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Strategic Partnerships and Donor relations

Summary of Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2015 O/SESG secured contribution commitments of 2.4 million USD, including in kind (consultants). The donors are Belgium, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, and UK; ▪ O/SESG has initiated 10 projects during January-August 2015. These are related to the preparation of Private Sector Investment Conference, the Women's Platform, civil society and youth and high level meetings such as the Ministerial Consultation for the land and property rights of the displaced, the Foreign Ministers' retreat for PSCF implementation review and the National Seminar in DR Congo the budget for the PSCF benchmarks. ▪ MoU with ICGLR signed in May and MoU CEPGL finalized in August; ▪ First meeting in August of regional organizations for programming and policy coordination (EAC, ICGLR, SADC, CEPGL, ECCAS, COMESA) on 25 August 2015; ▪ In support of PSIC, partnerships with PACCI, Global Compact, UNDP, UNECA, WBG/IFC (Int'l Finance Corporation) have been established; ▪ ICG Great Lakes – Berlin meeting in January and regular TeleCons with government representatives;
Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crucial to continue improving partnerships for successful implementation of the PSCF; ▪ Developing and encouraging further engagements by Regional and Sub-regional Organizations remains of key importance; ▪ Belgium and UK as new donors in 2015 are welcomed but with large projects such as the PSIC more are needed; ▪ O/SESG is estimated to ideally need additional funds in 2016, so that the Fund will be larger than the 2015 budget, for ongoing and new engagements with partners; ▪ Some flag ship projects present an opportunity for further strategic partnerships and donors relations; ▪ The UNCT needs a united leadership to be able to implement and enhance



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	the Regional Strategy;	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuing meeting with Embassies in Nairobi and the region, both on working- and Principal level; ▪ Follow-up engagement with letters etc. to Embassies with the attempt of enhance partnerships; ▪ Regular briefings to Diplomatic communities in Nairobi and the region; ▪ Develop partnerships for possible common fundraising at the highest level; ▪ Periodic visits to European capitals and meeting with key stakeholders. 	
Messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A lot has been done to forge Strategic Partnerships and Donor relations, the situation is on track; ▪ More could be done to coordinate Donor relations, for better use of funds and to develop synergies; ▪ Work should be done to enhance regional leadership and efforts to champion different issues. 	
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