



## High Level Workshop on Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region: Taking Collective Actions to Achieve Peace and Development

Co-organized by ICGLR, O/SESG-GL and GIZ

31 August – 2 September 2021, Khartoum – Sudan

### **Draft Programme** (Under Chatham House Rule)

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>31 AUGUST 2021</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration of Participants
<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	<p><i>Chaired by the Representative of the Chair of the ICGLR, <b>Mr Luis Baptista Antonio</b>, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Angola and Member of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources,</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by the ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer, Director General of the African Affairs Department, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome remarks by <b>H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer</b>, ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>- Remarks by <b>H.E. Ambassador Thomas Terstegen</b>, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Sudan</li> <li>- Remarks by H.E. <b>Amb. Huang Xia</b>, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region</li> <li>- Remarks by <b>H.E. Amb. João Samuel Caholo</b>, Executive Secretary, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region</li> <li>- Opening Statement by <b>Guest of Honor</b>, Hon. Mohamed Bashir, Minister of Minerals of the Republic of the Sudan</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>COFFEE-BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO</b>

10:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Co-chaired by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>the Representative of the Chair of the ICGLR, <b>Mr Luis Baptista Antonio</b>, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Angola and Member of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources, and</i></li> <li>- <i>the ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, <b>H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer</b>, Director General of the African Affairs Department, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary Session:</b> Stocktaking on the implementation of the ICGLR Regional Initiative on Natural Resources to combat the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Great Lakes Region: progress, challenges, and ways to improve the effectiveness of the RINR and in particular the implementation of the Gold Strategy.</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> Following the signing, in December 2006, of the Protocol against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources as part and parcel of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region adopted, in December 2010 in Lusaka, Zambia, the Six Tools of the Regional Initiative on the Fight against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources (RINR). Through the Lusaka Declaration, Heads of State of Government directed the relevant institutions in Member States to implement the six tools, particularly the Regional Certification Mechanism which has been developed for the monitoring and control of the exploitation and trade of natural resources in the Great Lakes Region in a bid to undercutting the link between financing of armed groups and mineral exploitation and trade.</p> <p><b>Introduced by a short presentation of the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region</b>, the session will take stock of the status of implementation of the Six Tools of the RINR, ten years after their adoption.</p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Annick Makolet, Chair of ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources</li> <li>- Dr. Emmanuel Makumba Mali, Director of the ICGLR Programme on Democracy and Good Governance</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Mama Keita, Director of UNECA East Africa Sub-Regional Office, Kigali</li> </ul>
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	<p>destination countries.</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> In our globalized world supply chains extend across all continents. Many of them entail different risks and often a disproportionately high burden is borne in producing regions. In order to keep the supply chains of different commodities free of human rights violations or child labour there is a range of certification and due diligence schemes for the different commodities be it coffee, cocoa, gold or diamonds. In this session we would like to look at and learn from existing solutions such as the Kimberley Process and the EITI.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms. Joanne Lebert, Executive Director, IMPACT</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated by</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Tyler GILLARD, Head of Sector Projects, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct</i></li> </ul>		
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	<p>gold is associated with financing of armed groups. But even if this is not the case gold is often traded in an informal way, depriving governments of important revenue. The ICGLR ASM Gold Strategy seeks to give guidance on important measures that Member States can take in order to formalize the sector and ensure that the country's economy can benefit from it as a whole.</p> <p><b>Facilitated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Eng. Brighton Kateka</b>, Chief Mining Engineer, Ministry of Minerals and Mineral Development, Zambia and Member of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources,</li> </ul>	<p>youth in the mining sector in order for women to build their economic independence ability to resist their vulnerability in conflict situations and the youth to develop their entrepreneurship skills in the mining sector and get disconnected from armed conflict. The session will discuss and formulate recommendations on how best gender and youth could be fully integrated into regional natural resources strategies and activities.</p> <p><b>Facilitated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Kennedy Walusala</b>, Coordinator, ICGLR Regional Youth Forum</li> </ul>
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15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Co-chaired by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Representative of the Chair of the ICGLR, <b>Mr Luis Baptista Antonio</b>, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Angola and Member of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources, and</li> <li>- the ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, <b>H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer</b>, Director General of the African Affairs Department, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul> <p>Presentation by the reporting team and finalization of the recommendations</p>	

**END OF THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE WORKSHOP**

**SECOND SEGMENT**

**DAY 3**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

09:00 – 09:45	<p><i>Chaired by the Representative of the Chair of the ICGLR, <b>Mr Luis Baptista Antonio</b>, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Angola and Member of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources,</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by the ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer, Director General of the African Affairs Department, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome remarks by <b>H.E. Ambassador Hasan Abdelsalam Omer</b>, ICGLR National Coordinator for Sudan, Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li><li>- Remarks by <b>H.E. Ambassador Thomas Terstegen</b>, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Sudan</li><li>- Remarks by <b>H.E. Amb. Huang Xia</b>, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region</li><li>- Remarks by H.E. <b>Amb. João Samuel Caholo</b>, Executive Secretary, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region</li><li>- Opening Statement by the <b>Guest of Honor</b>, Hon. Mohamed Bashir, Minister of Minerals of the Republic of the Sudan</li></ul>
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11:00 – 11:30	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>

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<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	

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- Closing Statement by the Guest of Honor, **Hon. Mohamed Bashir**, Minister of Minerals of the Republic of the Sudan

15:30 –

**COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING**

***END OF THE HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP***