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**WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY (WPS) IN
THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

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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Monitoring Mechanisms for Delivery of Decisions

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1. Introduction

- The Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy, Good Governance, Human Rights and Civic Education is a Regional *Think Tank* conceived by the Heads of States and Governments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) in December 2006 as a key institution for the promotion of Democracy, Good Governance, Human Rights and Civic Education.
- The Regional Centre provides a strong foundation to ICGLR's Programme on Action on the promotion of Good Governance and Democracy whose vision is that of "a Region characterised by deeply entrenched values, principles and norms on democracy, good governance and observance of human rights".

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1. Introduction (Cont.)

- **The Regional Centre is mandated to build capacity of key stakeholders on governance processes informed by operational research and analysis.**
- **This is achieved through its six (6) Strategic Objectives.**
- **For purposes of this presentation, the focus will be on three (3) Strategic Objectives as highlighted below.**
 - ❑ Operational research and analysis to inform policy making processes
 - ❑ Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes
 - ❑ Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices

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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes

- **ICGLR Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre (LMRC), as a regional *Think Tank* and technical body of the ICGLR, conducts operational research with the purpose of contributing to evidence-based policy making processes. Research findings are published and disseminated among key stakeholders and decision makers in the Member States and the Region as a whole.**

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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes (Cont..)

Two examples of operational research conducted:

- ▶ ***“Peace initiatives in the DRC since 1999”, December 2012***
- ▶ ***“Situation of Youth Unemployment in the 12 ICGLR Member States”, 2012 and 2013***



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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes (Cont..)

The findings of the study on Youth Unemployment was the basis for holding the ICGLR Special Summit of Heads of State and Government in July, 2014, Nairobi, Kenya, whose output was the adoption of the Declaration on 'the Fight against Youth Unemployment through Infrastructure Development and Investment Promotion.



Photo: Group photo of the Heads of State and Government during the Special Summit on 24 July 2014,

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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes (Cont..)

2.3. Adoption of the Regional Strategy and Action Plan for implementing the 2014 Declaration of the ICGLR Special Summit of Heads of State and Government on the fight against Youth unemployment through infrastructure development and investment promotion by the meeting of ICGLR Member States Ministers in charge of Youth Affairs held in Livingstone, Zambia, from 7th to 9th June 2017.

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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes (Cont..)

2.4. On the “**Status of implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security in Four Member Countries: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda**”, in partnership with Partnership Africa Canada (PAC), January 2014

2.5. **Assessing the 10 years implementation of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region** in partnership with the Regional Forum of Parliaments, May 2017



The main objective of the study was to assess the status of implementation of the ICGLR Pact since its adoption on 15th December 2006 in order to draw lessons and experiences as well as to identify challenges and options to address them.

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2. Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes (Cont..)

2.6. Strengthening resilience of States and Societies: The *Eastern Africa Resilience Innovation Hub*

- Contributed to the Draft First Working Paper Series for the **Elasticity of Democracy** in research stream of the EARH;

Undertook research on “**Addressing challenges of peacebuilding, resilience and peaceful elections in conflict affected countries. Lessons learned from Central African Republic and South Sudan**”. The research reports on the two countries propose to policy makers and other key stakeholders’ strategic options for strengthening peacebuilding process and resilience of communities and States;

Forced Displacement and Border Communities Project.



Participants listening to a presentation during workshop on Elasticity of Democracy

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes

3.1. The purpose of training and capacity building activities is to strengthen public institutions as well as civil society and private sector organisations and promote accountable leadership in implementing the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region and other key governance agenda at the national and regional level.

Achievements:

- Contribution to the final Report on the implementation of gender dimension of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region.
- Facilitated the operationalisation of the ICGLR Regional Fora (for Women, Youth and Civil Society) through support to the development of their strategic Plans and their implementation.

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes (Cont..)

- The Regional Centre facilitated the Executive Committee meeting of the Regional Youth Forum in Mombasa, Kenya, from 28th February to 2nd March, 2017. The meeting reviewed progress on the establishment and operationalisation of the Regional Youth Forum (RMYF) Secretariat and made recommendations that were presented to the meeting of the ICGLR Member States Ministers in charge of Youth Affairs on 9th June 2017 in Livingstone, Zambia.



Participants at the Executive Committee Meeting with LMRC Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe (seated 3rd right)

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes (Cont..)

- On 16th May 2017, hosted the Chairman of the ICGLR Regional Civil Society Forum (RCSF) and his staff and analysed together the prevailing situation in Great Lakes Region resulting in identification of strategic options for the involvement of the RCSF in contributing to addressing challenges faced by the Member States.
- The Regional Centre contributed to the meeting on the Implementation of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development of the Great Lakes Region (GLR) organised by ICGLR RCSF held from 26th to 27th July 2017, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- The Centre has embarked on the development of a Training Manual for the National Committees for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination. Once finalised, the Manual will be proposed to ICGLR National Coordination Mechanisms for partnership and implementation in capacity building activities

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes (Cont..)

- Technical and financial support to the "Meeting of the Regional Forum of Civil Society in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)" held on 14-15 February 2013 in Lusaka.
- Organised Capacity Building Workshop on results-based management for ICGLR National Coordinators (NCM) and ICGLR Programme Officers. from 13th to 15th October 2014 in Lusaka, Zambia.



