

## **PROPOSAL FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD (updated February 2018)**

### **Advisory Board for Women's Participation and Engagement in Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) in the Great Lakes**

The Advisory Board for Women's Participation and Engagement in Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) in the Great Lakes is a body which brings together Women leaders and Women rights organisations and networks of the Great Lakes region.

Led and coordinated by the SESG in partnership with the ICGLR and the AU, the Board aims for the following objectives:

#### **GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD**

The main objective of the Advisory Board for women's participation and engagement in Peace and Security is to ensure that the views and opinions of women leaders and women's rights groups, at national and regional levels in the Great Lakes Region are taken into consideration in all decision making institutions and processes of the Great Lakes region and that women are fully engaged and participate in all peace and security efforts in implementation of the PSC Framework.

- Specifically, the Board will work towards the objectives set in the Regional Strategy on Women Peace and Security to advocate for women effective participation in conflict prevention, political and peace processes at national and regional levels
- To undertake political advocacy at national and regional levels on issues of peace and security in the region that have an impacts on women rights and security
- To provide advice and support for the mobilisation of resources towards supporting the Great Lakes women's participation in conflict prevention

#### **ROLE AND FUNCTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

It is proposed that the Board plays the following functions:

1. Contribute knowledge and expertise to current and future work of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes on Women's peace and security with a view to engender political processes in the Great Lakes region;
2. Advise the SESG and all relevant institutions involved in the Great Lakes on issues that impact on women's participation in peace and political processes at local, national or regional levels in the Great Lakes region
3. Make recommendations to relevant donors that could support initiatives taken by the women movement and support the Office of the Special Envoy in fundraising;
4. Convene women's organizations for capacity-building, shared learning and policy dialogues;
5. Mainstream gender perspectives in the Office of the Special Envoy's roadmap, programs and initiatives.

#### **ADVISORY BOARD MODE OF OPERATION**

1. The Board will constitute working groups related to specific thematic issues as and when it deems necessary.
2. Advisory board meetings will be convened once a year for a face to face meeting
3. The O/SESG will convene the Advisory Board, when and if the situation in the region warrant such a meeting These emergency meeting will be via conference calls
4. Board members will receive updates on activities undertaken by the Great Lakes women movement twice a year and by email.
5. Board membership is for two years term renewable
6. It is expected that members attend all meetings and when unable to do so will designate a duly accredited representative