



Decisions of the 13th CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) 26 April 2018, Djibouti

The 13th meeting of the CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) representing IGAD Member States convened on 26 April 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel, Djibouti. The CPS Meeting was preceded by the 12th meeting of the Technical Committee of Early Warning and Response (TCEWR) that comprises Heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs) and CSO Partners that convened from 24-25 April 2018 in the same venue.

Based on an appraisal of the progress in the piloting and roll out of CEWARN's new data collection and analysis system, and a set of recommendations on CEWARN's planned operations for 2018-2019 that was tabled by the TCEWR, the CPS has adopted the following decisions:

On the roll out of the integrated data collection and analysis system:

1. Address specific concerns raised in countries where the system has been piloted, namely, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda;
 - In Somalia - popularization of the system to other national and regional players like AMISOM and the UN;
 - In Sudan - in consultation with the CEWERU, tackle issues of internet penetration and expand partnership with CSOs; and
 - In Uganda - strengthen modalities of engagement with CSOs.
2. For CEWARN to engage in an immediate roll out of the system in the remaining Member States – specifically, engage in forming partnerships with CSOs; conduct training and system installation.
3. Member States to continue demonstrating ownership of the system and ensure its sustainability;
4. Progressively harmonize the system with existing national, regional and continental initiatives, and consider additional open data sources like African Media Monitor (AMM) and others;
5. Further explore the use of satellite technology in gathering conflict early warning information - for instance, building on current initiatives in Kenya;

6. CEWARN in collaboration with the CEWERUs to further popularize the system in the region;

On partnership with CSOs

7. Reaffirms the need for building a robust partnership with CSOs in operationalizing the CEWARN System; and in this regard encourages the CEWARN Unit - in consultation with the CEWERUs - to innovate new approaches for stronger engagement with CSOs;

On strengthening capacity of CEWERUs

8. Reaffirms the need for Member States to position CEWERUS as the primary national peace building and conflict prevention platforms;
9. CEWARN should initiate linkages between CEWERUs and other IGAD agencies/programmes such as migration, IGAD's Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI), IGAD Center of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) and IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Center (ICPAC);
10. CEWARN and CEWERUs should continue to take part in the bilateral border commissioners/administrators Meetings;

On Resource mobilization and sustainability concerns:

11. Commends CEWERUs' efforts in soliciting additional funding to support their national activities, and further affirms the need for increased investment from respective governments (including support to the operationalization of Situation Rooms);
12. The CEWARN Unit should continue to strategically support CEWERUs in resource mobilization;

On the Rapid Response Fund

13. CEWARN unit to continue to implement measures aimed at revamping the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) and urges all partners to enhance support to the pool fund; and

14. CEWARN should urgently consider – in consultation with the CEWERUs – to expedite the development and implementation of a response strategy to tackle emerging regional security concerns such as violent extremism, terrorism, IDPS and refugees.

On the CEWARN Strategy

15. Acknowledges the decision to align the CEWARN strategy framework period initially conceived as 2012-2019 to the IGAD Corporate Strategy period (2016-2020); and
16. Directs the CEWARN Unit to initiate a review of the implementation of the CEWARN Strategy framework 2012-2019 and consultations on the way forward - beyond 2020. **END**