The Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework (PSCF) for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region

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## The PSCF



Security Sector State authority Decentralisation Economic development Structural reforms Reconciliation No interference Economic integration/natural resources Security cooperation Judicial cooperation



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## Context

- Recent political developments: new opportunities for regional cooperation.
- Root causes, factors, and situations of instability persist: millions of people affected, prospects for peace and development undermined.
- Stability in the Great Lakes region can be achieved and can be catalytical to the region's transformation into a zone of peace and prosperity and an engine for Africa's development:



- Security cooperation
- Economic cooperation and integration
- Judicial cooperation
- Women and youth participation and leadership

# Progress

## Political

- Peaceful political transition in DRC
- Improved regional relations and cooperation

### Security

- Repatriation of foreign combatants (>1600)
- Enhanced ICGLR mechanisms and cooperation between chiefs of security sector structures



# Progress (continued)

#### Economic

- Shared understanding that economic cooperation is a driver for peace and stability
- Cooperation on natural resources management

### Judicial

 Regional judicial cooperation framework enable judicial cooperation between countries to fight impunity, promote justice, and uphold human rights



# Challenges

### Political

- Persisting tensions within and among some countries
- Political transitions take time, political process in Burundi

#### Security

- Insecurity in the eastern DRC Regional conflict system
- Local, national, regional incentives to perpetuate violence

### Economic

- Regional tensions and instability limit economic integration and cooperation
- Overlapping memberships in regional economic communities



# Challenges (continued)

- Scope and gravity of human rights and justice
- Population displacement
- Changes and reforms (political/governance, security, socio-economic) required to address root cases take time and resources
- Governance and political inclusion at national levels

## Role of civil society

Develop and implementation a regional vision and concrete action to actively participate in and influence:

- Political and peace processes
- Security cooperation
- Economic cooperation and integration