



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

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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 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 keen to develop new partnerships with organizations committed to drylands development in Kenya and other IGAD countries. To find out more about DLCI, please click here <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4259> or visit our website and its extensive document databases at www.dlci-hoa.org

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Collaboration with DLCI

With DLCI's extensive knowledge of dryland policy and practice, and wide network of collaborators at regional, national and community levels including within government, CSOs, research organisations and donors, DLCI is an ideal partner to implement and enhance dryland initiatives.

Research/Reviews

DLCI is a bridge between research and practice, thus it is an ideal partner for international research organisations to: ground-truth research, help ensure that research is demanded by stakeholders and help avoid duplication, it can provide access to a range of research reports, grey literature and key informants, as well as to ensure that research is informed by and made available in appropriate forms to key audiences including parliamentarians, government and practitioners at local and national levels.

Capacity building

DLCI provides capacity building support in the areas of knowledge management, communication and advocacy as well on water and irrigation, integrated planning, gender issues and more effective approaches to education.

Community empowerment and voice

DLCI is particularly keen to translate its extensive knowledge of good practice in dryland areas into materials that are of interest to remote dryland communities. DLCI has carried out a range of reviews of emerging communication mechanisms in remote areas and is well positioned to promote dryland voice into policy and planning processes at county and national level and civic education.

Following the MOU, DLCI was contracted by IGAD to edit its Resilience Focus Magazine edition 2 and produce the Resilience Focus Magazine 3, which are now both complete ready for formatting/printing. Articles for the next edition are most welcome, especially on gender, migration and anti-terrorism.

4. DLCI supporting the Secretariat of the Pastoral Parliamentary Group (PPG)

DLCI has collaborated with the PPG for a number of years, however it has recently started formally supporting the Secretariat and has helped developed strategies and communication materials included revising its strategic plan. Please see:

The PPG leaflet at <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4231>

The PPG key achievements summary at <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4234>

The PPG Strategic Plan 2014-17 - <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4244>

PPG discussion brief on the change in paradigm for peace and security in the ASALs <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4157>

PPG media brief on improving education in the ASALs <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4218>

DLCI also handed over the organization of the Kenya ASAL Advocacy Group (KAAG) to the PPG Secretariat. The KAAG is an open fora for organisations advocating on policy and practice issues in the ASALs of Kenya to promote synergy and collaboration. It currently consists of around 20 organisations who meet every 3 to 6 months to share information on plans and progress and ideas on enhancing advocacy and define critical issues to raise with the PPPG and others. It was started by REGLAP in 2010 and handed over to DLCI in 2014. For more information on the KAAG and the PPG please contact Jarso Mokku at ppg@ndma.go.ke.

5. DLCI Elected Chair of the ASAL Stakeholder Forum (ASF)

During the 3rd National ASAL Stakeholder Forum held in Nairobi on 23rd -24th February 2015, DLCI's Jarso Mokku was elected as a member of the National Steering Committee and was nominated as the Chair of the Forum. The ASAL Stakeholders' Forum (ASF) is one of the proposed ASAL Transformation Institutions in Sessional Paper No. 8 of 2012 in 'the [National Policy for Sustainable Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands](#)' and brings together various stakeholders including government, UN Agencies, Development Partners, NGOs and the Private Sector.

The Forum was created to maximize the collective voice and influence of ASAL communities and stakeholders, and promote dialogue between these stakeholders and the national and county governments. It therefore serves as a platform where all those working in Kenya's (ASALs) can come together to coordinate their activities, collaborate with others and deepen accountability to each other and to the people of the concerned regions. County Forums have now been established in ASAL areas but require further review and strengthening by county stakeholders for them to effectively contribute to enhanced public participation. For more information please contact Jarso Mokku at jmokku.dlci@gmail.com

6. Integrated framework on education for the drylands and workshops in Somaliland and Uganda

In May 2015 DLCI in consultation with various education partners DLCI developed a framework for integrated education in the drylands. The framework was presented at a stakeholder workshop in conjunction with the recently launched National Council on Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK).

To view the **integrated education study** <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4058>

To read the **summary brief on integrated education**, <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=3909>

To read the **minutes of the validation workshop** meeting, <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=3801>

In order to share and learn from experiences in other dryland areas of the IGAD region, DLCI carried out workshops on integrated education for the drylands in Uganda and Somaliland.

To view the **Kampala minutes**, <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4098>

To view the **Hargeisa minutes**, <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4151>

To view the **powerpoint presentation**, please see <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=3673>

More **resources on education in the drylands** are available on our education database: <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/document-databases/education-documents/>

7. Irrigation and water planning and participatory land use planning in the drylands and workshops in Somaliland and Uganda

DLCI has long promoted awareness on the importance of water and irrigation planning and land use planning in the drylands of the HoA and has carried out a number of reviews, and briefs on the issues. As part of its dissemination agenda, DLCI shared the learning from these studies and experiences to government decision makers and development partners in Uganda and Somaliland.

For the **good practice principles on irrigation and water planning**, please see <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=3668>

For the brief on the need for **participatory land use planning in Kenya**, please see <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=3791>

To view **the minutes on irrigation and water from the Hargeisa workshop**, see <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4151> and to see **the minutes from Kampala workshop**, please see <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4098>

To view the **powerpoint presentation in Hargeisa on irrigation and water planning and land use planning**, <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4056> and in Kampala on water and irrigation, land use planning <http://www.dlci-hoa.org/?p=4249>

More **resources on water and irrigation in the drylands** are available on our **water and irrigation databases**:

<http://www.dlci-hoa.org/document-databases/irrigation-documents/>

<http://www.dlci-hoa.org/document-databases/water-documents/>

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