

**The Executive Director Bilateral Meeting with Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)'s Executive Secretary and his delegation.**

On April 10th, the Executive Director, Dr. Floribert Ngaruko, Alternate Executive Director, Dr. Zarau Kibwe, and Advisor, Mr. Abdirahman Bashir S, to the Executive Director had a bilateral meeting with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu Negewo, and his high-level delegation in Washington DC. The meeting covered various topics, including recent economic and political developments in the region, the impact of drought and COVID-19, and IGAD's plans and priorities for strengthening its strategic partnership framework with the World Bank to accelerate growth.

The parties also discussed the progress made in regional positive peace initiatives and development and explored ways to further enhance the partnership between the World Bank and IGAD. Overall, the meeting was an opportunity to recognize the progress made and to chart a course for continued collaboration toward shared goals.

