



Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA)

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 68TH DLCO-EA REGULAR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING HELD AT RAMADA RESORT BY WYNDHAM DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

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 in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** and Control Reserve Bases (CRBs) in the Member Countries which are; **Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania** and **Uganda**.

MANDATE

The Organization is mandated to enhance **Food Security** in the Eastern Africa Region by conducting research, monitoring and forecasting, implementing control operations against mandated **migratory pest occurrences** viz: Desert Locusts, African Armyworms, Grain eating Quelea birds and Tsetse flies.

THE 68th 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 Dar-es-Salaam on **4th September, 2023** to address **food security** challenges by taking up measures to control the migratory pests.

The Council received, discussed and approved the organization reports for the FY 2022/23 and the work plan and budget for the FY 2023/24.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council

- 1) **APPRECIATED** the hospitality and cordial reception accorded by the Host Country under the able leadership of H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

- 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 Member Countries.
- 3) **REITERATED** the importance of ensuring food and nutrition security as a basis for healthy populations and appreciated the contribution of Agriculture towards **poverty alleviation**.
- 4) **RECOGNIZED** the DLCO-EA's critical role in controlling the transboundary pests that threaten food security.
- 5) **REITERATED** the need to transform and modernize the operations of the Organization.
- 6) **RECOGNIZED** the seriousness of other emerging migratory pests in the region.
- 7) **RECOGNIZED** the need to review and update that DLCO-EA Convention in order to be able to address the current and emerging challenges of migratory pests in the region.
- 8) **AUTHORIZED** the Director to critically evaluate and assess the internal human resource capacity to inform the recruitment decisions of new staff, considering the current organization's financial situation.
- 9) **RECOGNIZED** the **financial challenges** facing the Organization and urged Member Countries to honour the Annual contributions and payment of Arrears to enable DLCO-EA offer better services to the Member Countries.
- 10) **URGED** DLCO-EA to leverage the local infrastructure and resources in member countries for control of migratory pests.
- 11) **ADVISED** Management to explore technical and financial support from Development Partners for the sustainability of the Organization.
- 12) **AGREED** to hold its next (**69th**) DLCO-EA Executive and Council Regular Sessions in Kenya in September, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Tanzania.

Signed on the 4th day of September, 2023 at Ramada Resort by Wyndham, Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania