



ICGLR Pact: Context Analysis , Achievements , Challenges and Way Forward

Nathan Mwesigye Byamukama

Regional Director

ICGLR- RTF

Kampala , Uganda

At a Consultative Meeting of CSOs and Regional For a,
Nairobi , Kenya

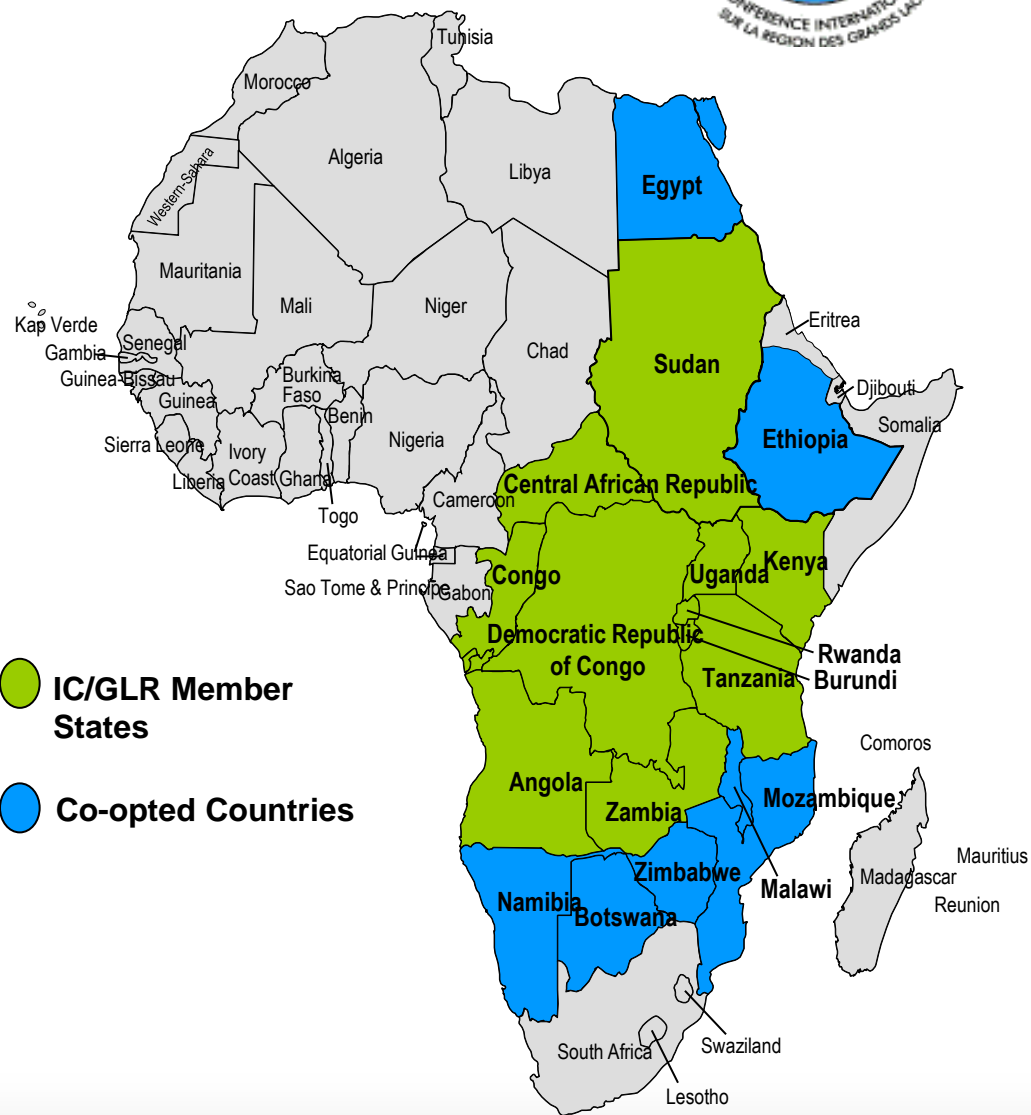
8-9th September 2019



Background to the IC/GLR

- The Genocide in Rwanda (1994)
- The Zaire/DRC crisis and involvement of neighbors in late 1990s
- Conflict and Conflict resolution efforts in the region (e.g. Lusaka agreement and its weaknesses)
- The determination of the leaders of the GLR to end conflicts in the region through Dar Declaration and the Nairobi Pact.

