



Drylands Learning and
Capacity Building Initiative
for Improved Policy and
Practice in the Horn of Africa

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Dear All,

Following an extensive strategic review and planning process, REGLAP has now changed its name to the Dryland Learning and Capacity Building Initiative (DLCI) for improved policy and practice in the Horn of Africa and has registered as an independent resource organisation.

DLCI is building on the mandate and work of REGLAP and is outlined in [a Strategic Plan for 2014-2018](#) summarised as follows:

Vision: People in the drylands of the Horn of Africa are empowered and equitably represented in resilience and development policy and practice.

Mission: To promote evidence-based policy and practice amongst dryland stakeholders.

Core values:

1. Support the rights of all individuals in the drylands to fully participate in their development.
2. Promote transparency, accountability, collaboration and synergy of dryland actors.

DLCI is in the process of securing funding to carry out its core activities. However organisations that are interested in engaging with DLCI are encouraged to contact DLCI for further information and to build resources for this into their funding proposals.

For an overview of DLCI, please [click here](#).

RECENT DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2013:

Documents

1. **REGLAP Journal 4** on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Drylands of the Horn of Africa.



This is the fourth edition of the REGLAP/DLCI annual journal on innovations in policy and practice from the ECHO Drought Risk Reduction Action Plan (DRRAP) partners and beyond. This edition includes articles on: natural resource governance in Garbatulla, Kenya; Holistic Rangeland Management; COBRA, lessons from ALP; service delivery in the drylands, funding in Somalia; CAHWs in Kenya; ABEK in Uganda; the evaluation of the NDMA; irrigating Kenya's drylands, engaging extractive industries and knowledge management.

[Click here](#) for the full journal. Hard copies are available on request.

2. ASAL Policy Leaflet

A leaflet on the National Policy for Sustainable Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands (commonly known as the ASAL Policy) was developed by REGLAP in conjunction with the Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group. The ASAL policy Sessional Paper No. 8 of 2012 demonstrates a new thinking behind the Kenyan government's commitment to re-balancing regional development, through the establishment of a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder framework. The leaflet highlights areas of untapped opportunity and potential in the drylands, key foundations that need to be built for development to take effect, and key targets for sustainable development, as is stipulated in the Policy.

[Click here](#) to view the leaflet. Hard copies are available on request.

3. Posters on recent studies

Together with the National Drought Management Authority of Kenya, the Afar and the Oromia Regional State in Ethiopia and the Ministry of Local Government in Uganda, REGLAP developed posters based on the findings of its three main studies: [integrated planning in the drylands of the Horn of Africa](#); [the potential for irrigated crop agriculture in the drylands](#); and [the need for integrated water development in the drylands](#). The posters are aimed at local level actors and will be distributed by the relevant government departments shortly.

[Click here](#) to download integrated water development poster.

[Click here](#) to download crop agriculture poster.

[Click here](#) to download integrated planning poster.

[Click here](#) to download the 3 posters in Afar language

[Click here](#) to download the 3 posters in Somali language

[Click here](#) to download the 3 posters in Oromia language

Hard copies are also available on request.



4. Technical Brief: Knowledge management and research for resilience in the Drylands of the Horn of Africa.

This technical brief is part of a series prepared by experts for the Technical Consortium for Building Resilience to Drought in the Horn of Africa. The briefs are ‘Overview of technical components to support ending drought emergencies and building resilience to drought in the Horn of Africa’, ‘Disaster risk reduction management in the drylands in the Horn of Africa’, ‘Livelihoods and basic service support in the drylands of the Horn of Africa’, ‘Natural resources management in the drylands in the Horn of Africa’, ‘Conflict resolution and peace building in the drylands in the Horn of Africa’, ‘Market access and trade issues affecting the drylands in the Horn of Africa’ and ‘Knowledge management and research’. This paper sets out to explore the issues around knowledge management - what it is and how it might be applied, particularly with a view to enhancing resilience in the Horn of Africa and contributing to the improved impact of interventions and activities. Please [click here](#) to view the technical brief.

