



## **DREAM II**

### **Pre-conferences**

#### **Coordination, Cooperation and Capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas**

Following the DREAM I Conference of September 2019, three pre-conferences are organized. The Pre-Conference and the following events will add important input for the preparation of the DREAM II conference, planned in September 2021 in Somali Region, Ethiopia.

The overall objective is a profound reflection on coordination, cooperation and capacitation in programs focusing on strengthened drought resilience in the lowland areas. At the same time the pre-conferences looked into alliances, partnerships and joint programming by the different involved stakeholders i.e. government partners, communities, NGOs, civil society, and international organizations.

During the first Pre-Conference held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, the theme “coordination for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas” brought together different stakeholders like federal and regional government partners, national and international NGOs and international development partners active in the lowlands of Ethiopia. The pre-Conference offered an opportunity to develop possible coalitions along the topic of strengthening drought resilience.

The second Pre-Conference held on 12 November focused on cooperation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas, based on the outcome of the first Pre-Conference. Main programs were presented in the lowlands – including cooperation modalities – and proposed a task force to bring increased coordination, based on the various initiatives.

The third Pre-Conference will take place on 26 November, discussing capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas. The previous Pre-Conferences highlighted the need for strengthened coordination taking into account the different platform and structures that already exist yet making it more effective and inclusive. For this a task force under government lead would be required. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Conference will discuss suggestions to strengthen coordination and cooperation prepared by an initiative group after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Conference. In particular it will help to:

- Develop plans for improved coordination in lowland development based on existing structures and increasing their effectiveness and improving the comprehensiveness in coordination
- Discuss the role, composition and function of a task force to come to strengthened coordination and cooperation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities
- Identify the steps to reach this – based on assured resources – including the identification of a platform and steering committees to facilitate cooperation and exchange.

The Pre-Conference are hybrids between online participation and physical meetings organised in Samara, Afar Region and Jijiga, Somali Region to facilitate the effective engagement of participants at regional and national level.

Program:

### **DREAM II: 3rd Pre-Conference 2020**

#### **Capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas of Ethiopia**

*Facilitator: Dr. Kaba Urgessa*

*Date: 26 November 2020 10:00-13:15*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<b>Welcome speech</b>  From DREAM to reality: Capacitating effective coordination and cooperation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas	Dr. Elisabeth van den Akker (GIZ SDR-ASAL)
	Kick off presentation: Scope for improved coordination – suggestion and opportunities in the Lowland Livelihood Resistance Program	Ato Seid Omer National Coordinator LLRP
<b>10:20-11:20</b>	<b>Capacitation</b>  Presentation Part 1: Current map of coordination structures and observations (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What structures are missing?</li> </ul>	Plenary discussion/ followed from two presentations led by team from Initiative Group:  Ato Abenet Mengistu (Ministry of Agriculture/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What structure and coordinating initiatives are most important?</li> <li>- What structures are inactive/non-functional?</li> <li>- What structures are isolated, what platforms should be linked to each other?</li> </ul> <p>Presentation Part 2: Coordination and cooperation – where are priorities in improved coordination and cooperation?</p> <p>Introduction to the Discussion groups</p>	PSNP), Ato Dubale Admassu (USAID) and Sara Worku (Alliance2015)
<b>11:20-11:35</b>	<b>Icebreaker</b>	
	<b>Discussion groups</b>	
<b>11:30-12:15</b>	<p><b>Discussion around possible required steps for formation of a task force</b></p> <p>What should be role of task force (in strengthening coordination considering existing mechanism?</p> <p>Who should be in the task force (to make it inclusive but also effective)?</p> <p>What would be the road map of activities for the task force in the six months to strengthen coordination?</p> <p>What practical platform meetings could be organized in the next six months to support coordination and to promote exchange?</p> <p>Who do you suggest being contacted by the task force?</p>	<p>by: Discussion Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afar</li> <li>• Somali Region</li> <li>• On-line participants</li> </ul>
<b>12:15-13:00</b>	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <p>Presentation from groups</p> <p>Synthesis of main agreed points on steps forward -</p>	Moderators presenting main points from discussion groups, followed by general discussion

<b>13:00-13:15</b>	<b>Wrap up and way forward</b> Planned DREAM activities up to DREAM-2 Closing speech	GiZ-SDR HE State Minister Ato Sani Redi
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