



**Horn of Africa Initiative: 15<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Roundtable**  
**8 March 2023: 10 am – 1 pm**  
**Kilimanjaro 1, Radisson Blu, Upper Hill, Nairobi**

**Objectives**

At this Ministerial, the Finance Ministers and development partners will discuss consolidation of achievements to-date, in the context of the Chair's annual report for 2022. There will be two focused discussion sessions on Innovative Pathways for Livestock Resilience and Trade Facilitation, and Digital Convergence. The annual rotation of the Chair will be formalized at the end of the ministerial. Japan and UK will attend the ministerial as observers.

**Note: Refreshments will be served at Kilimanjaro 1 from 9 am for all delegates to the HoAI Ministerial.**

**Agenda**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 minutes each): 10:00 – 11:00 hours**

- H.E. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Cabinet Secretary, Kenya Treasury - **Chair**
- H. E. Mr Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance, Djibouti
- Eritrea Represented by H.E. Mr. Beyene Russom, Ambassador to Kenya.
- H. E. Mr Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, Ethiopia (via videoconference)
- H. E. Dr Elmi Mohamud Nur, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Somalia
- H.E. Dr. Dier Tong Ngor, Minister of Finance & Planning, South Sudan
- Sudan (to be confirmed)
- Ms. Marie-Laure Akin-Olugbade, Ag. VP AfDB (Reg. Development, Integration & Business Delivery)
- Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships (virtual, pre-recorded video)
- Ms. Annette Weber, EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa
- Ms. Boutheina Guerhazi, Director of Regional Integration, Africa and MENA Regions, World Bank
- Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, IGAD Executive Secretary

**11:00 – 11:20: Innovative Pathways Under HoAI – Livestock Resilience and Trade Facilitation**

**11:20 – 11:35: Focused Discussion on Innovative Pathways.**

**11:35 – 11:55: Digital Convergence and Policy Harmonization in HoA.**

**11:55 – 12:15: Focused Discussion on Digital Convergence and Policy Harmonization.**

**12:15 – 12:30: Summing Up and Concluding Remarks by Chair.**

**12:30 – 13:00: Handover of Chair to Ethiopia, represented by Ethiopia Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Bacha Debelle Buta, after statement by Kenya and acceptance by Ethiopia**

**15:00 – 17:00: Knowledge Sessions (HoA Stakeholders and DP Staff presenting)**

1. Innovative Pathways in Livestock Resilience and Trade Facilitation – Kilimanjaro 1 ground floor.
2. Digital Integration, challenges and good practice – Mount Kenya 2 on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**19:00 – 21:00: Dinner hosted by the AfDB by invitation only at The Slate Kitchen, Skynest Residences, Mkungu Close, Ground Floor (opposite 9 West in Westlands).**