

Plant Protection Services and Food Safety

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

State Department for Crops Development

& Chairman, DLCO-EA Executive Committee

NAIROBI, Kenya

Signature: _____

Hon. Dr. Ahmed Madoobe Nuunoow (MP)

Minister

Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation

MOGADISHU, Somalia

Signature: _____

Mr. Elsadig Mohamed Dafalla

Director General

Plant Protection Directorate

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

KHARTOUM, Sudan

Signature: _____

Mr. Nyasebwa Enoch Chimagu

Director of Crop Development

Ministry of Agriculture

DODOMA, Republic of Tanzania

Signature: _____

