



IGAD Council of Ministers Holds Extraordinary Meeting

Addis Ababa, November 16, 2018 (FBC) – The Council of Ministers of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) member countries held its 66th Extraordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia today. On the occasion, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of the Council, Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu said IGAD is taking substantive measures which would lead the Horn of Africa to integration.

“Critical tasks accomplished by the IGAD in the areas of security, infrastructural development, trade and climate change are taking the region to the higher levels of achievement” he said.

Dr. Workneh also added that the celebrated peace in East Africa creates fertile conditions to strengthen IGAD.

Commending the peace achieved in South Sudan and the progress of the implementations of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, he called on IGAD and IGAD partners as well as the international community to continue their support and to stand alongside the South Sudan’s parties to make the peace sustainable.

He also praised the south Sudan’s parties for their determination to seek peace, stability and prosperity for their people.

Dr. Workneh also mentioned the need to reform and strengthens the IGAD in order that it would be able to tackle pertinent security and economic issues.

The IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan Ambassador Ismael Wais briefed the Council regarding the current situation in the country especially the progress of the implementation of the peace agreement.

Representatives of TROIKA, EU, AU, UN and China, who had attended the meeting, have also pledged to assist the process in implementing the peace agreement and help South Sudan return to normalcy.