



## HORN OF AFRICA INITIATIVE

### Proposed Work Program 2023-24

Work Streams	Key Milestones	Comments
1. Strengthening country engagement of HoAI through Quarterly Ministerial Meeting	October 2023 (Addis Ababa)	Confirmed
	December 2023 (Brussels)	Tbc co-chaired by EU
	April 2024 (Washington DC)	Cochaired by WB. Spring Meetings
	May 2024 (Nairobi) tbc	Co-Chair AfDB. Annual Meetings
	October 2024 (Washington DC)	Cochaired by WB. Annual Meetings
2. Heads of States Meeting	2024 first semester	To be confirmed by October 2023
3. Update and Approval of HoAI Priority Package	<p>Ongoing throughout 2023-2024, based on DPs lending programme, updated quarterly. Progressively include South Sudan.</p> <p>Ensure concerns over drought, and need to enhance resilience and increased focus on borderlands and private sector engagement are addressed.</p> <p>Ensure priority projects under discussion are well reflected in DPs' (especially WB and AfDB) country strategies.</p>	<p>The priority package envelope was to about US\$18 billion, based on specific project proposals. Project profiles for new projects (others may be through additional funding of regional operations) to be developed by end 2023 to be updated based on South Sudan proposals approved in May 2023. HoA Ministers to discuss borderlands and private sector engagement roadmaps green finance at October 2023 Ministerial. Next steps to be agreed then.</p> <p>DPs to follow-up.</p>
4. Communications Plan and rollout (ongoing)	<p>Website updated by October 2023 and progressively rolled out.</p> <p>Hire new communication team/expert.</p> <p>Prepare new operational Communications Plan and roll it out for impact.</p> <p>Organise specific communication activities including on social media around main events (e.g., Ministerials and main workshops), as well as posting regular updates.</p> <p>Issue periodic bulletins</p>	<p>Ongoing. New information being uploaded and maintained.</p> <p>Decide on firm vs individual and launch recruitment by end 2023.</p> <p>New communication support to</p> <p>Ongoing, but limited while communication team being recruited.</p> <p>Bulletins now issued on monthly basis.</p>
5. Chair's annual report	Annual process.	Next due December 2023 and December 2024.

6. Foster regional cooperation during implementation	Supervision missions reports and technical working groups. Launch Regional HoAI Portfolio Review Exercise of projects under implementation, led by donor teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Review with counterparts.</li> <li>• Presentation of main conclusions and proposed actions to HoAI Ministers for endorsement.</li> </ul>	Ongoing through 2023-24.  Q1 2024 Q2 2024
7. Policy and regulatory harmonization to deepen integration with strong stakeholder ownership.	Continue work of three working groups (Digital, Trade and Energy). Develop Private Sector dialogue platform based on Private sector engagement roadmap.	Trade Task force largely operational and will meet periodically during the year 2024. Periodic updates and technical meetings on Digital and Energy to be presented to HoA Ministers.
8. Stakeholder outreach with private sectors, CSOs	CSO and private sector consultations being explored at program level.	Country-led Program for CSO at sectoral level and private sector consultations being developed.
9. Selective outreach to Development Partners	Coordinated action by Ministers and DPs as envisaged in Participation Framework.	Partnership framework approved in June 2022. Various Donor representatives invited at each Ministerial Meeting
10. Status of approvals and implementation status	GIS Infographics on project details planned for new website.	Target completion by December 2023
11. HoAI MDTF	Lessons learnt study Concerted effort at broadening donor base.	December 2023 Partnership Council in May 2024