2007 ICGLR MAP



ICGLR CURRENT MAP(SINCE 2012)





Objectives of the ICGLR

Transform the Great Lakes Region into a space for:

- sustainable peace and security
- political and social stability
- shared growth and development
- cooperation and convergence

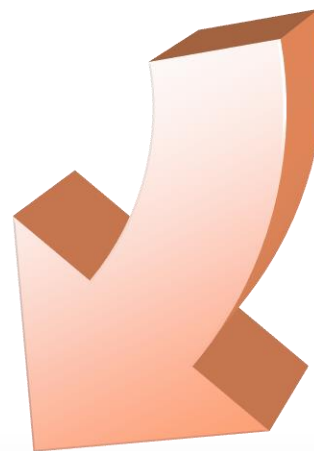


ICGLR Principles



INCLUSIVENESS

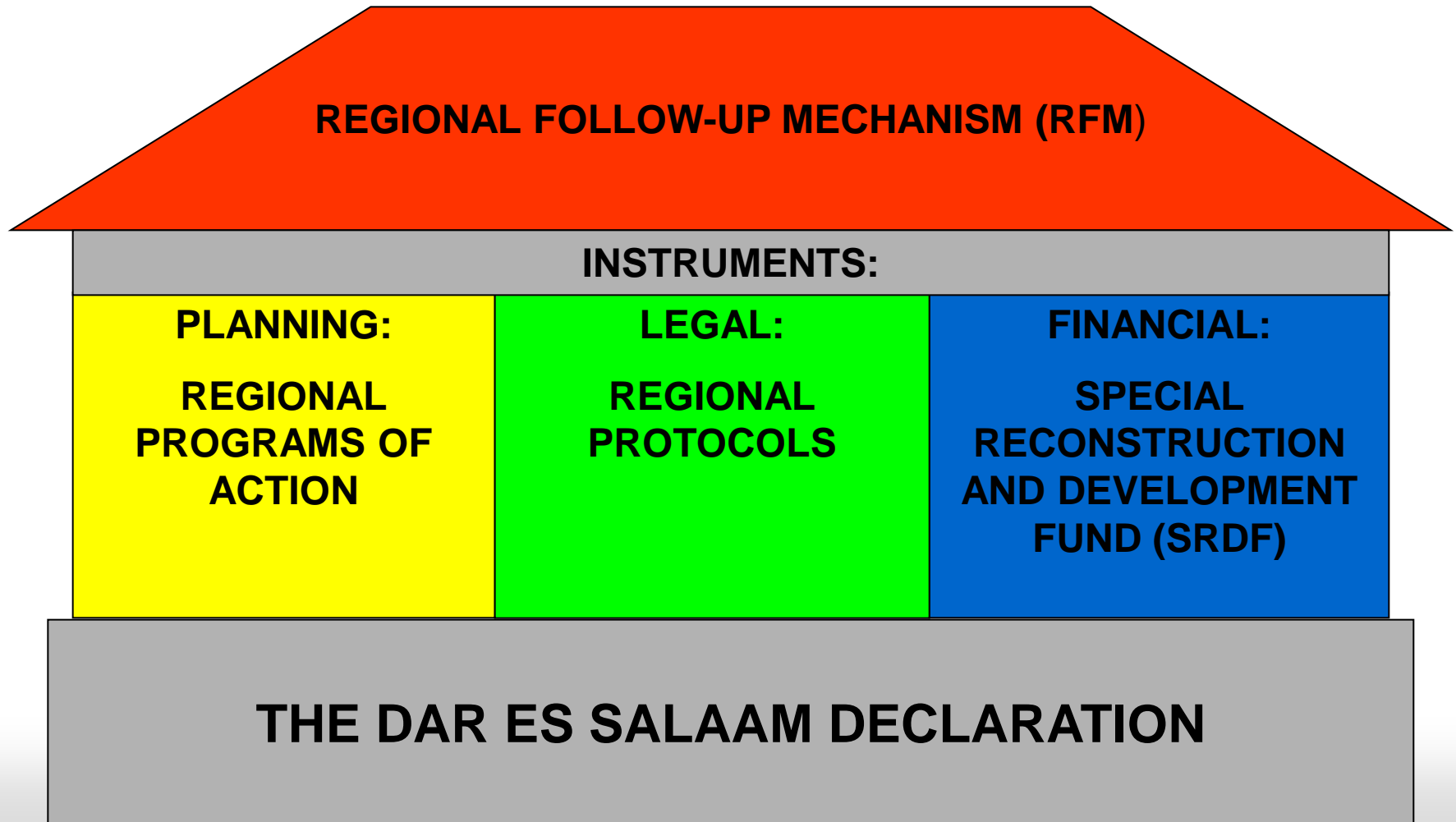
OWNERSHIP



PARTNERSHIP



The Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region: (see art 3) A “House” for regional Peace-building





4 REGIONAL PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

Peace and Security (7)

Democracy and Good Governance (4)

Economic (15) Development and Regional Integration

Humanitarian and Social Issues (7)

10 SUB-PROGRAMMES (33 projects)

Joint Security Management of Common Borders (5)

Rule of Law, and Human Rights and the Fight of Crimes against Humanity (2)

Cooperation in (3) Poverty Reduction

Disaster preparedness, protection & assistance to IDP's and their environment (4)

Interstate Cooperation on Peace and Security (2)

Rational Management of Resources (1)

Harmonization and Strengthening of Regional cooperation policies (2)

Resumption of basic social services, health care and psychosocial support to groups with special needs (3)

Consolidation of Democratic Processes (1)

Infrastructure Development (10)



TEN REGIONAL PROTOCOLS under the Pact

1. Non-Aggression, Mutual Defense and Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts among States in the GLR;
2. Democracy and Good Governance;
3. Judicial Cooperation;
4. Prevention of and Curbing Crime of Genocide, Crimes of War, Crimes against Humanity;
5. Prevention of illegal exploitation of natural resources in the GLR;



REGIONAL PROTOCOLS (cont'd)

6. Specific Reconstruction and Development Zone;
7. Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons;
8. Property rights of returning populations;
- 9. Prevention and suppression of sexual violence against women and children;**
10. Management of Information and Communication



