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Group Photo Executive Committee Members

ANNUAL DLCO-EA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSIONS HELD IN NAIVASHA, KENYA

The DLCO-EA holds its annual Executive and Council Sessions in September. The 63rd Regular Session of the DLCO-EA Executive Committee and Council Sessions were held in Naivasha, Kenya from 24th – 28th September 2018.

Consequently, the Executive Committee Session was held between 24th - 26th of September 2018 under the Session Chairman Mr. Weldehawariat Assefa, Director General Plant Health Regulatory Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources Ethiopia. All Member States were represented to the Session except the Republic of Somalia.

The Council of Ministers Session was held between 27th – 28th September 2018, Chaired by **Mr. Heruy Asghedom, Director General**, Representative of H.E. Arefaine Berhe, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Eritrea. All DLCO-EA Member States were represented in the Session except Republic of Somalia.



Group Photo Council of Ministers

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 63RD
DLCO-EA REGULAR COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MEETING HELD AT
ENASHIPAI RESORT, NAIVASHA,
KENYA, 27TH - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2018

THE ORGANIZATION

The Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA) is a Regional Pest and vector Management Organization established in 1962 with its Headquarters located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Member Countries are Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda covering a total land surface area of about 6,157,725 Km² with an estimated population of 180 million.

DLCO-EA MANDATE

The Organization is mandated to enhance Food Security in the Eastern Africa Region by promoting monitoring and forecasting techniques and implementing control operations against Migratory/Trans-boundary crop pests viz: Desert Locusts *Schistocerca gregaria* (Forsk.) , African Armyworms *Spodoptera exempta* (Walker), Grain eating birds *Quelea quelea* (Linnaeus) and Tsetse flies *Glossina fuscipes*. The latter is the vector of the deadly human sleeping sickness and Nagana disease in livestock.

THE 63RD DLCO-EA GOVERNING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION

The Governing Council made up of the Cabinet Ministers for Agriculture in the respective Member Countries convened in Naivasha to address Food Security challenges in an effort to provide measures to control the migratory pests. Further, the Council considered and approved the Organization's Budget and Work Plan for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council

1. RECOGNIZED the hospitality and cordial reception accorded by the Host Country under able leadership of the President, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta.
2. NOTED that Agriculture is the backbone of the economies of the Member Countries and that Food Security is of major concern to all the respective Governments.
3. RE-EMPHASIZED the importance of ensuring Food Security as a basis for strong and healthy communities and appreciated the contribution of Agriculture towards poverty alleviation.
4. Further RECOGNIZED that migratory pests and other pests of economic importance contribute more than 30% of losses of the potential production.
5. Further RECOGNIZED the seriousness of the emerging invasive pests in particular the Fall armyworm.
6. Appreciated the PEACE AGREEMENTS recently signed by Ethiopia and Eritrea and also the ongoing PEACE INITIATIVE in South Sudan. Indeed, these efforts will go a long way in facilitating the implementation of Technical programs in the Region.
7. RECOGNIZED the financial challenges facing the Organization and urged Member Countries to commit themselves to make good the committed Annual contributions and Arrears for better services to the Member Countries.

8. In appreciation of all the above:

The Council DIRECTED DLCO-EA Management to offer technical and capacity building support to Member Countries in furtherance of combating the Fall armyworm and other migratory pests.

The Ministers further COMMITTED their respective Governments to supporting the activities of the Organization through timely payment of the annual contributions and arrears.

COURTESY VISIT TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE NAIROBI, KENYA

The DLCO-EA Director Dr. Stephen W. Njoka, OGW, made a courtesy visit to Hon Mwangi Kiunjuri, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary (Minister) for Agriculture in Nairobi on 28th August 2018.

The Director briefed the CS on matters inter alia:

- Courtesy/Familiarization visit
- Hosting the upcoming 63rd DLCO-EA Regular Sessions in Naivasha Kenya from 24th – 28th September 2018.
- Kenya's Financial Contribution to the Organization.
- Migratory Pests Situation in the Region.



Hon Mwangi Kiunjuri, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture receives the DLCO-EA Director Dr. Stephen W. Njoka, OGW at Kilimo House, Nairobi on August 28, 2018

EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY DESERT LOCUST CONTROL IN LOCUST PRONE COUNTRIES IN EASTERN AFRICA

Capacity Building

DLCO-EA organized and conducted successfully six days training course on Desert Locust Management (Biology, Behavior, Survey, and Control) for National Plant Protection Officers in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan from the 13th - 18th August, 4th - 9th July and 24th - 30th July 2018 respectively.

Table that shows number of attendants

Country	Male	Female	Total
Eritrea	14	12	26
Ethiopia	24	2	26
Sudan	22	3	25
Total	60	17	77

Sensitization of Local Communities (Ethiopia)

With the assistance of DLCO-EA and FAO, Ethiopia through their Locust Officers organized field missions to the areas usually affected by Desert Locust from 25 August to 03 September, 2018 at Ethio - Somali region, Dire Dawa, Afar and Amhara regions.

