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ANNUAL DLCO-EA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION HELD IN DJIBOUTI

The DLCO-EA holds its annual Executive and Council sessions normally in September. The 61st Regular Session of the DLCO-EA Executive Committee and Council Sessions were held in Djibouti Sheraton Hotel, Djibouti from 18th – 22nd September, 2016.

Consequently, the Executive Committee session was held between 18th - 20th of September under the Session Chairman Mr. Joseph Ng’etich, Deputy Director for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, State Department of Agriculture, Kenya. All Member States were represented to the session except the Republic of Somalia.



Group photo Executive Committee Members

The Council of Ministers Session was held between 21st – 22nd September 2016, chaired by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Awaleh, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries in Charge of Hydraulic Resources, Djibouti. All DLCO-EA Member States were represented in the Session except Republic of Somalia.



Group photo Council of Ministers

During the Sessions, Progress reports of July, 2015 – June, 2016, Proposed Work Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 of each Division of the Organization were presented to the Executive Committee that later presented them to the Council of Ministers.

Among other issues, which were also presented and discussed during the Session included:

- The proposed amendments of the Service Regulation of the Organization,
- The Draft Proposal for Restructuring of the Organization,
- Renewal of Regional Staff Contracts etc...

After pursuing through the above presentations, the Council **APPROVED** the Proposed Amendments of the Service Regulation and the Renewal of Contracts of five Regional Staff. However, the Council **directed** that the Draft Proposal for Restructuring of the Organization need further consultation and analysis by each Member Country.

At the end of the Session, the Council **APPROVED** the Proposed Work Programs of the Divisions and the Budget for the next Fiscal Year July, 2016 – June 2017.

Courtesy visit by the DLCO-EA Director to IGAD:

The Director of the Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA), Dr. Stephen W. Njoka paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of IGAD H.E. Amb. Mahboub Maalim on July 28th 2016. During the brief visit, it was noted that there are a number of areas where the mandates of both

Organizations converge and the need to work together to enhance relationship in order to forge a partnership to serve their Member States more efficiently. It was agreed that the two Organizations will exchange information, attend each other's policy organs meetings, and develop and implement joint projects and programs in areas of common interest. It



was further agreed that a MoU will be signed to strengthen the envisaged working relationship and partnership.

H.E. Amb. Mahboub M. Maalim welcomes Dr. Njoka to IGAD

Captain Ali Farah Elmi voluntarily retires from DLCO-EA:

Captain Ali Farah, a Somali/Canadian National retired from the Organization in July, 2016 at the level of Senior Pilot. By the time of his retirement, he had served the Organization for 29 years. He joined the Organization in August, 1987 as a Pilot and rose through the ranks to the position of Senior Pilot.

Before joining the Organization, he had served as a pilot with the National Police Force of the then Somali Democratic Republic and Somali Airlines.

**Captain Ali
Farah Elmi**



Initially he was based at the Nairobi Operations Coordination Offices where he was oriented as a Spray Pilot within DLCO-EA. However, from 1994, he was assigned to fly the Revenue Generation aircraft based in Mwanza, Tanzania under the collaboration between DLCO-EA and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees/World Food Program. Capt. Ali, a soft spoken person can be best described as a true Diplomat who diligently undertook this assignment for a greater part of his service with the Organization. The DLCO-EA staff will sincerely miss his unwavering service to the Organization.

DLCO-EA wishes to sincerely commend Captain Ali Farah Elmi for the graceful service he gave to the Organization. The Organization is proud to have been served by a person of his caliber and wishes him the best in his retirement.

The DLCO-EA Medical Insurance Scheme:

The DLCO-EA Governing Council of Ministers during its 60th Regular session held in Entebbe, Uganda from 17th -18th

September 2015 approved US\$ 50,000 for the Medical Insurance Scheme for the DLCO-EA staff. Consequently, Management competitively engaged CIC Insurance Group based in Nairobi, Kenya to provide Insurance cover to all Professional and General Staff based in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda).

The Medical Insurance Scheme was effected from 1st September 2016.

Noteworthy, all the General Staff currently not covered by this Scheme (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan) will continue to be assisted by the Organization as specified in the Service Regulation.

MIGRATORY PESTS SITUATION JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2016 DESERT LOCUST (*Schistocercagregaria*):

During July to September, 2016 the Desert Locust situation remained calm in all frontline countries except for some hopper bands and unconfirmed small swarm seen in Northwest Somalia and Eastern Ethiopia, mainly in and the surrounding areas in Ayisha. Low numbers of mature and immature solitarious adults, and hoppers were also seen in some of the summer breeding locations in Eastern and River Nile basin in Sudan.

Forecast: with the onset of the winter rains (October– February) along the Red Sea coastal areas, it is expected that scattered solitarious adults will start grouping, breed and increase their numbers. It is also likely that some swarms could migrate from Yemen to the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea coast of Eritrea and Djibouti.

GRAIN EATING BIRDS (*Quelea*):

During July to September, 2016 *Quelea* infestations were reported in western Kenya and in irrigated Rice schemes in Morogoro and Kilimanjaro regions of Tanzania. The Organization deployed an Aircraft to control the birds in Tanzania. A DLCO-EA aircraft was also deployed to Sudan to control *Quelea* infestations, which were reported attacking crops in different states of the country.

**AFRICAN ARMYWORM
(*Spodoptera exempta*):**

No infestations were reported in the region during July to September, 2016.

DLCO-EA AIRCRAFT SITREP AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

A/C REG.	5Y-BCJ Beaver	5Y-BCK Beaver	5Y-BCL Beaver	5Y-KRD Beaver	5Y-DLA Caravan	5Y-DLO Baron	5Y-BBB Islander	5Y-DLD Turbo Beaver
C OF A DUE DATE	15/5/2017	21/01/2017	03/10/2017	IN PROGRESS	19/02/2017	C OF A IN PROGRESS	DUE	16/10/2017
CHECK III	05/4/2017	16/12/2018	01/7/2018	IN PROGRESS	N/A	01/07/2018	DUE	02/03/2017
PROP. 5 YR OVERHAUL	EMA 1253 28/3/2019	EMA 1254 10/4/2018	EMA 1281 10/2/2018	IN PROGRESS	28/5/2018	01/07/2020	DUE	21/07/2017
A/F HOURS	313:10	79:55	138:10	00:00	4049.17	05:40	00:00	113:45
ENGINE (S) HRS	468:20	308:35	1019:10	00:00	1718.7	PORT: 05:40 STBD: 05:40	PORT: 1556:10 STBD: 1556:10	488:10
PROP. HRS	313:05	156:15	437:10	00:00	1802.09	PORT: 05:40 STBD: 05:40	PORT:216:00 STBD:216:00	332:10
LOCATION	AWAITING REPAIRS IN SUDAN	STANDBY ETHIOPIA	QUELEA KENYA	UNDER ACCIDENT REPAIR	MWANZA CHARTER	MAINTENANC E NAIROBI	MAINTENANCE NAIROBI	STANDBY NAIROBI

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- **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**
- **TO BE NOTED**

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