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Decisions of the 14th CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS)

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The 14th meeting of the CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) representing IGAD Member States convened on 19 July 2019 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The CPS Meeting was preceded by the 13th meeting of the Technical committee of Early Warning (TCEW) that comprises Heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs), CSO Partners as well as IGAD Focal Persons from Member State Ministries of Foreign Affairs that convened from 17-18 July 2019 in the same venue.

Based on the TCEW's appraisal of the progress in the implementation of the CEWARN strategy framework 2012-2020, and a set of recommendations that were identified to guide CEWARN's operations for 2019 -2020, the CPS has adopted the following decisions:

Full roll out of integrated data collection and analysis system

1. National CEWERUs will take lead in instituting respective national early warning data collection systems that suit their unique contexts (including utilization of CSOs, existing gov't structures, crowdsourcing or other methods); the CEWARN Unit will support national CEWERUs and provide minimum standards for a harmonized data collection system across Member States;
2. As field-data and its analysis is critical to the functioning of CEWARN, national CEWERUs will steadily be sharing field data with the CEWARN Unit; the CEWARN Unit and national CEWERUs will strengthen existing protocols of information verification and clearing of information for dissemination at respective levels;
3. The CEWARN Unit and national CEWERUs will continue to utilize additional data sources to strengthen regional analysis.

On enhancing capacity of national CEWERUs and CEWARN unit

4. CEWARN will work with national CEWERUs on a revitalization process to position them for optimal functioning; the revitalization process will emphasize broadening the membership of national CEWERU steering committees; development of CEWERU operational guidelines where they don't exist; regularizing their meetings; and strengthening the CEWERU Coordination office;
5. Member States to institutionalize national CEWERUs as lead national conflict prevention and peace building structures; and support them to coordinate other national conflict early warning systems;

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6. The CEWARN Unit will support ongoing national CEWERU efforts in devolving national Early Warning systems and the setting up of sub-national peace structures;
7. The CEWARN Unit and national CEWERUs will mainstream gender considerations in all their activities (by promoting the participation of women and youth) and following up on their concerns;
8. The CEWARN Unit will work with national CEWERUs on the development of the CEWARN response framework and its domestication;
9. The CEWARN Unit will work with national CEWERUs to create awareness on the regulations of the revitalized Rapid Response Fund (RRF) and strive to ensure equitable access by all Member States in its implementation; RRF projects will be primarily informed and guided by early warning analysis;
10. The Rapid Response Fund Steering Committee will address specific concerns of Member States on modalities of allocation of the RRF;
11. The CEWARN Unit and the national CEWERUs will regularly engage with the IGAD Committee of Ambassadors and provide updates on the mechanism's activities.

Resource Mobilization

12. The CEWARN Unit and national CEWERUs will engage in joint resource mobilization; resource mobilization efforts will include lobbying for consistent budgetary allocation to national CEWERUs from respective governments;

Amendment of the CEWARN protocol

13. Member States will initiate – in accordance with Article 15 - a process for the amendment of the CEWARN Protocol to respond to the demands of CEWARN's expanded operations and current realities of the region; relevant provisions for amendment will include the need for a specific article on strengthening inclusivity especially of women, youth and other vulnerable groups in CEWARN's operations;

Post-2020 CEWARN Strategy framework

14. The CEWARN Unit and national CEWERUs to complete the review of the implementation of the CEWARN strategy framework 2012-2020 and commence development of the next strategy.

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