

Workshop on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region

Hosted jointly by the African Union and the United Nations, under the auspices of the Framework Guarantors

26-27 February 2018
African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa

Programme

DAY ONE

09:00 - 09:15 **Arrival of Participants**

09:15 - 09:45 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**

By the four Guarantor institutions of the PSC Framework:

- International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- United Nations (UN)
- African Union (AU)

09:45 – 10:00 **Tea/Coffee break**

10:00 – 10:30 **Session 1**

General overview on progress and challenges in the implementation of national, regional and international commitments of the PSC Framework

Presentation by an independent expert (Prof. Gilbert Khadiagala)

10:30 – 12:30 **Session 2**

Political/Security Commitments- Progress and Challenges

During this session, participants will review the progress and challenges in the implementation of the political and security-related commitments.

Discussion questions: How have the political and security dynamics, including the threat posed by armed groups, and the humanitarian situation, evolved over the past five years? What

progress and challenges have stakeholders encountered in implementing their commitments under the PSC Framework, including in regards to promoting durable solutions for internally displaced persons, refugees and asylum seekers? What are the concrete examples of successful political or security initiatives? What are the key concrete obstacles and opportunities and how can they be addressed?

Facilitator:

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Representative of the DRC
- Representative of South Africa
- Representative of Uganda
- Representative of MONUSCO

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Break-out Sessions:

Socio-Economic Commitments - Progress and Challenges

Participants in this break-out session will focus on progress and challenges in the implementation of the socio-economic commitments.

Discussion questions: How has the socio-economic situation in the region evolved over the past five years? What are concrete examples of successful socio-economic initiatives in the region? What the key concrete obstacles and opportunities in the implementation of specific commitments and how can these be addressed?

Facilitator:

- Representative of the World Bank

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, Executive Secretary of the ICGLR
- Representative of Rwanda
- Representative of Kenya
- Representative of Private Sector

Rule of Law Commitments – Progress and Challenges

Participants in this break-out session will focus on progress and challenges in the implementation of the rule of law-related commitments.

Discussion questions: What achievements have been made with regard to strengthening the rule of law within countries and across borders? What are concrete examples of successful judicial initiatives? What are the key concrete obstacles and opportunities in the implementation of specific commitments and how can these be addressed?

Facilitator:

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis, SSRC

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Representative of Tanzania
- Representative of Zambia
- Representative of OHCHR
- Representative of Civil Society

15:30 - 15:45 Tea/Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 Session 3

Monitoring & Evaluating Commitments – Governance Mechanisms

This session will focus on the Framework’s structure, in particular its governance mechanisms, namely the Technical Support Committee (TSC) and the Regional Oversight Mechanism (ROM). Participants will discuss related reform efforts, monitoring and evaluation instruments and the status of implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.

Discussion questions: What else signatory countries need to do to ensure the effective implementation of their commitments under the PSC Framework? Are the existing monitoring and evaluation instruments effective, and how can they be strengthened? Should the TSC take on a stronger monitoring role of the implementation of the commitments under the PSC Framework, including in particular the updated Regional Plan of Action endorsed by the 8th High-Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism held in Brazzaville in October 2017? What role do civil society play in the monitoring and evaluation of the Framework’s implementation? Could this role be strengthened/made more effective?

Facilitator:

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis, SSRC

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Mr. Saïd Djinnit, UN Special Envoy
- Representative of the DRC
- Representative of the Republic of Congo
- Representative of The Sudan

17:15 - 17:45 **Wrap up and Conclusion of Day One**

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis (Facilitator), SSRC

18:00 **Reception [location tbc]**

DAY TWO

09:00 - 09:15 **Opening and Outline of Day Two**

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis (Facilitator), SSRC

09:15 - 10:45 **Session 5**
International Commitments, Partnerships and Resources

This session will take a closer look at the international commitments laid out in the Framework, the role of partnerships, including with the Special Envoys, the UN Security Council and the AU Peace and Security Council, as well as the effectiveness of existing partnerships in facilitating progress towards these commitments, including through adequate resource mobilization.

Discussion questions: What progress and challenges have stakeholders encountered in the implementation of the international commitments under the PSC Framework? What are concrete examples of successful partnerships and how can they be stepped up or broadened? What should the United Nations Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework deliver in the medium term in support of efforts to address the root causes of conflict in the region? How can the international community fully leverage its role in the implementation of the PSC Framework? What specific action should the UN Security Council and the AU Peace and Security Council could further play to advance the implementation of the commitments under the PSC Framework? What are the existing funding gaps and how can they be filled?

Chair:

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis (Facilitator), SSRC

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Mr. Lamin Manneh, Director, UNDP
- Dr. Stergomena Tax, Executive Secretary of SADC
- Representative of the EU

10:45 - 11:00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:30

Session 6

Looking Ahead - Vision for the Great Lakes Region

During this session, participants will be encouraged to share their perspectives on how best to ensure the full implementation of the commitments under the PSC Framework and a common vision for peace in the region, as envisaged in the ICGLR Pact signed in 2006.

Discussion questions: What are the key priorities for advancing peace in the Great Lakes region and to ensure continuous progress in the implementation of the PSC Framework commitments? Which goals can be achieved and what should national, regional and international engagement and action be to support such goals (who should do what and when)? What opportunities for the region does Security Council resolution 2389 (2017) present? How best to act on them? What are the financial, technical and human resources needed?

Facilitator:

- Dr. Tatiana Carayannis, SSRC

Introductory remarks (5 minutes each) by:

- Representative of Angola
- Representative of Burundi
- Women Representative
- Independent Expert

12:30 - 13:00

Closing ceremony

Closing remarks by:

- Mr. Saïd Djinnit, UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region
- Amb. Smaïl Chergui, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security

13:00 - 14:15

Closing Lunch

Participants depart.