



DREAM II Pre-conferences

Save the dates:



- 3 November Coordination for pastoral agro-pastoral communities in lowland areas
- 12 November Cooperation for pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in lowland areas
- 26 November Capacitation for pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in lowland areas

All events take place between 10.00 – 13.00 (East Africa Time)

Following the DREAM I conference of September 2019, three virtual pre-conferences will take place, as part of the DREAM II conference. The three virtual events will develop a joint programming with private sectors, civil society organisations, development partners and government partners for strengthening the coordination, cooperation, and capacitation in the Dry Valley Rehabilitation and Productive Use approach (DVRPU). More details will be provided soon.

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The emergencies of 2020 emphasize the need for an aligned approach to systemically enhance the resilience of Ethiopia's lowlands. The pre-conferences will hopefully contribute to bring all stakeholders closer together in the lowlands of Ethiopia.



DREAM II

Pre-conferences

Coordination, cooperation and capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas

Following the DREAM 1 Conference of September 2019, we will organize three pre-conferences in a series, each lasting 3 hours. The overall theme is the creation of a critical mass around of the dry lowland valley approach, the practical development of alliances and partnerships and joint programming with (multi-lateral) investment programs in the lowlands, with private sector (following from *prosopis juliflora* initiatives) and with the civil society organizations (that are given more opportunities with new legislation). This follows from the Statement signed after the DREAM1 conference in September 2019..

The emergencies of 2020 – locust, floods, COVID19/lockdown – emphasize the need for organized and aligned approach of the different actors active in Ethiopia’s lowlands, so as to avoid ad hoc responses to the current short term threats and to create systemic resilience in Ethiopia’s lowlands. Ultimately, the dryland valley rehabilitation and productive use approach (DVRPU) needs to connect to the Pastoral Development Policy and Strategy (draft 2018) and the concerned Growth and Transformation Plans

The conference will follow the Coordination, Cooperation, Capacitation theme of DREAM2 with each of the three conferences dedicated to one of these topics. The first Preconference will map the main initiatives for the lowland areas and will explore the scope for better coordination. In the second Pre-Conference the specific opportunities for cooperation are discussed, whereas in the final Pre-Conference the development of a shared approach to capacitation of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities is discussed, as a contribution to regional policies.

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Dates and topics and expected outcomes:

<p>3 November</p>	<p>Coordination for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas– joint understanding of ongoing initiatives, exploring interest and framework for cooperation</p>	<p>Mapping of main programs (ongoing and planned) in lowland by federal regional governments, NGOS and main funding agencies</p> <p>Different stakeholders to identify most important priorities for coordination (around DVRPU)</p> <p>Developing a possible coalition on the dry valley development approach</p>
<p>12 November</p>	<p>Cooperation pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas– joint programming for long-term resilience –</p>	<p>Identification of opportunities in joint programming in different lowland programs in livelihood development, land rehabilitation, water conservation, WASH, disaster risk management, participatory land use planning within framework of Pastoral Policy</p> <p>Working out and agree upon mode of cooperation and tangible steps to consolidate cooperation including with private sector.</p>
<p>26 November</p>	<p>Capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas – having a joint vision on lowland governance and capacity building and taking steps to combine and integrate capacity building efforts</p>	<p>Zooming in on capacity building: gaps and agreed upon number of joint steps</p> <p>Define contribution to new Regional GTPs and implementation of Pastoralist Policy by the coalition on the dryland valley rehabilitation and productive use approach</p>

The Pre-Conferences are hybrid with participants taking part on-line. In addition there will be physical meeting each in Semara and Jijiga to facilitate the engagement of regional stakeholders. Each Pre-Conference will last 3 hours. Jointly they will provide the basis of the DREAM-II main conference, planned for 2021.

The (tentative) programmes of three Pre-Conferences is as follows:

3 November 2020	Coordination for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas	
1000-1020	Welcome Opening Statement Ministry of Agriculture Kick-off note: Prospects for collaboration and effects of new charity regulations	Reference to development vision for the lowlands; introducing DVRPU approach
1020-1120	Coordination: How to create resilience in the lowlands? On-going activities and the scope for coordination	Carrousel of presentations by Somali Region Government, Afar Government, selected NGOs and others
1120-1130	Question and answers	Moderator
1130-1145	Break	
1145-1230	Discussion in Breakout Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the key objectives in strengthening lowland resilience - Where should we coordinate; - How to practically improve coordination in current programs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Afar Stakeholders - Somali Region Stakeholders - Civil society organizations - Donors - Researchers and others
1230-1245	Reporting back from discussion in break out groups	Moderators
1245-1300	Plenary Discussion and wrapping up (identification of next steps, input for second preconference)	Moderators

12 November 2020	Cooperation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas	
1000-1020	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Kick-off note: Resilience challenges and opportunities for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities: short-term and medium-term</p>	Main points from First Pre-Conference
1020-1110	<p>Coordination:</p> <p>How to optimize resilience in the lowlands? On-going activities and the scope for coordination.</p>	Carrousel of presentations on major funding initiatives in humanitarian support and development
1110-1130	Plenary discussion	Moderator
1130-1145	Break	
1145-1230	<p>Discussion in Breakout Groups</p> <p>Opportunities for cooperation to create resilience for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas</p>	<p>Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livelihood improvement (WASH, controlling invasive species) - Strengthened local planning - Improved resource base (rangelands, soil conservation) - Disaster reduction
1230-1245	Reporting back from discussion in break out groups	Moderators
1245-1300	Plenary Discussion on cooperation initiatives and follow up	Moderators

26 November 2020	Capacitation for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in lowland areas	
1000-1020	Welcome Kick-off note: Towards a capacitation strategy for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities – view from Pastoralist Policy and GTPs	Main points from First and Second Pre-Conference
1020-1100	Capacitation initiatives in the lowlands – strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats	Presentation of capacity building activities
1100-1120	Plenary discussion	Moderator
1120-1135	Break	
1135-1200	Discussion in Breakout Groups Capacitation at different levels	Breakout Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communities - Multipliers - Training providers - Improved resource base (rangelands, soil conservation) - Disaster reduction
1200-1245	Reporting back from discussion in break out groups Building a common approach in capacitation	Moderators
1245-1300	Closing remarks from the PreConferences	Moderators

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