



# CEWARN Monthly

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*"Empowering stakeholders to prevent violent conflict"*

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## Government of Ethiopia lauds CEWARN's achievements



Participants of the 7th meeting of the Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response, 30 Nov-1 Dec'09, Harmony Hotel, Addis Ababa

Amb. Fisseha Yimer, Chief Advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia said that his government lauds CEWARN's achievement in conducting conflict early warning and response activities on cross-border pastoralist and related conflicts. He also noted that CEWARN's activities are critical for the IGAD sub-region that continues to grapple with multiple security challenges including intra and inter state conflicts, terrorism, piracy, the proliferation of illegal small arms and light weapons as well as the lesser known threat of cross-border pastoralist conflicts.

Amb. Yimer made the statement at the opening of the 9th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) of CEWARN on 2 December 2009 at Harmony Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

CEWARN held two high-level technical and policy organ meetings from 30 November – 2 December 2009 in Addis Ababa. The 7th Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response (TCEWR) of CEWARN that was held from 30 November – 1 December 2009 brought together technical experts representing CEWARN's national early warning and response structures in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda. The technical committee reviewed CEWARN's activities of year 2009 and came up with

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recommendations to guide its operations in 2010 which was presented to the 9th Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) meeting held on 2 December.



Ambassador Fisseha Yimer, Chief Advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia (left) makes opening statement at the 9th Committee of Permanent

The latter reviewed and endorsed the recommendations.♦

## IGAD Peace and Security Programmes hold consultation

IGAD programme offices based in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan with Peace and Security related mandates consulted on harmonization of their efforts from 22- 23 January 2010 in Addis Ababa.

The offices that participated in the meeting organized by the Peace and Security Division of IGAD include:

- ◆ The Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism of IGAD (CEWARN)
- ◆ IGAD Capacity Building Programme against Terrorism (ICPAT);
- ◆ IGAD Liaison Office to the African Union;
- ◆ IGAD Liaison office in Nairobi;
- ◆ Office of IGAD Special Envoy to the Sudan; as well as
- ◆ Office of IGAD Facilitator for Somalia Peace and National Reconciliation.

The Director of Peace and Security Division of IGAD, representatives of IGAD's Political Affairs and CPMR programmes as well as Gender Affairs and Environment and Agriculture departments were also present.



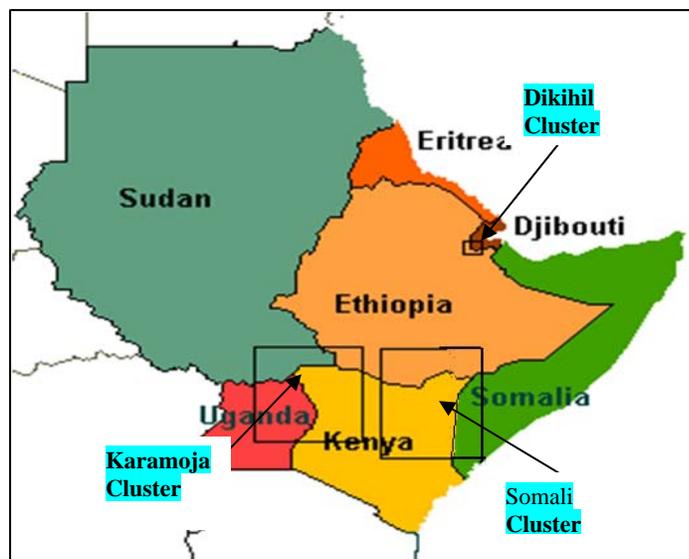
*Representatives of IGAD's programmes on Peace and Security gather to consult on harmonizing their efforts, 22-23 Jan '10, in Addis Ababa*

Although IGAD is entrusted with a broad mandate spanning from food security, infrastructure development and a host of other issues towards sub-region economic integration, IGAD has so far been mainly preoccupied - allocating significant human and other resources - to promote peace and security. Accordingly, notable achievements include IGAD's key role in the peace processes of Somalia and Sudan as well as its successful engagement in conflict prevention/ mitigation work through CEWARN - particularly on cross-border pastoralist and related conflicts in the Horn of Africa region.

IGAD is also at an advanced stage of finalizing a comprehensive peace and security strategy that would guide its future efforts covering many aspects

of peace and security challenges faced by the sub-region.◆

### NEWS FROM CEWARN'S AREAS OF REPORTING



*Rough Indication of CEWARN's Current areas of reporting - the Karamoja, Somali and Dikhil Clusters*

In the Month of December, a total of 71 violent incidents were recorded in the Karamoja Cluster causing 103 deaths and loss of 6,290 livestock. The majority of these incidents as well as related deaths and loss of livestock was recorded on the Ugandan side of the Karamoja Cluster at 43 recorded violent incidents, 89 deaths and loss of 4,807 livestock.

In January the Karamoja Cluster saw a relative calm with a total of 41 violent incidents recorded causing 33 human deaths and loss of 3,690 livestock. Uganda recorded the highest number of incidents yet, at 37 violent incidents, 23 deaths and loss of 3333 livestock.

