About IGAD

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is a regional economic community that plays a pivotal role in promoting cooperation and integration among its member countries. Comprising eight member states—Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda—IGAD seeks to foster peace, security, and sustainable development across the Horn of Africa, the Nile Valley, and the Great Lakes region.

Established in 1986 as the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), the organisation initially focused on drought control and development initiatives. In 1996, its mandate was expanded, and it was rebranded as IGAD, with an increased emphasis on peacebuilding, economic integration, and regional development.

IGAD's headquarters are located in Djibouti City, Republic of Djibouti, which currently chairs the organisation. The Executive Secretary of IGAD is H.E. Dr Workneh Gebeyehu, who oversees the implementation of IGAD's mission to enhance regional cooperation, peace, security, and development across its member states.

For more information, please visit: www.igad.int

About IGAD Media Awards

The IGAD Media Awards celebrate excellence in journalism and media across the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region. Recognising the media's vital role in promoting peace, stability, and regional integration, the awards honour journalists, media outlets, and storytellers committed to ethical reporting and fostering dialogue.

Organised annually, the awards focus on diverse themes each year, reflecting the evolving challenges and opportunities within the region. With categories spanning from investigative journalism to digital storytelling, the awards showcase a range of media talent.

The competition is open to practising journalists, freelancers, and media practitioners from mainstream or multimedia outlets in the eight IGAD countries: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda. Foreign media practitioners are also welcome to participate. For eligibility rules, visit https://mediaawards.igad.int/eligibility/. For enquiries, email mediaawards@igad.int. No entry fee is required.

Winners are invited to a one-day training on IGAD's work, challenges, and achievements, providing an opportunity for networking. They also receive accreditation to participate in major IGAD events, gaining access to assemblies, content, and expert insights. Additionally, winners receive certificates and token prizes in recognition of their contributions.