

Accelerating Development in the Horn of Africa's Borderlands: HOAI Roadmap Preparation Proposal

Follow-up to the 16th HOAI Ministerial, April 12, 2023

This one-pager summarizes the steps and resources required to support preparation of a roadmap on accelerating development in the Horn of Africa Borderlands for feedback at the 17th HOAI Ministerial on May 24, 2023, on the sidelines of the AfDB Annual Meetings and endorsement at the 18th HOAI Ministerial in October 2023. It follows the successful experience of supporting the HOAI to develop the Regional Trade Facilitation Roadmap 2022-2025.

Steps & Key Dates

- HoAI Secretariat Chair, Focal Points and National Advisors consultation to agree on the proposed steps to support to the HOAI Secretariat to prepare the requested roadmap – **by April 28 (DONE)**
- HOAI partners (WB, EU and AfDB) consultation on the proposed steps and support the Bank and the EU and AfDB can provide to prepare the roadmap – **by April 28 (DONE)**
- Bilateral FP and NA consultations on stakeholders, working groups and activities – **by May 10 (DONE)**
- Prepare draft a short presentation that a) outlines the proposed content of the roadmap; and b) details the roadmap preparation plan including a detail timeline – **by May 12 (DONE)**
- Obtain feedback and endorsement from the HOAI Ministers at the 17th HOAI Ministerial **on May 24, 2023**, on the roadmap preparation plan and preliminary outline.
- National working group kick-off meetings on roadmap background, objectives, roles and tasks – **early June**
- Stakeholders to prepare inputs for the roadmap **between June-July**:
 - Each country to consolidate existing programming and expenditure, identify priorities & hold consultation discussions with key national and subnational government stakeholders;
 - HOAI Partners (WB, EU and AfDB) to prepare strategic, technical and operational inputs including review of their current and pipeline projects in the HOA borderlands;
 - Observers and external partners (IGAD, UNDP ABC, FCDO, etc.) to consolidate analytical inputs.
- National working group 1-day consolidation workshop and possible cluster discussions – **late July**
- Regional Consolidation workshop with 3-4 representatives of each country to consolidate inputs and draft the roadmap in **early September**. Roadmap content: situation analysis base on existing analytics, vision, strategy and activity sequencing, priority policies, investments and institutional strengthening activities, implementation plan, partnerships, and results, M&E and technical facilities.
- Technical team to finalize and prepare draft roadmap, tie up loose ends – **by September 15**.
- Final verification workshop/meeting on the roadmap – **TBD**.
- Borderlands Roadmap endorsed at the 18th HOAI Ministerial – **TBD**.

Resources

- International Consultant and technical support
- 5x National working group 1-day workshops (1 per country) and 1x regional consolidation workshop
- Other miscellaneous expenses