In December, there were 4 recorded violent incidents that caused 2 human deaths and loss of 157 livestock in the Somali Cluster. All incidents were recorded from the Kenyan side of the Cluster. Similarly, in January, 2 violent incidents were reported from the Kenyan side of the Somali Cluster. However, there were no reports of human deaths or livestock loss.

The Dikhil Cluster appeared peaceful with no recorded incidents in December and January.◆

## **CEWARN conducts training of trainers on use of radio equipment**

CEWARN organized a training of trainers on use of radio equipment for trainees coming Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. Selected trainees are expected to conduct same training in their respective countries to persons who will be using these equipments as part of CEWARN's ICT 4 Peace Project.

The ICT for Peace project is aimed at improving communication amongst CEWARN's key players at the community and national levels and in turn improving CEWARN's conflict early warning and response work. Through this project, communications equipment including HF radios will be provided to CEWARN's Field Monitors and District Peace Committees (DPCs) with the aim of improving the flow of early warning and response information. The project supported by USAID/EA is at the pilot phase of implementation and at the moment targeting only the Karamoja Cluster – covering cross border areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda. The training was conducted on 14th of January in Nairobi in collaboration with Novacom Ltd.

Following a successful roll out of the programme in the karamoja cluster, it is expected to be implemented in the Somali and Dikhil Clusters.♦

## **CEWARN conducts seminar at Addis Ababa University**

CEWARN organized a seminar to introduce its conflict early warning and response activities in the Horn of Africa region to students of the Institute of Peace and Security Studies at the Addis Ababa University (AAU).

CEWARN Country Coordinator for Ethiopia Mr. Bizusew Mersha, CEWARN Country Coordinator for Uganda Mr. Joseph Muhumuza and the Public Relations and Communications Officer of the CEWARN Unit Ms. Tigist Hailu conducted the seminar on 3 December 2009 at the Faculty of Business and Economics Hall of the AAU.

The seminar covered history of CEWARN's establishment and its mandate; the mechanism's current activities; Five Year Strategic Plan covering the period from 2007 to 2011 as well as CEWARN's

current operations in Uganda and Ethiopia. The presenters also addressed questions raised in relation to CEWARN's achievements in mitigating pastoralist and related conflicts in the sub-region as well as its linkages with other IGAD organs mandated with finding long- term solutions to development and peace and security challenges.♦

### ***More News...***

#### **Mid term Review of CEWARN's Five Year Strategic Plan (2007 -2011)**

CEWARN has begun working with Dr. Kithure Kindiki from Kenya who is contracted to undertake a mid-term review of the CEWARN Five year Strategic Plan (2007 -2011). The consultant will - through a consultative exercise with CEWARN's stakeholders - assess progress made in achieving key strategic objectives outlined in the Five Year strategic plan.

The outcome of the review process which is expected to be completed by March 2010 will enable CEWARN to determine its accomplishments, identify challenges and propose ways forward on effectively meeting set objectives by 2011.

#### **During the months of December and January, CEWARN participated and contributed to:**

- ✚ The IGAD Experts Meeting to review the IGAD Minimum Integration Plan (MIP) and draft Peace and Security Strategy documents, from 14 -21 January 2010 in Addis Ababa
- ✚ The IGAD Women parliamentarians Meeting organized by the IGAD Gender Affairs Unit, from 14-16 December 2009 in Addis Ababa

#### **CEWARN hosted and held consultations with:**

- ✚ Mr. Daniel Wambura, a consultant contracted by IGAD Secretariat to undertake a study on Democracy, Election and Governance in the IGAD sub-region on 14 January 2010 in Addis Ababa.♦

### ***Upcoming events:***

- *Youth for Peace Tournament for the Ethiopian and Kenyan sides of the Somali cluster, date and place to be determined*
- *Kenya-Ethiopia Joint Border Commission Meeting, 15-16 Feb'10, Hawssa Town, Ethiopia*

## December/ January in Pictures



*IGAD Executive Secretary, Eng. Mahboub Maalim (centre) poses for a photo with Ag. Director of CEWARN, Mr. Raymond Kitevu (left) and Amb. Brook Debebe Ethiopia's Special Envoy to IGAD at the CPS Meeting, 2 Dec'09, Addis Ababa*



*Internal Security Minister Inspects Guns voluntarily returned by civilians following an effort by elders of the District Peace Committee and Local administration of Isiolo District in Kenya. Isiolo District is located on the Kenyan side of the Somali Cluster. Photo and story Courtesy of Ms. Abdia Mohamoud, CEWARN Field Monitor of Isiolo District, Kenya.*



*Some representatives of CEWARN's development partners in attendance of the CPS Meeting, 2 Dec '10, Addis Ababa*



*CEWERU Head of Ethiopia Mr. Abdeta Diribissa speaks to Journalists, TCEW Meeting, 30 November- 1 December'10, Addis Ababa*



*IGAD Liaison Officer to the African Union Amb. Abu Zaid el Hassan (left); Amb. Lissane Yohannes, IGAD Special Envoy to Sudan and his Deputy Mr. Hassan Sheikh (partly hidden), IGAD Peace and Security Programmes harmonization Meeting, 22-23 Jan'10, Addis Ababa*