



MEETING OF THE GREAT LAKES JUDICIAL COOPERATION NETWORK

12 - 13 November 2018

Agenda

Day 1, Monday 12 November 2018

08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 - 09:30 OPENING SESSION

Welcome Remarks:

Moderator: Mike Chibita, Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) of Uganda

Statement by Ambassador Zachary Muburi Muita, Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes region (ICGLR)

Statement by Donata Garrasi for the UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region (O/SESG-GL)

Statement by Susan Eckey, the Ambassador of Norway in Uganda

Statement by Karen Kramer for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Opening statement by Mike Chibita, DPP Uganda

09:30 - 09:45 Introductions of participants

09:45 - 10:00 Presentation of the agenda and review of the outcomes of the June 2018 meeting

Presenters: Donata Garrasi, O/SESG-GL and Karen Kramer, UNODC

10:30 - 11:00 Tea Break / Group Photo

SESSION I – FIGHTING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES

11:00 - 12:30 **Setting the scene: The illicit trafficking of wildlife and natural resources as an important source of conflict in the Great Lakes Region**

Moderator: Johan Kruger, UNODC

- The context: problems and trends; monetary value in relation to other crimes; what is at risk and why it is important to address these cases.

Presenters: TRAFFIC/AWF (40min)

- Initiatives by states, international organisations, and civil society on criminal justice responses to illicit trafficking of wildlife. What could this network do to support cooperation between authorities and to enhance the prosecution of these cases?

Presenter: UNODC (15min)

- Combating impunity for transborder crime in the Virunga National Park of the Virunga National Landscape: existing mechanisms and efforts.

Presenter: Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration (15 min)

Discussion

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:45 Cases: Prosecution of and regional cooperation on wildlife trafficking cases

Moderators: Karen Kramer, UNODC

Contact point from the Democratic Republic of Congo

Presentations by prosecutors of cases illustrating challenges, solutions, and the use of informal and formal cooperation including through joint investigative teams.

- *Uganda (Betty Khisa)*
- *Zambia (Edith Banda)*
- *Kenya (Peter Gitonga Muranga)*
- *Tanzania (Rosemary Leonard Shio)*

Discussion

14:45 - 15:30 Information sharing

Going after the money: The importance of financial investigations as part of every wildlife or natural resource case.

Presenter: Gary Hyde, UNODC

How to strengthen cooperation between the UN Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of Congo and the GLJC Network.

Presenter: Zobel Behalal, UN Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of Congo

15:30 - 15:45 Tea Break

15:45 - 18:00 Group Work: Drafting a mutual legal assistance request relating to wildlife trafficking

Moderator: Karen Kramer, UNODC

Group presentation of the mutual legal assistance request and discussion

From 19:00 Reception for participants

SESSION II – ADDRESSING EMBLEMATIC CASES

09:00 - 11:00 Update on emblematic trans-national cases discussed at the June 2018 meeting
Moderators: Wilson Kajwengye (ICGLR) and Donata Garrasi (O/SESG-GL)

This session will focus on cases already raised and on which cooperation in on-going and new cases proposed by the participants. It will review progress and challenges and identify key steps to enhance cooperation to deal with such cases.

Discussion

11:00 - 11:15 Tea Break

11:15 - 12:45 Closed door session in break-up rooms: Dealing with emblematic cases

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Continuation of closed-door sessions

15:30 - 15:45 Tea Break

SESSION III – STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK

15:45 - 16:45 Review of capacity gaps and needs and of increasing support to the GLJCN Network

16:45 - 17:45 **Conclusions, recommendations and next steps as captured in an outcome document**

- Next steps to improve wildlife and natural resources management in the region
- Next steps to ensure effective and timely treatment of on-going and new emblematic cases
- Key initiatives to support the network effectively and timely dealing with criminal cases related to wildlife and natural resources and emblematic cases

17:45 End of the main meeting

SIDE MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

17:45 - 19:00 Round-table discussion with civil society representatives

From 19:00 Reception for civil society and invited guests