

Presentation on the Proposed ICGLR Regional Action Plan 2018-2023

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Background

- In 2000, UN SC unanimously adopted Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security – which calls for recognition of women in conflict prevention, management & peace-building.
- To facilitate implementation of UNSCR 1325, in 2004, the SC urged Member States to develop & implement NAPs & encouraged regional bodies to develop RAPs.
- In the Great Lakes Region, 12 States signed the Pact on Security, Stability & Development with its 10 Protocols & in the context of the PSCF.
- 9 Member States have NAPs & 3 others – Angola, Congo Brazzaville and Zambia are encouraged to develop NAPs.

Background *contd.*

- The main objective of our Assignment is to develop a RAP on implementation of UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions for the ICGLR taking into account the NAPs of Member States for effective participation of women in peace processes.
- The RAP is developed around pillars:
 - *Participation
 - *Protection
 - *Prevention,
 - *Humanitarian Assistance & Reconstruction/
Relief & Recovery.

Strategic Objective 1.0: **Improve Women Participation in Conflict Prevention** **in ICGLR Member States**

Strategy (1.0):

Promote the ownership of UNSCR 1325 & its Regional Action Plan by Member States & Partners as an Advocacy tool for Negotiation & Accountability.

Priority Actions

- Develop a program of public awareness and dissemination of UNSCR 1325 & its RAP.
- Organize a Round Table Platform of Donors for Regional Action Plan Funding.

Priority Actions (1.0) *contd.*

- To sensitize Member States on the existence UNSCR 1325 and the ICGLR Regional Action Plan.
- Organize annual workshops to Monitor and Evaluate the implementation of the RAP at Member State level.
- Set up Open Days for regular consultations between stakeholders and the ICGLR.

Priority Actions (1.0) *contd*

- Strengthen the institutional capacity of the ICGLR to initiate, facilitate and monitor the implementation of the RAP.
- Organize consultations with Members of National Forums, women organizations and Civil Society Organizations to emphasize their role in the implementation of UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions.

Specific Objective 1.1: Improve Participation of men and women in Conflict Prevention.

Strategy:

Promote the Development of a Culture of Prevention of Conflict.

Priority Actions:

- Develop a Regional Network of Peace Clubs in Secondary & Tertiary Education System including Universities.
- Develop & Disseminate practical tools on mainstreaming the gender perspective into Conflict Prevention efforts.
- Create Peace Committees composed of men and women in conflict affected communities to continue dialogues and promote social cohesion.

Specific Objective 1.1: Improve Participation of men and women in Conflict Prevention contd.

Strategy:

Strengthen the Early Warning Mechanism.

Priority Action:

- Ensure early warning data is updated to review ICGLR Early Warning Mechanisms.

Specific Objective 1.1: Improve participation of *men and women in conflict* Prevention contd

Strategy: Support Research and Documentation

Priority Actions:

- Conduct research on lessons learned, best practices, causes & conflict dynamics from a gender perspective.
- Revitalize the Observatory on Gender & SGBV of the Lusaka Center to conduct regular research on Women, Peace & Security.
- Compile data on women's participation in peacekeeping operations.

Specific Objective 1.1 : Improve Participation of *men and women in conflict Prevention* *contd.*

Priority Actions:

- Document & review lessons learned and best practices to improve gender balance & integrate a gender perspective into a personnel uniform work in peace-keeping operations.
- Set up a gender expert database on UNSCR 1325 in the ICGLR.

Specific Objective 2.0:

To ensure effective Protection of Women and Girls in conflict and post conflict situations.

Strategy:

Prevention and Repression of Gender Based Violence in Armed Conflict.

Priority Actions:

- Train judges, lawyers and paralegals on prevention, protection, prosecution, and punishment of sexual violence in collaboration with the ICGLR Regional Training Facility.

Specific Objective 2.0: *contd.*

Priority Actions:

- Strengthen joint mechanisms for verification & eradication of armed groups through close collaboration of Member States in accordance with ICGLR non-aggression & mutual defense protocol.
- Encourage establishment of Legal Aid Clinics by Member States and CSOs.
- Take advantage of petition mechanisms available at the African Court of Justice, African Commission on Human Rights and encourage Member States to adhere to the Court's Optional Mechanism for individual petitions.