A group photo of NCs Workshop with the Guest of Honor, Hon. H. Kalaba Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zambia.

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes (Cont..)

- Operationalisation of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Peer-Learning Platform to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders in implementing EITI as one of the six tools of the Regional Initiative on Natural Resources with support of ICGLR-GIIZ Programme (2015-present).
- Key player in the implementation of a Capacity Building Programme for Young Diplomats of ICGLR Member States from 2012 to 2014 in partnership with the Geneva Institute of International Advanced Studies. It also contributed in preparing a Concept on the future of Training Programme for Officials from the Great Lakes Region, in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2nd to 6th February, 2015.

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3. Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes (Cont..)

3.2. Organised and Facilitated the Capacity Building Workshop for ICGLR Member States Parliamentarians on “Strengthening Oversight on Policy Frameworks, Fair Contracts and Revenue Transparency in Natural Resource Governance”, in Nairobi, Kenya, 27th- 28th April, 2016.



Participants at the Workshop with the Guest of Honour , Hon. Ekwee Ethuro, Speaker of the Senate of Kenya

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4. Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices

The purpose is to create a database on the status of ratification, domestication and implementation of the ICGLR Pact, Protocols and other relevant legal Instruments and make appropriate proposals for their ratification, domestication and implementation.

Achievements

4.1. Observatory on Democracy and Good Governance

The Conference Secretariat has been observing elections in Member States since 2007 to date (2018) to ensure that electoral processes are conducted according to international standards and regional commitments ratified by the host country and national laws pertaining to democratic elections;

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4. Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices (Cont..)

4.1. Observatory on Democracy and Good Governance

- Pre-electoral Analysis Reports:

...so that the Conference Secretariat can take any appropriate action, including mobilizing other Member States via the Chair of the RIMC, to make sure that electoral process respect provisions of the Pact, the Protocols and other international instruments on elections and also serves as a guide to the planning and deployment of the ICGLR Election Observation Mission.

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4. Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices (Cont..)

4.1. Observatory on Democracy and Good Governance

- ❑ Analysis on the State of preparations and preparedness for the General elections in Member States
- ❑ Pre-election consultations:

The Conference Secretariat, where possible organises pre-election consultations with key electoral stakeholders in the country concerned some weeks before the date of election in order to deepen assessment of the state of preparations and preparedness of the country for the elections and advice on options to address potential challenges.

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4. Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices (Cont..)

4.1. Observatory on Democracy and Good Governance

- Deployment of Election Observers:

The deployment of the ICGLR Election Observation Missions guided by the Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, particularly Article 15 which stipulates that “the observer mission shall arrive in the Member State concerned at least seventy-two hours prior to the date of the elections;

- **GLR Democracy and Governance Monitoring Framework**

The Regional Centre has developed the ICGLR Democracy and Governance Monitoring Framework whose aim is to track progress in democracy and governance in the Great Lakes Region. This is to enable the Centre to propose strategic options for addressing challenges faced by ICGLR Member States. Further, the framework is to serve as an enabler in sharing of experiences and lessons learnt.

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4. Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluating of Policies and Practices (Cont..)

4.2. Observatory on Gender and Human Rights

- The Regional Centre has developed a draft ICGLR Gender Equality Monitoring Framework whose aim is to serve as a monitoring tool for measuring gender equality in the Great Lakes Region.
- Developed a Database on Women Leaders (Parliamentarians, Ministers and Senior officials etc.) in the Great Lakes Region
- LMRC also facilitated a Workshop on the implementation of laws and policies on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Zambia from 6th to 7th September, 2017 in partnership with the

ICGLR Conference Secretariat and the Zambia ICGLR National Coordination Mechanism



Group photo: Participants at the Workshop on the Implementation of Laws and Policies on SGBV in Zambia, 6th September 2017.



Participants at the Workshop on the Implementation of Laws and Policies on SGBV in Zambia, 6th September 2017 Lusaka, Zambia.

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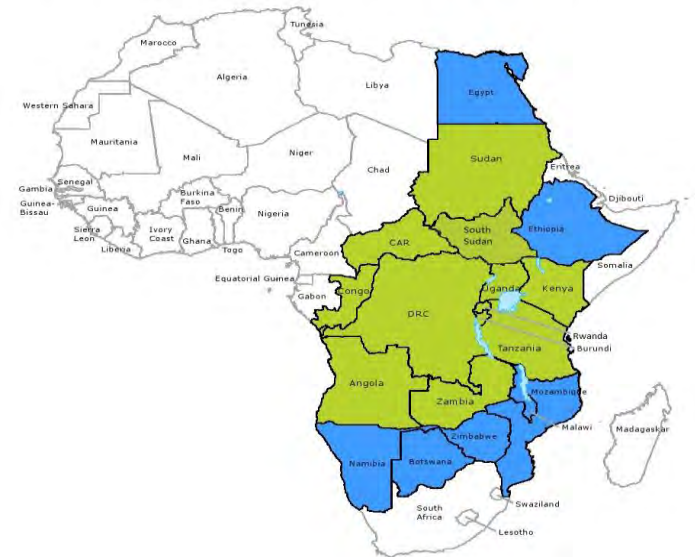


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ICGLR Member and Co-opted States



Legend
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