ICGLR Follow-up Mechanism

Summit of Heads of States

Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee

TROIKA

Ad hoc Group of Experts

- ICGLR FORA**
- ❖ RWF
 - ❖ RYF
 - ❖ RCSF
 - ❖ PSF
 - ❖ PF

Conference Secretariat

Lusaka Center

GOMA CENTER

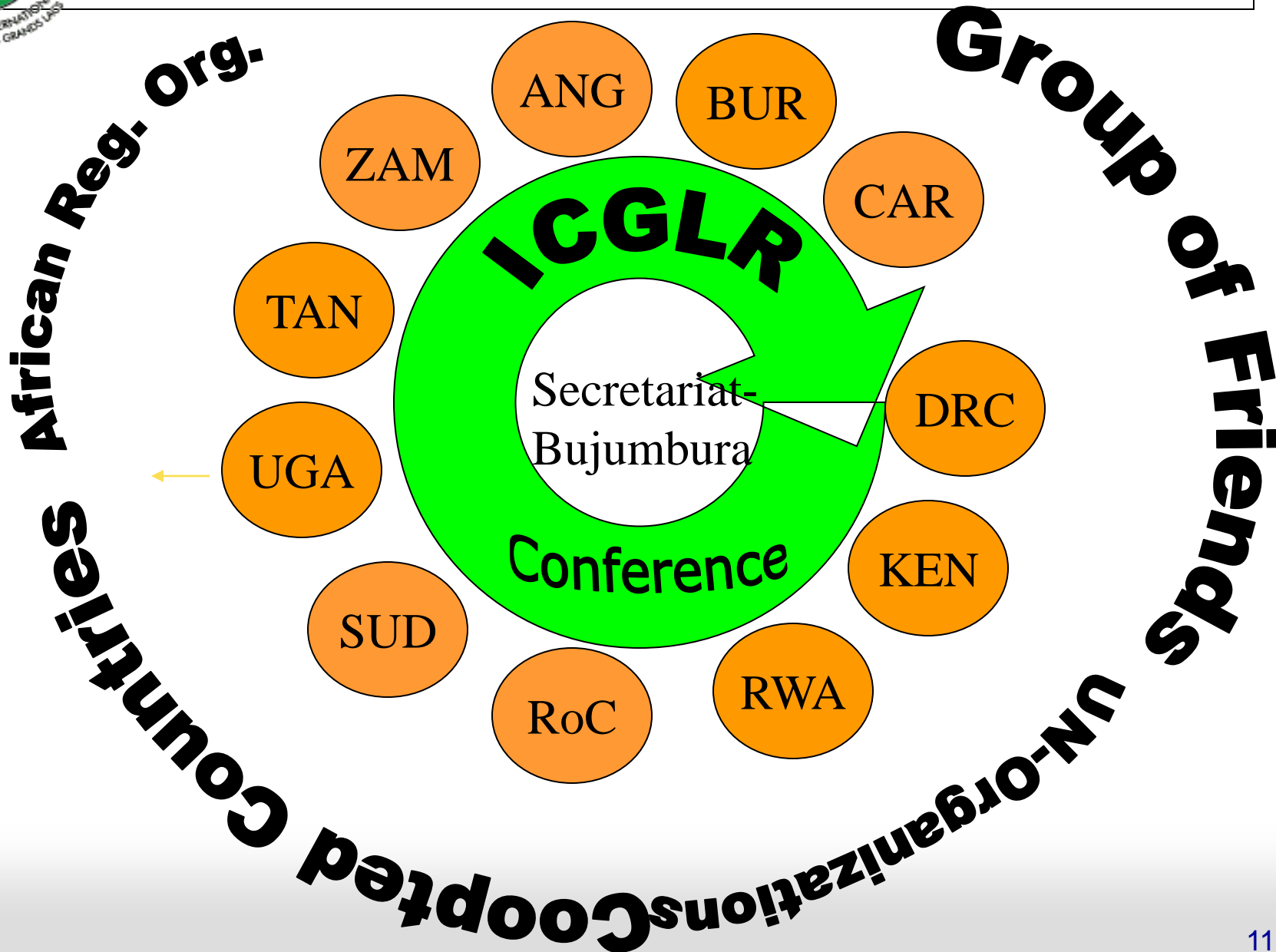
Kampala Centre-RTF

National Coordination Mechanisms

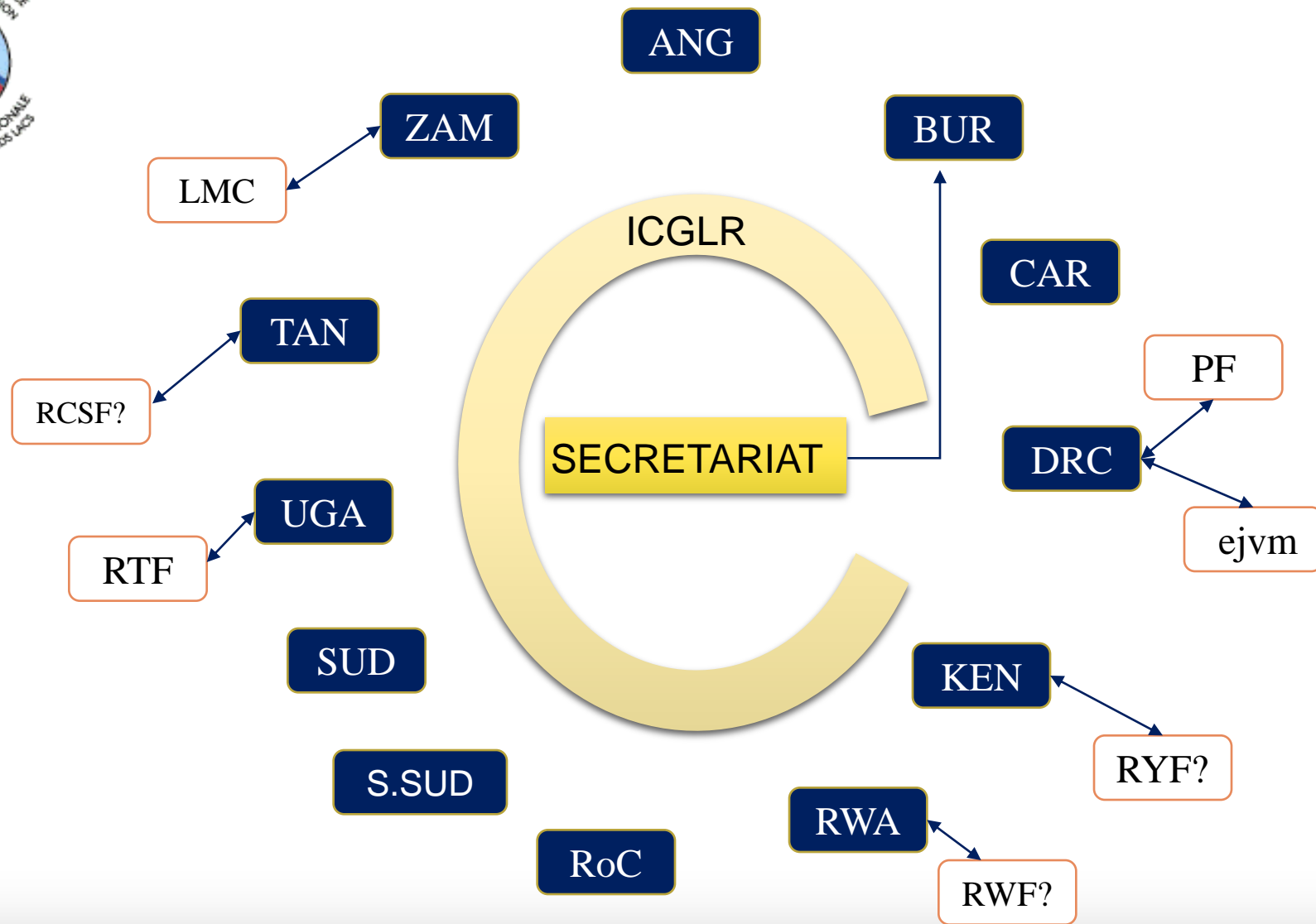




Member States and Stakeholders



FORA & CENTERS IN ICGLR MEMBER STATES



FORA, CENTERS & COMMITTEES OF ICGLR.

- All Fora are established under Programs of Action.
- There currently 5 Fora (Forums) BUT originally the plan was to add : ***Anti-corruption and Vulnerable Forums***
- Only Kampala center (RTF) is established by the Protocol (on SGBV)
- Only two committees(Genocide Prevention & Illegal Exploitation of natural resources) are established under the Protocol.
- A Regional Council on Management of Information and Communication is established under a Protocol
- Lusaka and Goma Centers are linked to the PoAs of DGG & PS.



Fora & Center under PoAs

1. LMC
2. RWF
3. RYF
4. RPSF
5. PSF
6. FP
7. EJVM

Center & Committees under PROTOCOLS

- RTF(Kampala Center Art 6(a))
of Protocol Against SV
- Committee on Prevention of
Genocide (Art. 26 on Genocide
Prevention)
- Committee Against the Illegal
Exploitation of Natural
Resources (Art. 24 Against
Illegal Exploitation).
- Independent Regional council
of Information and
Communication (art 4 of
Protocol on management of
info and communication



Forum of Parliament

This was the first to be formed :

-1st meeting Kinshasa 28th Feb 2007

-2nd meeting 3rd -4th March 2008 (forming the committee to form the Regional Forum of Parliaments and considered 1st draft of the Accord)

-3rd meeting in Kigali 3rd-5th Dec 2008 was the 1st plenary session of FP and signed the Accord



Why FP Secretariat in DRC?