Specific Objective 2.0: *contd.*

Priority Actions:

- Ratify and domesticate Conventions that provide protection of women and girls' rights (CEDAW, Maputo Protocol, the Kampala Declaration, ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children.
- Harmonize & popularize international laws as well as national laws on the protection of women and girls' rights.
- Support Victims through psych-social support and provision of medical, legal and economic support.

Specific Objective 2.1: To Provide Protection of women & girls in conflict ...(contd.)

Strategy: Prevention & repression of gender – based violence in armed conflict

Priority Actions:

- Provide training & support to vulnerable groups on the prevention & treatment of sexually transmitted infections and HIV.
- Sensitize & train armed groups on SGBV.
- Develop & disseminate policy guidelines on awareness and attitudes towards women and girls in conflict & post conflict situations.

Specific Objective 2.1: (contd.)

Strategic Objective: Gender mainstreaming in peace building including security sector reform.

Priority Actions:

- Sensitize head of security services about needs of women participating in peacekeeping operations.
- Lobby & advocate for an effective gender mainstreaming in peacekeeping operations.
- Lobby and advocate for increasing women's participation in peace structures & security institutions.
- Sensitize & train military, police and humanitarian personnel on how to mainstream gender perspectives into peace prevention and peace building.

Specific Objective 2.1: ...(contd.)

Priority Actions:

- Promote the systematic gender mainstreaming in reforms of the judicial system and security sector including increase of female judicial personnel & gender friendly court environment.
- Harmonize gender, peace, security and training manuals in the ICGLR Region.
- Establish a network of Advisors for gender equality and responsible people both regionally and nationally.

Specific Objective 3.0: *contd*

Strategy: The Promotion of Women's Participation & Ensure availability of women experts in mediation.

Priority Actions:

- Lobby at the level of Parliamentarians & the Network of Women Ministers & Parliamentarians.
- Train women in lobbying, advocacy, public speaking, mediation & negotiation skills.
- Train actors (women, girls, judicial staff & opinion leaders), provide technical skills for effective ways of protecting women in conflict situations including tools for mediation & peace negotiation.

Strategic Objective 3.1 : To ensure equal Participation of Women and Men in Peace, Security & Reconstruction Processes in post-conflict situations

Strategy:

Development of National Action Plans (NAPs)

Priority Actions:

Conduct High level outreach missions to:

- (i) Develop NAPs for countries that do not have NAPs as yet.
- (ii) Work towards the effective implementation of the NAPs in each ICGLR Member State.

Strategic Objective 3.1: *contd.*

Strategy: Ensure Representation women in decision making bodies.

Priority Actions:

- ICGLR urges Member States to respect a quota of women of at least 30% Representation at all levels, in public and private sector.
- Target for 50% Representation in all decision making bodies and elective positions in the public & private sector.
- Train election workers & candidates including women at the local level.

Strategic Objective 3.1: *contd.*

Strategy:

Dissemination & Popularization of UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions

Priority Actions:

- Inform & sensitize women on UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions in ICGLR Member States in liaison with Member States, NGOs, CSOs.
- Promote & facilitate the Open Doors Event World Day centered on Women, Peace and Security.

Strategic Objective 3.1: *contd.*

Strategy:

Support Traditional Conflict Resolution Processes

Priority Actions:

- Associate with traditional authorities in the settlement of conflicts and protection of victims.
- Identify & Train Traditional Mediators (men and women) on UNSCR 1325 and Related Resolutions.

Specific Objective 4.0:

Fund Delivery of Services for Relief & Recovery in s Post-conflict situations

Strategy:

Ensure women's post – conflict economic recovery.

Priority Actions:

- Conduct gender – based analysis in the planning & execution of post-conflict rehabilitation programs.
- Design & implement livelihood programs.
- Perform a specific professional training on entrepreneurship.
- Provide financial assistance to women entrepreneurs.

Pillar 4.1: Relief & Recovery

Strategic Objective:

Substantive, effective & timely, women's participation in the design & implementation of relief & recovery programs including, where appropriate, disarmament, demobilization, and recovery programs that respond to specific needs and concerns of women and girls.

Pillar 4.1: Relief and Recovery *contd.*

Priority Actions

- Promote a gender perspective & ensure inclusion & participation of women in humanitarian assistance and recovery with particular emphasis on refugee and internally displaced women.
- Strengthen the humanitarian response mechanism & improve women's access to basic socio-economic rights & services in line with minimum standards of international humanitarian principles.

Pillar 4.1: Relief & Recovery

Strategy:

Ensure a gender perspective is embedded in all relief & recovery efforts to support specific needs of women & enhance the capacity of women and girls in Relief & Recovery.

Priority Actions:

- Conduct a study on implementation of policies that integrate women's perspectives in Relief, Recovery, Rehabilitation, Reparation, and Reconciliation efforts.
- Sign and Ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) to regulate & manage the flow of arms into the Region.
- Urge ICGLR Member States that have not yet signed the Arms Trade Treaty to do so.

Pillar 4.1: Relief and Recovery *contd.*

Priority Actions:

- Monitor implementation of policies that integrate women's perspective in relief, recovery, and reparation process.
- Increase women's access to basic socio-economic services including land in humanitarian situations.
- Support the provision of comprehensive health care for women and girls affected by conflict, insecurity, and humanitarian crisis.

Pillar 4.1: Relief and Recovery *contd.*

- Support for the establishment of reparation funds for victims of sexual violence during conflict or crisis situations.
- Support monitoring of implementation of recommendations of the Truth, Justice & Reconciliation Commission in relation to Women, Peace and Security.
- Support the incorporation of a gender perspective in all Disarmament, Demobilization and Rehabilitation policies & processes.

5.0 Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Framework for the Implementation of the ICGLR: 2018-2023 Regional Action Plan

**Strategy: Establish a monitoring & Evaluation
Mechanism in June 2018**

Priority Actions

- Conduct Implementation Baseline Study of UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions in the ICGLR Member States.
- Establish a Network of Gender & Empowerment of Women Ministers of the ICGLR to monitor implementation of RAP & ensure commitment at the level of peers, share information & best practices in implementation of existing **NAPs**.

5.0 Monitoring & Evaluation: Priority Actions *contd.*

- Conduct annual survey missions on a regular basis.
- Drive a quarterly review of the implementation of the ICGLR RAP.
- Conduct an annual gender audit in relation to the ICGLR RAP.
- Establish & implement an Annual Awards for heroes/heroines for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 & Related Resolutions.

KEY /LEAD ACTORS : for execution RAP

- ICGLR Secretariat
- Office of Special Envoy of the SG for Great Lakes Region
- Gender/Women Ministries of ICGLR Member States
- Lusaka Regional Center on Democracy & Good Governance
- ICGLR Regional Training Facility
- Regional Forum of Women of the ICGLR
- Peace Security Cooperation – Platform of ICGLR(Women’s Platform)
- United Nations Entities
- African Union
- African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights
- Ministries of the ICGLR States – Security, Police, Military, Planning, Finance, Relief, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Parliaments of ICGLR Member States
- NGOs, CSOs, Women’s Forum, Youth Forum, Academia/Universities, Bar Associations –lawyers, paralegals.
- Judiciary

TIME FRAME/BUDGET

TIME FRAME: 5 YEARS (JUNE 2018-JUNE 2023)

- Identify Activities to be executed in the Short, Medium, Long term;
- Identify what can be reasonably achieved on a quarterly, bi-annual, annual, mid-term, over a period of two/three/four or five years.

BUDGET

- The Regional Action Plan must have a budget so that its Financial Implications are established, and adequate resources for implementation secured.

Lessons Learned from Desk Review of NAPs

Critical Lessons learned from limited Literature Review:

- Articulate SMART Objectives & Prioritize Activities.
- Secure participation, a buy in, ownership from a range stakeholders to build consensus.
- Specify Budget/Financial Implications.
- Identification of Key/Lead Actors who are accountable.
- Harmonize, synchronize action to greatest extent possible.
- Monitor, Evaluate and Learn
- Secure Commitment, Political Will to Act.

CONCLUSION

This is work in progress...

We thank you for all the invaluable support and welcome more ideas, comments and information ...

“Not business as usual – need to do things differently for tangible change.”

Thank you for your kind attention!