



High Level Meeting for Ministers of Gender on Implementation and Monitoring of the Women, Peace and Security Commitments in the Great Lakes Region

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REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON 1325 – GREAT-LAKES REGION

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MINISTERS OF DEFENSE OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION WHERE IS THE 30%



WHY A REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ?

TO RESPOND TO PERCEIVED AND/OR IDENTIFIED IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- SLOW AND ARDUOUS
- INSUFFICIENT OR ABSENCE OF TIMELY AND FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S ORGANISATION
- DE-PRIORITISATION AND DE-POLITICISATION OF WOMEN RIGHTS ISSUES IN DECISION MAKING BY STATE INSTITUTIONS IN MECHANISMS

NEED TO RESPOND AND LEARN FROM THE DIVERSITY OF CONTEXT AND EXPERIENCES OF ICGLR COUNTRIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE FOUR PILARS OF THE RESOLUTION

IMPROVE COORDINATION

SEEK HARMONISATION

PROMOTE CROSS BORDER EXPERIENCE SHARING AND LEARNING

ENHANCE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

WHY A REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ?

- ▶ NEED TO RESPOND TO ICGLR WOMEN'S CALL MADE THROUGH VARIOUS ARENA
GOMA DECLARATION
- ▶ NEED TO INFUSE A RENEWED ENERGY TO CONCRETLY IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGY OF ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION OF RES 1325 BY 2020
- ▶ NEED FOR ICGLR TO FULFILL IT'S MANDATE AS A COORDINATION AND MONITORING BODY
- ▶ NEED TO ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGY

WHAT IS THE RAP-STRUCTURE

THE RAP IS BUILD AROUND SEVEN CHAPTERS

1. BACKGROUND: CONTENTS OF ALL RESOLUTIONS ON WPS SINCE RES 1325(2000)
STATE OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION
ACHIEVMENTS AND CHALLENGES
2. METHODOLOGY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT
 - . LITERATURE REVIEW
 - . CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES
 - . RAPID RESEARCH
3. PURPOSE OF ACTIONS PROPOSED

WHAT IS THE RAP-STRUCTURE con't

3. PURPOSE OF ACTIONS PROPOSED

4. RESULTS CHAINS AND A MATRICE OF PRIORITY ACTIONS

5. COORDINATION MECHANISMS

6. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

7. BUDGET AND FUNDING

WHAT IS THE RAP-ITS FUNCTIONS

- ▶ REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE PERCEIVED AND /OR IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES
- ▶ A MEANS OF CONVENING CROSS BORDER EXCHANGES
- ▶ AN ADVOCACY TOOL FOR THE ICGLR WOMEN MOVEMENT TO RECLAIM THEIR RIGHTFUL POLITICAL SPACE
- ▶ A FRAMEWORK FOR PROGRAMME DEVELOPEMEMENT
- ▶ A TOOL FOR RESOURCE MOBILISATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **OWNERSHIP** :OWN BY MEMBER STATES AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT OF THE ICGLR)
- **INCLUSION** : SEEKS TO INCLUDE ALL CATEGORIES – INCLUDING YOUTH OF WOMEN AND MEN AT ALL LEVELS)
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** : OF INSTITUTIONS TOWARDS COMMITMENTS TO WOMEN
- **TRUST, COORDINATION** AND **MUTUAL** LEARNING-AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

THE RAP'S CONTENT

THE CHAIN OF RESULTS PROPOSED MAKES ASSUMPTIONS THAT IF CERTAIN ACTIONS ARE TAKEN THEN :

1. CONFLICT **PREVENTION** WILL BE STRENGTHENED
2. MEANINGFUL WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION AND **PARTICIPATION** AT ALL LEVELS OF DECISION MAKING WILL BE INCREASED
3. WOMEN AND THEIR RIGHTS WILL BE **PROTECTED**
4. WOMEN AND GIRLS AND **CAPACITIES IN POST CONFLICT RELIEF AND RECOVERY WILL BE ENHANCED**



THE RAP'S CONTENT -GOAL

THEN WE CAN REACH THE GOAL OF

A PEACEFUL AND STABLE GREAT LAKE REGION

WHERE WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE EMPOWERED , ARE FREE FROM SGBV, PARTICIPATE IN PEACE BUILDING, AND ENJOY EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



OUTCOMES

➤ ASSUMPTIONS IN THE RESULTS CHAIN ARE CONVERTED INTO FOUR OUTCOMES

1. WOMEN CONTRIBUTE TO AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE FULL RANGE OF CONFLICT PREVENTION MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMS
2. MEANINGFUL REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AT ALL LEVELS OF DECISION MAKING INCREASED
3. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND STRUCTURES ENSURE THE SECURITY, SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WOMEN AND GIRLS
4. ON RELIEF AND RECOVERY : WOMEN AND GIRLSENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITIES IN POST CONFLICT RELIEF AND RECOVERY ENHANCED

OUTCOME 1 PREVENTION

1. WOMEN CONTRIBUTE TO AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE FULL RANGE OF CONFLICT PREVENTION MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMS

Output 1.1: Women are informed and engaged in all conflict prevention, management processes at national and regional levels as negotiators, mediators, policy formulation

Output 1.2: Systems , procedures, mechanisms established and harmonised to address impunity and violation of HR, VAW and SGBV

Output 1.3: Strong coalition of women's from community organisations up to regional level are established

OUTCOME 2 PARTICIPATION

MEANINGFUL
REPRESENTATION OF
WOMEN AT
ALL LEVELS OF
DECISION
MAKING
INCREASED

Output 2.1 resources are flexible, available and accessible to women's organising to prepare their participation in all conflict management and peace processes

- ▶ Output 2.2: Women , particularly young women are in leadership position in political systems and security sector
- ▶ Output 2.3 Actions to open political spaces for women and young girls 'participation in political and security decision making making increased

OUTCOME 3 PROTECTION

INSTITUTIONAL
MECHANISMS
AND
STRUCTURES
ENSURE THE
SECURITY,
SAFETY AND
HEALTH OF
WOMEN AND
GIRLS

- Output 3.1 : Institutional mechanisms and structures (justice, police, army, are able to identify threats against women's security, safety, health, education of women and girls in conflict and post conflict
- Output 3.2 Laws and Policies are harmonised and accountability mechanisms are put in place to end impunity
- Output 3.3 Policies on protection within borders/ across borders shared and exchanged

OUTCOME 4 ON RELIEF AND RECOVERY

WOMEN AND GIRLS ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITIES IN POST CONFLICT RELIEF AND RECOVERY ENHANCED

- Output 4.1: Women special needs and interests are identified and taken into consideration in post conflict (DDR, justice), humanitarian (repatriation, rehabilitation), development (livelihoods, economic empowerment)
- Output 4.2 : Planning and funding or relief and recovery respond to the needs of women and girls



PRIORITY ACTIONS

OUTPUT 1.1

- Priority actions
- 1.1.1. Provide technical, organisational and financial support to train women coalition members in Burundi, South Sudan , CAR on mediation
- 1.1.2 Organise periodic exchanges between ICGLR secretariat and the Great Lakes women' coalition and Peace keeping operations to monitor and prevent conflict-related sexual violence against women and girls

OUTPUT 1.2

- ▶ 1.2.1 Develop an engendered & user friendly manual of the ICGLR Regional crisis early warning systems to be used by security sector personnel to generate reliable information on security threats to women and girls rights, VAW, SGBV
- ▶ 1.2.2. Harmonise Trainings provided by ICGLR member states to actors in the penal chain (prosecutors, judges, lawyers and paralegals), doctors, social workers, police, army) on prevention, protection and prosecution of perpetrators of crimes of violence in order to combat impunity for sexual violence

OUTPUT 1.3

- ▶ Priority actions
- ▶ 1.3.1 Organise regular structured consultations between women coalition and relevant institutions in all efforts of disarmament, non proliferation arms control and armed violence prevention and reduction activities
- ▶ 1.3.2 CGLR/OESG Advisory Board to undertake advocacy for commitments on Women, Peace and Security obligations to be incorporated in the development and implementation of national security sector policies (defence and justice) in all countries of the GLR

OUTPUT 2.1

Priority actions :

- 2.1.1 Establish a Special Fund to provide flexible and sufficient resources to facilitate ICGLR women's organising, preparing, strategising and participating in the following processes:
 - The dialogue led by the African Union African Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central Africa Republic
 - The South Sudan National Dialogue, and their participation to the National Transitional Political Committee.
 - Preparation of the Elections to be held in Burundi in 2020 and specifically supporting the building of a women coalition in Burundi



OUTPUT 2.1-CON'D

- 2.1.2 Provide technical and other relevant support for South Sudanese women's engagement with political parties in preparation of forthcoming 2020 elections

OUTPUT 2.2

- 2.2.1. Convene a joint ICGLR/UN/AU women forum/Platform /young women meeting to map out practical strategies for young women's participation and engagement in peace processes
- 2.2.2 Upscale advocacy by the Women's platform Advisory Board/ AU to MS for the adoption of the temporary measures of 30% representation of women in all political and peace and security processes
- 2.2.3. Develop a regional women leadership initiative to prepare women and girls 's participation in all political decision making

OUTPUT 2.2 - Con'd

- 2.2.4. Organise an enlarged regional young women forum to enable the emergence of an ICGLR regional network of young women to facilitate young women leadership and meaningful participation in peace and security processes.
- 2.2.5. Organise regional trainings for women mediators from the region
- 2.2.6. Request the RIMC Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) and ROM to organise regular and substantive meetings with ICGLR Ministers of gender
- 2.2.7 Appoint and recruit more women at senior level positions in OSESG and ICGLR secretariat



OUTPUT 2.2-CON'D

- ▶ 2.2.8. Strengthen the ICGLR gender directorate/division by recruiting a dedicated Women Peace and Security person.



OUTPUT2.3

- ▶ Priority actions:
- ▶ 2.3.1 Vigorous advocacy at regional level for changes of clauses of electoral laws to allow greater number of women candidates on the electoral list
- ▶ 2.3.2: Organise dialogue with political parties in the region to sensitise them commitments made by their Government on women's participation in decision making

OUTPUT 3.1

- ▶ 3.1.1 Develop indicators in early warning mechanisms in the Great Lakes region
- ▶ 3.1.2. Dedicate resources for the security sector in South Sudan to undertake research on the prevalence of violence against women in South Sudan (including trafficking on women)
- ▶ 3.1.3 .Provide support to advocacy of South Sudanese women with the National Transitional Political committee of South Sudan to put measures to bring perpetrators of violence against women to Justice
- ▶ 3.1.4 Organise regional trainings for all those in charge or security sectors to identify threats on security and safety of women and girls
- ▶ 3.1.5. Strengthen existing multi-sectoral prevention and response mechanisms for sexual and gender based violence.

OUTPUT 3.2

- ▶ 3.2.1 Harmonise laws and policies on regional cross border protection
- ▶ 3.2.2. Develop collaborative regional mechanisms for monitoring implementation of regional instruments across all countries of the Great Lake region
- ▶ 3.2.3. Submit a proposals for approval by the ICGLR governance and decision making bodies to make the ICGLR RTF's the Regional Centre of Excellence where all professionals from the region who deal with cases of SGBV are sensitise and trained on all aspects of SGBV .
- ▶ 3.2.4 Mobilize funds for the sustainability of the Regional Training Facility



OUTPUT 3.2-CON'D

- ▶ 3.3.1. Organise regular exchange and mutual learning on issues of women protection and access to justice protection between all countries of the Great Lake Region



OUTPUT 4.1

Priority actions

- 4.1.1 Advocacy with humanitarian agencies /organisations to provide same percentage of benefits for men and women in reparation programmes for reparation and DDR programmes
- 4.1. 2. Ensure special measures to protect displaced women and girls from the Burundi conflict are operational
- 4.1..3. Identify special economic and livelihoods needs of women in post conflict areas (South Sudan, Burundi, CAR, DRC)



OUTPUT 4.2

- Priority actions
- **4.2.1. Advocate for use of gender budgeting tools with Ministry of finance in selected countries for allocation of funds for women livelihoods and economic empowerment needs.**
- 4.2. 2 Facilitate the establishment of a regional platform of exchange between women's associations / forum, platform , which will include young women to map out common strategies to redress injustice committed during conflict

OUTPUT 4.2

- 4.2.3. Develop a regional programme on women economic empowerment in ICGLR post conflict countries
- 4.2.4 Organise a round table meeting of development partners , including the private sector, to establish a fund for the implementation of the ICGLR RAP and provide institutional support to the WPS agenda in the Great Lakes
- 4.2.5 Advocate with UN agencies(UNCDF, UNDP and UN Women) in charge of the programme on Inclusive and Equitable Local Development Programme (IELD) and private investments that directly contribute to enhancing women's economic empowerment at the local level to include post conflict countries of the Great Lakes region into their program.

COORDINATION MECHANISMS

- COORDINATION MECHANISMS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ICGLR AND ITS EXISTING ORGANS
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED DESK AT THE ICGLR SECRETARIAT

DESK FUNCTIONS:

COORDINATE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES
ENGAGE WITH MEMBER STATES, THE
NATIONAL COORDINATORS AND ALL OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS

OVERSIGHT: **Women's Forum & Women's Platform**

COORDINATION MECHANISM-CON'D

► A Regional Steering Committee

Provide strategic direction and guidance
Sometimes making decisions


Oversee progress and facilitate global collaboration
among all stakeholders

Provide advice to the ICCGLR secretariat in planning,
coordination and resource mobilization.

COORDINATION MECHANISM

MEMBERSHIP: A TOTAL OF 12 PEOPLE

- Women Forum and the Women platform, : 2
- Representative of young women platform : 2
- ICGLR Gender Director: 1
- OSESG Gender Advisor: 1
- Representative of national coordinators: 2
- Representative of the Observatory on Democracy and Good Governance :1
- Representative of the Regional Training Facility: 1
- Experts and representative from the WPS Advisory Board of the Great Lakes :2



The **Regional Steering Committee** will meet at the beginning of the RAP's implementation to confirm the first year's actions and thereafter once a year before the meeting of the ICGLR's ROM and that of the TSC, in order to prepare progress reports to be presented to these two governing bodies. The Regional Steering Committee is also expected to hold virtual meetings, with frequency to be determined, but as a minimum every six months



MONITORING FRAMEWORKS

- ▶ COLLECTION OF BASELINE DATA FOR A YEAR
- ▶ WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS/NETWORKS/PLATFORM) ENSURE CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF PROGRESS
- ▶ THE OBSERVATORY WILL ESTABLISH A MONITORING COMMITTEE

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

MEMBERSHIP

1. Representatives of women's organizations (Forum, Platform, Youth, networks)
2. Representatives of Member States, OSESG, Gender Directorate of ICGLR

MEETING FREQUENCY

- Consider the data collected and map the next steps to be taken with Member States.
- Consider the quality and reliability of data (Specific, measurable, attainable, relevance and time bound).
- Agree on targets to be set
- Review progress in relation with the indicators.

F. BUDGET AND FUNDING OF THE RAP PRIORITY ACTIONS

- ▶ COSTING OF THE RAP AGREED PRIORITY ACTIONS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION
- ▶ FUNDED BY A DEDICATED SPECIAL FUND
- ▶ BY ENSURING THAT 15% OF ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND/ OR INSTRUMENTS ESTABLISHED ON PEACE AND SECURITY ARE ALLOCATED FOR WPS
- ▶ MEMBER STATES BUDGET(15%)



EVALUATION

- ▶ Mid-term evaluation in 2021 and a
- ▶ Final evaluation in 2023

ICGLR MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHERE IS THE 30%?

