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About DLCI

The Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative for Improved Policy and Practice in the Horn of Africa (formerly REGLAP) is an independent resource organisation registered in Kenya that promotes improved policy and practice in the drylands of the Horn of Africa via knowledge management and capacity building support to communities, CSOs and governments.

DLCI is well known and highly respected for its expertise in knowledge management, documentation, facilitation of multi-stakeholder learning forums and capacity building support. DLCI is interested in collaboration with organizations committed to drylands development in Kenya and other IGAD countries. Please contact Monica Naggaga-Kizito: mnaggaga.dlci@gmail.com or Jarso Mokku jmokku@dlci-hoa.org for further information.

Call for journal articles by June 2015

This year, DLCI will produce its annual journal in conjunction with IGAD as part of its *Resilience Focus* series. Organisations are **invited to submit articles on innovations or improved policy and practice for resilience in the drylands by 20th June 2015**. Articles should be between 1,000-2,000 words (2-4 pages), be succinct, reflective, analytical and cover: the approach used, the evidence of impact, challenges and recommendations for the future and/or policy recommendations. Background evaluations and reports should also be submitted where possible. Articles should be accompanied by high resolution photographs and diagrams and span the IDDRSI pillars and IGAD countries where possible. DLCI will provide technical review and editing support in conjunction with IGAD and technical experts. The publication will be finalized by October 2015.

This e-bulletin

This e-bulletin highlights the key documents produced and events organized by DLCI from January to April 2015 as well as upcoming events. Previous e-bulletins can be accessed at:

January to March 2014: [click here](#)

April to June 2014: [click here](#)

June to August 2014: [click here](#)

September to December 2014: [click here](#)

ANNOUNCING DLCI'S NEW WEBSITE!! www.dlci-hoa.org

DLCI is pleased to announce the launch of its new website, designed with a fresh look and user-friendly navigation. The website contains journals, briefs, good practice guidance, studies and reviews and databases of various documents on education, water, irrigation development and resilience in the

drylands of the Horn of Africa. We hope you enjoy our new site. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please send them to dprech.dlci@gmail.com or vtilstone.dlci@gmail.com

DLCI's upcoming dissemination workshops in Kampala and Hargeisa in June

DLCI will be visiting Hargeisa and Kampala in the weeks of the 1st June and 15th June respectively to carry out dissemination workshops on its recent work on irrigation and water planning and land use planning and integrated education. Interested organizations and individuals should contact dprech.dlci@gmail.com for more information.

LATEST DOCUMENTS

1. Summary brief on integrated education framework for the arid and semi-arid lands of Kenya

This summary is based on a recent framework on integrated education provision that was developed by DLCI. It argues that standard model for education delivery is currently failing across all the arid and semi-arid (ASAL) counties; and there is need for a radical rethink on overall education provision; the specific responsibilities of ASAL counties; and the huge effort that is needed by national and county level government, NGOs and donors alike. It also states that education accounts for less than 1% of donor investment in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) of Kenya, despite many recent studies underlining its important contribution in promoting resilience. It also highlights the need to empower and resource the recently National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK).

To view the summary brief, please [click here](#)

2. Good Practice Principles on irrigation and water planning in the drylands of the Horn of Africa

These good practice principles aim to provide some general guidance on irrigation and water planning in the drylands in the Horn of Africa and are offered in order to promote discussion among irrigation experts on experiences and learning so far and encourage more reviews and impact assessments and sharing of experiences. The principles require further elaboration through review and comments by experts as well as incorporation of further studies and impact assessments. Please send any studies, comments or suggestions to dprech.dlci@gmail.com or vtilstone.dlci@gmail.com. To view the draft, [click here](#).

3. Brief on the need for participatory land use planning in Kenya

Participatory land use planning provides an opportunity for local land users to play a central role in decision-making processes concerning the land and resources upon which they depend. It can bring stakeholders at different levels together in order to develop a common vision for development, and to agree on a way forward including how land use conflicts can be resolved. As many planning processes in Kenya are largely political statements of intent, the establishment of good (i.e. integrated, comprehensive and participatory) land use planning is critical. The devolution process in Kenya not only provides an opportunity for nested planning processes at different levels but also make it a necessity. Planning needs to ensure that both technical and socio-economic considerations are included in planning processes, and

that current and future scenarios are planned for with the support of the land users whom the plans are supposed to serve. Land use and spatial planning in Kenya thus urgently needs refocusing as a bottom up and participatory approach.

This brief was developed by DLCI in conjunction with the Rangelands Initiative of the International Land Coalition and the National Land Commission. It is the culmination of a review of planning processes in Kenya and is informed by land use planning innovations in the drylands of neighbouring countries.

