



## REGIONAL MEETING TO LAUNCH THE IGAD DIGITAL AGRO-CLIMATE ADVISORY SERVICES (DACAS) KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

**Date: 5th to 7th MAY, 2025**

**Location: BISHOFTU, ETHIOPIA**

### **DRAFT PROGRAM**

TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	SESSION DESIGN	DURATION	RESOURCE PERSON
<b>DAY I - MONDAY</b>					
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration			30 mins	
09:00 – 10:00	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING AND INTRODUCTION</b> <i>5g Touch and hold a clip to pin it. Unpinned clips will be deleted after 1 hour. Tap on a clip to paste it in the text box.</i>	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and Introduction of Organizers and Facilitators</li> </ul>	5 mins	Senait Regassa
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table Group Introductions Exercise</li> <li>Review Norms for Working Together</li> </ul>	20 mins	Catherine Mbindyo, Facilitator
		Meeting Objectives and Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives of the meeting and expectations for the meeting</li> </ul>	5 mins	Senait Regassa
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of AICCRA in Digital Agro-Climatic in the region by</li> </ul>	10 mins	Dr. Degefe Tibebe
		Official Remarks	Welcome Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abebaw Bihonegn, IGAD Ethiopia Rep</li> <li>Daher Elimi, IGAD</li> <li>Guest of Honour,</li> </ul>	20 mins	Senait Regassa



10:00 – 10:30	PHOTO AND HEALTH BREAK				IGAD
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10:30 – 11:45	SETTING THE SCENE	Overview of Food Systems resilience Program for Eastern and Southern Africa (FSRP) and progress	Presentation	15 mins	Senait Regassa
		Overview of the AU Continental Digital Agriculture Strategy	Presentation	15 mins	Haile Abebe
		Reflection on the Outcome of the Dec 2024 consultative meeting, and March 2025 Learning Event	Presentation of the highlights and decision of the two meetings focusing on key issues, actions, and considerations for the TOR and Action Plan  Q&A / Plenary Discussions	45 mins	Denis Kibuuka
11:45 – 13:00	REVIEW THE DRAFT TOR	Deepen understanding and make suggestions and inputs for the TOR	Presentation on the TOR by Houda Youssouf Houssein	20 mins	Houda Youssouf Houssein, from Djibouti
			Plenary Discussion – high level discussion, suggestion & input for the TOR; revisions to be incorporated by technical team	55 mins	Edwin Odhiambo, Facilitator
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK			60 mins	



14:00 – 15:30	<b>MEMBER STATES: SHARE EXPERIENCE, LESSONS AND BEST PRACTICES ON DACAS</b>	Keynote presentations highlighting key elements, issues and success factors for DACAS Network	<b>Keynote Presentations</b> <b>Presentation 1:</b> Esys Lemma, Lead Executive Officer, Crop Development Office, Min. of Agriculture, Ethiopia  <b>Presentation 2:</b> Charles Lungaho, Member State Rep from Kenya	30 mins	Catherine Mbindyo, Facilitator
		Experience sharing by Member States	<b>Panel 1:</b> Comprised of Member State Reps: <b>Djibouti:</b> Adala Moussa Hamadou <b>Somalia:</b> Mohamed Hassan <b>South Sudan:</b> George Tokporo <b>Sudan:</b> Amir Abdulahi <b>Uganda:</b> Oyuru Jennifer	40 mins	<b>Moderator</b> Technical Partner, Tibebe Degefie, CIAT
		Reflection on experiences and lessons from Member States	<b>Plenary Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the unique, similar, innovative, transformative and scalable ideas/ lessons?</li> <li>• How can the Regional Network (DACAS) leverage/ build on the national efforts</li> <li>• What specific practices can be incorporated into the TOR and Action Plan?</li> </ul>	20 mins	Catherine Mbindyo, Facilitator
15:30 – 16:00	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>			<b>30 mins</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>TECHNICAL PARTNERS: SHARE EXPERIENCE, LESSONS AND BEST</b>	Keynote presentation highlighting key elements, issues and success factors for DACAS	<b>Presentation 3:</b> Technical Partner AICCRA	15 mins	Dr. Jemal Seid from AICCRA



	<b>PRACTICES ON DACAS</b>	Experience sharing by Technical Partners	<b>Panel 2:</b> Comprised of Technical Partners: <b>CABI:</b> Henry Mibei <b>CIAT:</b> Tibebe Degefie <b>AFAAS:</b> <b>CCARDESA:</b> Mr Sostino Mocumbe	45 mins	<b>Moderator</b> Moses Odeke, ASARECA
		Reflection on experiences and lessons from Technical Partners	<b>Plenary Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the unique, similar, innovative, transformative and scalable ideas/ lessons?</li> <li>How can the Regional Network (DACAS) leverage/ build on efforts by Tech Partners</li> <li>What can be incorporated into the TOR and Action Plan?</li> </ul>	30 mins	Edwin Odhiambo, Facilitator
17:30 – 17:45	<b>CLOSING OF DAY ONE</b>			15 mins	

