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**IGAD BRIEF UPDATE REPORT TO THE SPS COMMITTEE
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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)**

The following communication, received on 1 March 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

1. The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is a regional technical center of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), a regional economic community serving the seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda).

2. Technical support provided for the above member States by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance transboundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region, complementing the national development efforts of member States, includes:

1 BILATERAL CROSS-BORDER MEETINGS

3. Following the signing of the cross-border MOU by Ministers of Ethiopia and Djibouti and of Somalia and Ethiopia and the development of the implementation framework to operationalize the MOUs, cross-border meetings were organized back-to-back in Djibouti for the two clusters from 7-10 December 2021. A joint vaccination calendar for priority transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and a surveillance plan were successfully developed for 2022 for Djibouti and Ethiopia; and for Somalia and Ethiopia by the country delegates.

2 REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR TADS CONTROL

4. The 11th Eastern Africa Regional Animal Health Network (RAHN) meeting was organized on 16-17 November 2021 and attended virtually by participants from 11 EAC and IGAD member States and partners. The platform deliberated on strengthening of RAHN, exchanged good practices and lessons and emerging issues, the need for coordination, capacity development, use of tools and technology, and resource mobilization to enhance TADs and zoonosis control.

5. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful to member States, AU-IBAR, the European Union and FAO for their collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.