- - In the 3-5th Dec 2018 session Speakers of Rwanda and DRC expressed interest in hosting FP Secretariat in their respective countries –the decision was deferred to the next session
- In the 2nd Plenary session in Khartoum, **Rwanda gave chance to DRC** to host the Secretariat and decided that the **1st Secretary General be from Rwanda**
- FP is funded by MS's parliaments





Regional Women Forum (RWF)

- Women are mentioned several times in the ICGLR instruments starting with the 2004 Dar Declaration
- Impetus started with the Kigali Declaration of Oct 2004
- The **Accord** for the RWF was signed in Kigali in **May 2010**



ICGLR Regional Youth Forum

- A quick check in ICGLR Instruments the word “Youth” appeared 11 times (could be more)
- Youth together with women and civil society were tasked after the DD (in 2004) to draft Protocols, PoA and the Pact (of 2006) –*see Art 76 of DD*
- In May 2010- a steering Committee and Bureau was formed to operationalise RYF



Regional Civil Society Forum

- The Word “Civil Society ” Is mentioned more than 20 times in the ICGLR Instruments (Pact. Protocol and DD)
- CS was part of the process leading to DD and to the Pact;
- Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation was appointed (in Nairobi in 2002) by AU/UN to lead CS during the ICGLR process
- The RCSF has been in existence since its set up in **Bujumbura on 6- 7th July 2011.**
- RSCF has an Accord
- In March 2016-there was 2nd Assembly in Dar es Salaam





Lusaka Centre/ Levy Mwanawasa Centre

- To enhance the implementation of the PoA of Democracy and Good Governance , a decision was made in 2006 to put in place LMC
- In 2009 Summit- the LMC was formally Launched in Lusaka
- In Dec 2010-its founding Director , Dr Okuthe-Oyugi was appointed



ICGLR-RTF (Kampala Centre)

- Established under Art 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on SGBV
- Hosted in Uganda as per Res 14 of Kampala Declaration and the 2013 RIMC in Bujumbura
- Operationalised in Kampala in April 2014 with Appointment of Nathan Byamukama (as acting Director and in August 2018 as Regional Director)





RTF cont

- Has recruited and trained 161 expert (at least 10) from each country
- Has started cascading and piloting training in MS. Started with Tanzania this week and we should have cascaded to all countries by January next year (2020)





The Goma Centre (ICGLR-Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (IFC) & EJVM

- This is established in line with the Peace and Security PoA
- Established by Ministers of Defense on **9th Sept 2011-during Kigali meeting;**
- Officially Launched in **Goma** on **13th June 2012**
- Role is to collect intelligence , analyze and verify information on negative and armed groups MS's intelligence organs or armed groups and share it with action course of action to the Regional Coordination committee
- EJVM is purely military, carries out on-spot verification and IFC carries out intelligence .
- EJVM reports to Ministers of Defense while JIC reports to Directors General of intelligence



Challenges

- Failure to implement (or delayed implementation) of the provisions of the Pact and Protocols and Decisions of RIMC/Summit ;
- Failure to contribute to the Special Fund
- Delayed Member states contributions
- Effectiveness of the Fora and Committees
- Respecting the principles of inclusiveness, partnerships and ownership
- Not fully respecting of the Accords by some Fora
- Failure/delayed formation the ***Anti-corruption Forum and the Vulnerable Forum and (revive) Independent Regional Council of Information and Communication***
- Not having secretariats (for some) for coordination of work



Way Forward and Conclusion

- Member states, AU and UN took six years debating and generating solutions for the GLR -and gave us the Pact and all its integral documents .
- The Youth , Civil society, parliament , Women and all people of all walks of life have a duty to make use of these binding instruments to bring peace, democracy, stability and development to the region
- **All we need is implementation – and it is not the Member states alone that have this obligation –it is all of us in the Region assisted by Friends of the region**

