HORN OF AFRICA INITIATIVE

CHRONOLOGICAL SYNOPSIS OF HOAI MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION	THEMATIC FOCUS
1st Ministerial meeting	13 April 2019	Washington	Laying the foundation of the Horn of Africa Initiative: Advancing Economic Integration and Regional Cooperation
2nd Ministerial meeting	June 2019	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Follow-up meetings were held to refine the priority packages and implementation roadmap of the Horn of Africa Initiative
3rd Ministerial meeting	18 October 2019	Washington	Official launch of the implementation phase of the initiative Endorsement of the Four Strategic Pillars of the HoAI
4th Ministerial meeting	3 - 4 February 2020	Djibouti	Elaboration of regional priority projects under the Horn of Africa Initiative.
5th Ministerial meeting	26 May 2020	Virtually (due to Covid-19)	Regional Collaboration for Crisis Response: Addressing COVID-19, Locust Invasions, and Climate Impacts through Integration and Investment
6th Ministerial meeting	28 October 2020	Virtually (due to Covid-19)	Advancing Regional Integration and Resilience in the Horn of Africa Amid a Triple Crisis: COVID-19, Locusts, and Climate Shocks
7th Ministerial meeting	31 March 2021	Virtually (due to Covid-19)	Fostering Economic Integration and Regional Resilience in the Horn of Africa Amid COVID-19 and Climate Challenges
8th Ministerial meeting	26 June 2021	Hybrid (Djibouti and Virtual)	Expanding Regional Cooperation and Resilience through Sudan's Integration, COVID-19 Response, and Accelerated Investment under the Horn of Africa Initiative
9th Ministerial meeting	27 October 2021	Virtually	Strengthening Regional Resilience and Resource Mobilization to Address Transboundary Challenges and Accelerate Priority Investments in the Horn of Africa
10th Ministerial meeting	15-18 December 2021	Naivasha, Kenya	Addressing Fragility to Safeguard Development and Integration Advancing Policy Harmonization for Regional Cooperation
First Periodic Rotation of the Horn of Africa Initiative (HOAI) Chairmanship from Djibouti to Kenya – December 2021			

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11th Ministerial meeting	15 February 2022	Brussels, Belgium	Advancing regional integration and resilience in the Horn of Africa through strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and coordinated policy action.
12th Ministerial meeting	21 April 2022	Washington, D.C	Accelerating Regional Integration and Resilience to Tackle Food Insecurity, Climate Shocks, and Economic Recovery in the Horn of Africa.
13th Ministerial meeting	30 June 2022	Virtual	Accelerating Regional Resilience and Integration through Private Sector Engagement, Policy Harmonization, and Trade Facilitation in the Horn of Africa. Welcoming South Sudan as a Vital Member of an Interconnected Region
14th Ministerial meeting	13 October 2022	Washington, DC	Strengthening regional cooperation on food security and resilience in the Horn of Africa, with South Sudan's formal integration and agreement to adjust the priority package and deepen borderlands programs.
15th Ministerial meeting	8 March 2023	Nairobi, Kenya	Innovative Pathways for Livestock Resilience, Trade Facilitation, and Digital Convergence in the Horn of Africa
Handover of Chairmanship from Kenya to Ethiopia – March 2023			
16th Ministerial meeting	12 April 2023	Washington, DC	Navigating Borderland Challenges and Unlocking Opportunities Across the Four Pillars of the Horn of Africa Initiative
17th Ministerial meeting	24 May 2023	Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	Accelerating Private Sector Engagement, Deepening South Sudan's Integration, and Advancing the Borderlands Roadmap
18th Ministerial meeting	3 October 2023	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Promoting Borderlands Development and Enhancing Private Sector Engagement
19th Ministerial meeting	15 December 2023	Brussels, Belgium	Mobilizing International Investment, Advancing Regional Digital Integration, and Broadening Development Partner Engagement
20th Ministerial meeting	17 April 2024	Washington, DC	Fostering Energy Access and Deepening Trade Integration in the Horn of Africa
21st Ministerial meeting	28 May 2024	Nairobi, Kenya	HoAI Portfolio Performance Review and Borderlands Roadmap Implementation Update
22nd Ministerial meeting	23 October 2024	Washington, DC	Unlocking Regional Growth Through Resource Mobilization and Innovative Financing

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23rd Ministerial meeting	18 February 2025	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Celebration and reflection of the first five years of the Initiative
24th Ministerial meeting	23 April 2025	Washington, DC	Accelerating Regional Trade Integration Through Coordinated Policy Reform and Institutional Action.
Handover of chairmanship from Ethiopia to Somalia – April 2025			
25th Ministerial meeting	14 July 2025	Nairobi, Kenya	Accelerating digital integration in the Horn of Africa
26th Ministerial meeting	15 October 2025	Washington, DC	Advancing Regional Integration, Social Cohesion, and Borderlands Development Amid Global Fragility
27th Ministerial meeting	28 January 2026	Mogadishu, Somalia	Advancing regional energy trade as a cornerstone for economic integration and sustainable growth
28th Ministerial meeting	15 April 2026	Washington, DC	Advancing Economic Corridors in the Horn of Africa: Driving Jobs, Trade, and Stability through Strategic Investments in Transport and Regional Connectivity
Trade Ministerial meeting	3 September 2026	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Advancing Regional Trade Integration through Trade Facilitation, Policy Harmonization, and Joint Action, including the implementation of the Regional Trade Facilitation Roadmap
29th Ministerial meeting	28 September 2026	Nairobi, Kenya	Advancing Regional Trade Facilitation and Economic Integration through Implementation of the HoAI Trade Facilitation Roadmap (2026–2031), Strengthening Regional Energy Cooperation, and Mobilizing Support for Regional Priorities

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