To access the brief: [click here](#)

4. Leaflet for the NDMA on the Ending Drought Emergencies Initiative

This leaflet was developed in conjunction with the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) on the Government of Kenya's Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE) Initiative. The leaflet provides information about the origins and the development of the EDE, how it will be implemented and structured and what you can do to help end drought emergencies in Kenya by 2022.

To access the leaflet: [click here](#)

5. REGLAP's AU Pastoral Policy Leaflet translated to Karamoja, Runyankole Rukiga and Luo by COPASCO with support from Cordaid

The Policy Framework for Pastoralism in Africa is a guideline for African governments to review their policies on pastoralism. REGLAP (DLCI's predecessor), together with the African Union designed and produced a leaflet to highlight the key features of the Framework to encourage wider dissemination. The Coalition of Pastoral CSOs (COPASCO) in Uganda requested to translate and print the leaflets to local languages that are commonly spoken in Uganda's drylands. They have now translated them into three languages i.e. Luo, Ng'akarimojong and Runyankole Rukiga.

For the English version: [click here](#)

For Ng'akarimojong version: [click here](#)

For Runyankole Rukiga version: [click here](#)

For Luo version: [click here](#)

KEY EVENTS

1. Kenya ASAL Advocacy Group meeting, April 2015

The Kenya ASAL Advocacy Group has been in existence since 2011 and is composed of mainly national and international NGOs working on policy advocacy on ASAL issues at national level. Its purpose is to promote synergy and co-ordination on advocacy activities as well as share analysis on the many policies that affect the drylands and linkages with the Pastoral Parliamentary Forum and ASAL Stakeholder Forum (which DLCI now chairs). In the meeting that took place in April various organisations gave updated on policies they are working on including: the community land bill, an amendment to the veterinary and

surgeon's act of 2011 and the livestock bill. Updates were also provided from the March 2015 IDDRSI meeting in Addis Ababa and the Pastoral Leadership Forum of 2015 in Narok County.

To read the minutes, [click here](#)

2. Land use planning learning workshop, February 2015

RECONCILE and ILRI's Rangelands Initiative with support from DLCI organized a national stakeholder's workshop to share experiences on participatory land use planning in Kenya on the 11th and 12th February 2015. The objective of the meeting was to confirm what different approaches and activities on land use planning are being undertaken in rangelands and the experiences of these, and to develop a more coordinated approach. As such, the workshop brought together a range of organizations working at different levels including at county level, who presented their experiences in developing land use plans, as well as researchers who have documented such processes including DLCI's consultant Steve Moiko, who undertook a review for the workshop.

To view the minutes, [click here](#)

3. IDDRSI Steering Committee meeting ad IGAD General Assembly, March 2015

DLCI participated in this year's IDDRSI steering committee and the General Assembly meeting and made a presentation on the need for community participation in the IDDRSI process. DLCI coordinated support for CSOs from IGAD countries, who raised concerns over the lack of community representation in the whole IDDRSI process. It was also resolved that IGAD NGO/CSO forum would take on CSOs to participate in and the Programme Coordinating Unit will develop a framework for further strengthening CSO engagement in the IDDRSI.

For the presentation on community participation, [click here](#)

To read more about the outcomes of the IDDRSI Steering committee meeting, visit

<http://resilience.igad.int/>

4. Book launch: Valuing variability – new perspectives on climate resilient drylands development, April 2015

DLCI recently contributed to a book by IIED on climate change and resilience in the drylands of Kenya, India and China. The book was launched in conjunction with the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG) and the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA). The book argues that improving agricultural productivity in dryland environments is possible by working with climatic uncertainty rather than seeking to control it – a view that runs contrary to decade of development practice in arid and semi-arid lands. The book also found that across China, Kenya and India – and most other dryland countries – family farmers and herders relate to the inherent variability of the drylands as a resource to be valued, rather than a problem to be avoided. Hon Ekwee Ethuro was the keynote speaker and was accompanied by other PPG members including Hon. Mohammed Elmi, Hon Ali Wario, Hon. Chachu Ganya and Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim. The CEO of the NDMA and Saverio Kratli the lead author of the book also presented.

The book can be accessed on: <http://pubs.iied.org/10128IIED.html>

The press release: [click here](#)

The minutes of the launch: [click here](#)

5. Education stakeholders meeting, May 2015

DLCI recently carried out a consultancy to develop a draft framework for improved integrated education in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands of Kenya. A workshop was organized on the 6th May 2015 to discuss the framework and develop some collaborative actions to improve education in the ASALs in conjunction with the newly established Nomadic Education Council (NACONEK) and other education actors. Various actors involved in education were invited to review and input into the draft framework, to understand the priorities of NACONEK as well as to identify priority transformative actions for collective action and advocacy.

To read the minutes, [click here](#)

To view the presentation of the draft framework, [click here](#)

To view the presentation on NACONEK, [click here](#)

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