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<b>DAY 2: TUESDAY</b>					
08:00 – 8:30	Registration				
08:30 – 09:00	Recap of Day One			30 mins	Edwin Odhiambo, Facilitator
09:00 – 10:00	<b>REFINEMENT OF THE TORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the key lessons from Day 1 to revise/ refine the key elements of the TOR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group Breakout/ Discussion: Organize Groups into 5 TOR sections/ thematic areas and group leaders for each section to lead the discussions:</li> </ul>	60 mins	Catherine Mbindyo, Facilitator



			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Structure</li> <li>2. Technical Working Group</li> <li>3. National Structure</li> <li>4. Stakeholders: Policy Makers and Enablers</li> <li>5. Stakeholders: Generators of Products and Services, and Users</li> </ol>		
10:00 – 10:30	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>				
10:30 – 11:30	<b>DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTION PLAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of an action plan to operationalize the refine TOR</li> </ul>	Group discussions continue to develop an action plan to operationalize the TOR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitators will provide an action planning template for each group</li> </ul>	60 mins	Catherine Mbindyo, Facilitator
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Presentation by Group 1: Regional Structures</b>	Refinement of TORs and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group Presentations</b> (15 mins)</li> <li>• <b>Discussions</b> (45 mins)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▮ Adoption of specific changes, suggestion and additions to TOR</li> <li>▮ identification of priorities for Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Group Lead + Facilitator
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Presentation by Group 2: Technical Working Group</b>	Refinement of TORs and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group Presentations</b> (15 mins)</li> <li>• <b>Discussions</b> (45 mins)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▮ Adoption of specific changes, suggestion and additions to TOR</li> <li>▮ identification of priorities for Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
13:30 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>				



14:30 – 15:30	<b>Presentation by Group 3: National Structures</b>	Refinement of TORs and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Group Presentations</b> (15 mins)</li> <li>● <b>Discussions</b> (45 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▮ Adoption of specific changes, suggestion and additions to TOR</li> <li>▮ identification of priorities for Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Group Lead + Facilitator
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Presentation by Group 4: Stakeholders: Policy Makers and Enablers</b>	Refinement of TORs and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Group Presentations</b> (15 mins)</li> <li>● <b>Discussions</b> (45 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▮ Adoption of specific changes, suggestion and additions to TOR</li> <li>▮ identification of priorities for Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Group Lead + Facilitator
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Presentation by Group 5: Stakeholders: Generators of Products and Services, and Users</b>	Refinement of TORs and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Group Presentations</b> (15 mins)</li> <li>● <b>Discussions</b> (45 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▮ Adoption of specific changes, suggestion and additions to TOR</li> <li>▮ Identification of priorities for Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Group Lead + Facilitator
17:30 – 17:45	<b>Wrap Up and Closing of Day 2</b>	Highlight next steps with the TORS	Closing Remarks		IGAD
17:45 – 18:30		COFFEE/TEA			
18:15 – 19:00	Revision of TOR to incorporate the changes by Facilitators and a small team of experts - evening of day two				Facilitators, AICCRA and IGAD Reps
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DAY 3: Wednesday					
08:30 –09:00	Registration				
09:00 – 10:30	Adoption of the Revised TOR	Readout of the summary of the key highlights and changes	Presentation of the revised TOR – highlighting the modifications from the discussion in day two Plenary Q&A	60mins	Adala Moussa Hamadou, from Djibouti
			Concurrence and consensus from Member States- As each Member States to confirm their concurrence with the revised version	30 mins	Edwin Odhiambo, Facilitator
10:30 – 11:00	HEALTH BREAK			20mins	
11:00 – 12:30	Adoption of the Action Plan	Readout of the summary of the key highlights and changes to the Action Plan	Presentation of the revised Action Plan  Plenary Q&A	60 mins	Chair/Host Country
			Concurrence and consensus from Member States- As each Member States to confirm their concurrence with the revised version	30 mins	Edwin Odhiambo, Facilitator



12:30 - 13:30	<b>Formal Launch of the IGAD DACAS Knowledge Network and approval of the Action Plan</b>	Official launch the IGAD DACAS Knowledge Network	<b>Launch Ceremony</b>  <b>12:30 – 12:40</b> Opening Remarks for the Launch IGAD representative officiates and outlines the process for the launch <b>12:40 – 13:00</b> Endorsement by Representatives from member states and technical partners <b>13:00 – 13:20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing Remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AICCRA</li> <li>IGAD</li> <li>State Minister on behalf of Ethiopia</li> </ol> </li> <li>A senior IGAD official or project lead closes the launch</li> <li>Official close of the launch/ session by the Host Country</li> </ul> <b>13:20 – 13:30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symbolic Launch Moment</li> <li>Official group photo session with banners, partners, and media</li> </ul>	60 mins	IGAD
13:30 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>				
15:00	<b>Departure to Addis</b>				