

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Dr. Koech Oscar of the University of Nairobi, Department of Land Resource Management and Agricultural Technology (LARMAT) represented the Centre for Dryland ecosystems and societies (CSDDES) in a technical committee meeting on Building Resilience in the Horn of Africa: Taking Stock and Prioritizing Areas for Action. The meeting was held on 23-24 March 2015 at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This was attended by partners supporting national and regional resilience efforts in the Horn of Africa. This was co- convened by The Global Alliance for Action for Drought Resilience and Growth and The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). The universities roles on contribution to the development in the region through applied research and innovation was recognised in the meeting. IGAD also recognised the need for funding research institutions to provide evidence based interventions in the region. This provides a platform for the University of Nairobi (UoN) to play a major role in research s well as capacity building for development in the region. Already, UoN is a beneficiary of IGADs applied research grant in the drylands of Kenya through CSDDES.