The purpose of these missions is to meet the inhabitants of these areas and to create awareness on the importance of the Desert Locust, types of Locusts and their Identification and how and to whom to report the Desert Locust report.

As these areas are sparsely populated, meetings were held on the field-based at community level without disrupting their daily activities.

The Community Sensitization were staff from the DLCO-EA, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resource, zone and district Locust Officers.

The sensitization was given through discussion, demonstrations of samples and pictures taken during outbreak. The local language was used for communication.



Degego, Ethio Somali



Aretit, Harbu, Amhara region

MIGRATORY PESTS SITUATION JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2018

DESERT LOCUST (*Schistocerca gregaria*)

During July to September, 2018 the Desert Locust situation remained calm in all frontline countries except for some mature locust of low densities were seen in Kordofan (Sodari and south Umsayala), Red Sea summer breeding areas (Gadamay), in addition two immature locust solitaires found in River Nile state (Umhaseir), Nile Valley near Dongolaand breeding copulating solitary locust detected in the Northern state in Amhar irrigated scheme.

GRAIN EATING BIRDS (*Quelea quelea*)

In the month of July, control operations by DLCO-EA Beaver 5Y BCL continued in Mbeya region where 15.5 million birds are estimated killed in 13 roost covering 240

hactares sprayed with 500 liters of Fenthion.

AFRICAN ARMYWORM (Spodoptera exempta)

During July, African Armyworm (Spodoptera exempta) infestation was reported from Tigray Administrative Region in 10 villages of 4 zones and 4 Districts. The pest attacked 293 and 593 hectares of crops and pasture lands respectively.

Chemical control was conducted on 106 hectares of field crops and 106 liters of pesticide was sprayed. Cultural control was practiced as well on 213.5 hectares to suppress the larval infestation.

During August, armyworm infestations of 150 ha in Gash Barka, 800 ha in Anseba, 2,000 ha in the Southern and 500 ha in the Central regions were reported. The Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the regional administrations and farmers has managed to contain 95% of the infestation.

DLCO-EA AIRCRAFT SITREP AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

A/C REG	5Y-BCJ	5Y-BCK	5Y-BCL	5Y-KRD	5Y-DLA	5Y-DLO		5Y-BBB		5Y-DLD
A/C TYPE	BEAVER	BEAVER	BEAVER	BEAVER	CARAVAN	BARON		ISLANDER		T/ BEAVER
A/C SERIAL NO.	1572	1579	1552	1439	00107	TH-987		809		1562(TB3)
C OF A DUE DATE	17/6/2019	31/01/2019	IN PROGRESS	AOG	28/02/2019	12/02/2019		DUE		20/6/2019
CHECK III OR MAJOR CHECK	13/05/2020	16/12/2018	IN PROGRESS	IN PROGRESS	N/A	27/06/2019		DUE		4/7/2021
AIRFRAME TSN	9,175.39	10,192.93	8,726.01	6,322.25	18,006.49	5,208.09		3,174.25		13,365.58
ENGINE S/NO.	P-226291	P-226468	P-17313	N/A	PCE PC1717	PORT	STBD	PORT	STBD	PCE-14089
						831862-R	831861-R	RL-23500-R	RL-10488-R	
ENGINE TSN	6,848.38	9,733.52	8,810.56	N/A	1,990.8	41.42	41.42	2370.45	2370.45	4085.80
ENGINE TSO	573.40	529.68	16.26	N/A	1,990.8	1,795.01	1,795.01	1555.67	1555.67	481.45
PROP S/NO.	EMA 1253	EMA 1254	EMA 1281	N/A	070914	PORT	STBD	PORT	STBD	BUA 30776
						ED 3415	ED1769	AU11720B	AU11718B	
PROP TTSN	1,062.73	958.52	605.84	N/A	5,796.5	1,389.34	1,321.01	216.00	216.00	451.08
PROP TSO	418.15	382.35	16.26	N/A	2,074.7	41.42	41.42	N/A	N/A	1.25
LOCATION	QUELEA ETHIOPIA	LOCUST SUDAN	CHECK III MAINTENANCE NAIROBI	UNDER ACCIDENT REPAIR (NBI)	CHARTER OPERATION NAIROBI	STANDBY NAIROBI		MAINTENANCE NAIROBI		MAINT. NAIROBI

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NOTE



IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
TO BE NOTED
TIME SINCE OVERHAUL

TSN = TIME SINCE NEW
 AOG = AIRCRAFT ON GROUND

TSO = TIME SINCE OVERHAUL
 PORT = LEFT SIDE

TTSN = TOTAL TIME SINCE NEW
 STBD = RIGHT SIDE
 HRS = HOURS

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