



SPEECH OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AT THE GLJCN
MEETING,
DAR ES SALAAM 13TH -14TH JUNE, 2018

- Excellence Host,

- Excellences Directors of Public Prosecutions from the ICGLR Member States,

- Excellence represented UNSEG

- Excellence represented the UNODC

- Dear Focal points of the GLJCN,

- Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentleman,

It is with great pleasure to be here this morning to address this important meeting. Allow me to extend sincere appreciation to the Government of the United Republic of the Tanzania for accepting to host this important meeting in this beautiful city of Dar es Salaam, and the Office of the UN Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region and UNODC for the financial support that have enabled us to assemble here.

This meeting is convened after almost 12th years since the signing of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region

signed in Nairobi 2006, and the adoption of the 10 Protocols including the Protocol of Judicial Cooperation.

The importance of judicial cooperation has been reiterated by the Heads of State and Government and Ministers in charge of Justice during their meetings. For instance, during the 5th ordinary Summit held in Angola, January 2014, the Heads of State and Government urged the Member States to promote and strengthen regional judicial cooperation in all areas. In August 2015, the Ministers of Justice in their meeting in Living Stone, Zambia, undertook to speed up and complete the domestication process of the Protocols, specifically the four priority Protocols: These are; **the Protocol on Non-Aggression and Mutual Defense, the Protocol of Judicial Cooperation, the Protocol on Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children and the Protocol against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources**) and to promote mutual legal assistance in order to combat transnational crimes specifically terrorism in the Great Lakes Region.

In addition, in April 2016, we met in Nairobi at a conference convened by the ICGLR with the support of Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region with the objective of encouraging technical action on commitments set out in the 2006 ICGLR Pact on Peace, Security, and Development for the Great Lakes Region and its Protocols as well as the 2013 Peace, Security, and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the DRC and the region.

During the 6th ordinary Summit held in Luanda, June 2016 the Heads of State of the ICGLR directed the Ministers of Justice to strengthen the

judicial cooperation in areas of extradition of fugitives, accused persons and the mutual enforcement of justice.

Once again at a follow-up meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya on 10-11 November 2016, organized by ICGLR, O/SESG-GL and UNODC the Directors of Public Prosecution and their representatives established the Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network (GLJC Network) and agreed on its Terms of Reference.

On 26 May 2017 in Vienna, Austria, in the margins of the 26th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), ICGLR, UN Development Programme (UNDP), and O/SESG-GL organized a side-event regarding the GLJC Network, through which prosecutors of the region joined forces to fight **cross-border crime**. The meetings served to increase visibility and capacity of the GLJC Network.

On 1 and 2 November 2017 in Khartoum, Sudan the first meeting of the Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network (GLJC Network) discussed roles and decided to appoint focal points to work with the GLJCN.

Excellencies, Directors of Public Prosecutions

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is expected that during the next two days, this meeting, which brings together Directors General of Public Prosecutions of the ICGLR Members State and focal point of GLJCN, will allow ICGLR countries to better fulfil their legal commitments under the ICGLR established framework, including the ICGLR Protocol on Judicial Cooperation and the Protocol

against the illegal exploitation of Natural Resources as well as under the PSC Framework, and bring forth and discuss cases that should be handled Judicial network.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is only the implementation of the ICGLR Pact and its Protocols and promotion of the judicial cooperation that will give the essence of the vision of Heads of State and Government to make positive changes in the region on matters of security, stability, development and combating the all forms of transnational crimes.

This legal collaboration is the sole means to make a true climate of confidence between Member States and to assist each other to stop all kinds of the transnational crimes.

I wish you all fruitful deliberation.

I thank you

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On Behalf of Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita

The ICGLR Executive Secretary