5. Policy brief: Uganda’s National Land Policy: What it means for Pastoral Areas

This Policy Brief provides an overview of the Ugandan National Land Policy (NLP) that was gazette in August 2013 by the Government of Uganda, and what its implications are for pastoral areas, particularly Karamoja, a pastoral region that has been traditionally marginalized within Uganda. This brief has pulled out relevant policy statements and strategies that are critical for pastoral land and resource needs and summarized some of the policy’s weaknesses and challenges. It also suggests what Civil Society Organisations, Local Government, and MPs can do ensure the NLP supports pastoral livelihoods. The brief will be available on the website in due course.

Events

1. The launch of DLCI, REGLAP’s successor, 10th December 2013

The Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative (DLCI) was officially launched at the DRRAP partners’ closure meeting in Nairobi. DLCI is now an independent resource organization based in Nairobi. At the launch an overview of the history and evolution of REGLAP was provided together with a REGLAP in photos presentation and a presentation of DLCI. Please [click here](#) to download the minutes.

2. Media briefing: Irrigation in the drylands of Kenya, 3rd December 2013

A media briefing breakfast event to discuss irrigation in the drylands of Kenya was hosted by REGLAP with the support of its Kenya Advocacy Group at the Hotel Intercontinental on December 3rd, 2013. The event was primarily intended to provide stakeholders with a forum to critically interrogate key



government plans and processes that have far reaching consequences on drylands development. In addition the event was intended to broaden the debate around irrigation by promoting critical media thinking and reporting. About 57 people representing the media, pastoralist community members from eleven dryland counties, parliament, international organisations and government institutions including the Ministry of devolution and Planning and the Land Commission attended the event.

The keynote speaker was Engineer George Odedeh, Chief Engineer with the National Irrigation Board who sought to shed light on the current status of government plans on irrigation. His presentation was followed with reactions from a panel that included Hon. Mohammed Elmi the Member of Parliament for Tarbaj and the former Minister of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands, Ms. Mine Pabari an environmental expert with IUCN, Mr. Michael Tiampati representing the CSO/Community voice and is the national coordinator for the Pastoralist Development Network of Kenya (PDNK) and Mr. Lucas Chacha representing Oxfam GB.

[Click here](#) to view the full report from the briefing.

[Click here](#) to access the background paper on irrigating Kenya's drylands

[Click here](#) to access the discussion perspective paper on the Turkana aquifer discoveries and development proposals.

3. IUCN and AWF Stakeholders workshop, 6th -7th November 2013, Nairobi

REGLAP contributed funding for this meeting organised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) with financial support from REGLAP to engage Arid and Semi-Arid county and national government representatives in discussions on how decision making for sustainable growth and adaptation can best be supported, in light of current challenges and opportunities in the drylands. The forum was intended to raise awareness of dryland systems, the changes occurring within them and the potential impacts of these changes, both positive and negative. A panel of experts and key actors including conservationists, civil society organisations and the county government representatives made presentations.

IUCN made a highlight on *Dryland systems*. This introductory presentation gave an overview of drylands, both globally and within Kenya, highlighting their extent, characteristics and uniqueness. Dr Mohamed Said, from ILRI made a presentation on the *challenges and impacts of land use and land use planning on ecosystem, biodiversity and people*. This extensive presentation highlighted the wealth of biodiversity found in Kenya's ASALs, the threats to this biodiversity and the drivers of change. Mr



Sunya Orre, Director of Technical Services, NDMA presented on *Climate Change in Kenya's ASALs: Potential scenarios and patterns*.

[Click here](#) to view the full report.

4. REGLAP/Somalia UN Food Security and Education Cluster meeting, 12 November 2013

This meeting was convened to share the lessons learnt and key findings of REGLAP in recent years with the Somalia UN Food Security Cluster and the Education Clusters. The meeting was intended to examine the relevance of the studies and experiences to the Somalia context, and to see how REGLAP could partner with and enhance the work of partners on promoting community voice and knowledge management for drylands resilience in Somalia.

[Click here](#) to view the minutes from the meeting.

Upcoming publications

- Counting pastoralists –out in March 2014
- Review of funding in the drylands – out in March 2014
- Lessons learnt and recommendations from the ECHO DRR decision since 2006 –out in April 2014

For more information on DLCI/REGLAP please see: <http://www.disasterriskreduction.net/east-central-africa/reglap>

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