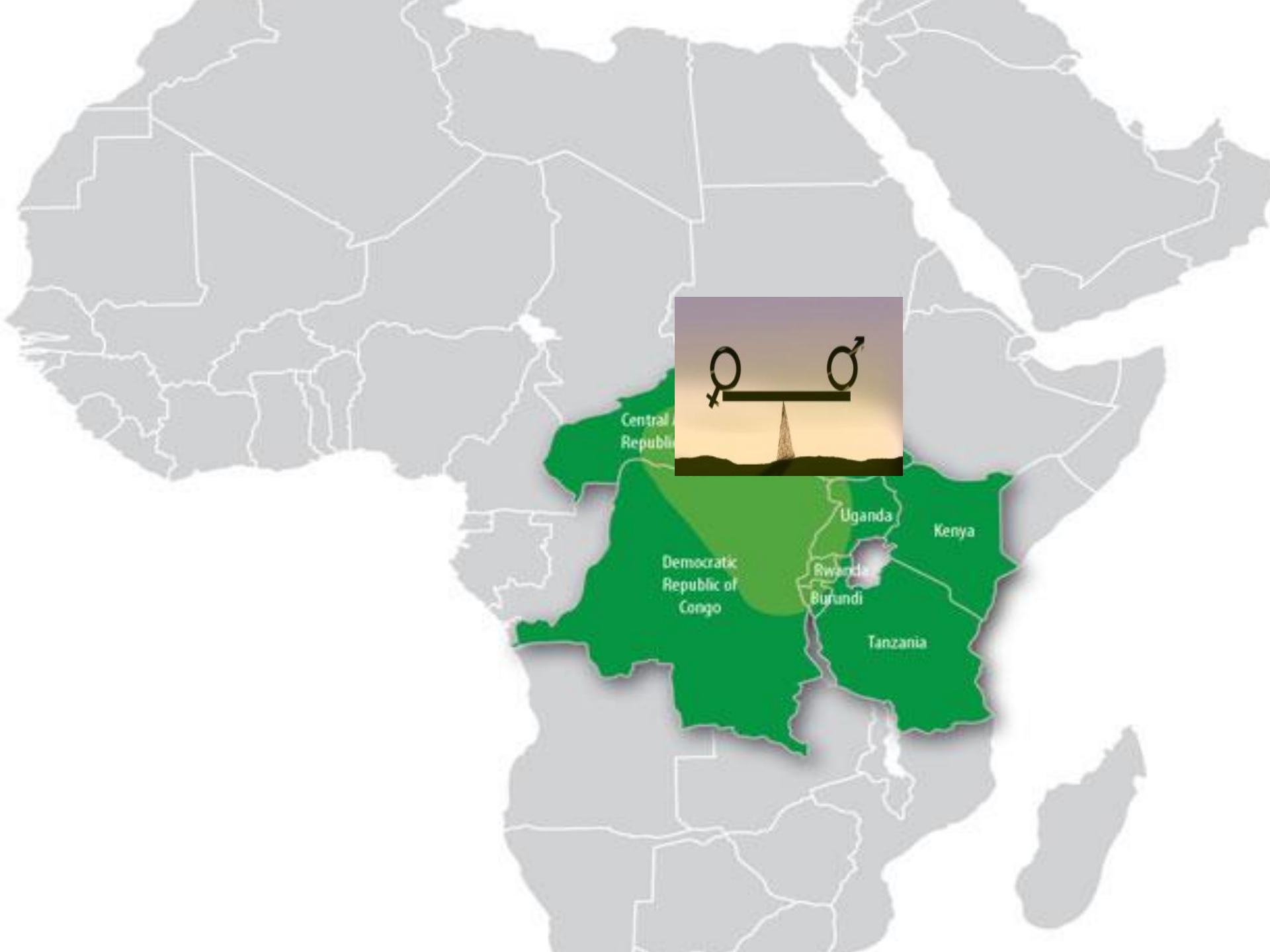




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**DRAFT REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMITMENTS ON WOMEN
PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**



Central
Republic

Uganda

Kenya

Democratic
Republic of
Congo

Rwanda
Burundi

Tanzania

OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

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- CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

- ▶ PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

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- ▶ MECHANISM AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- ▶ MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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1. WHY A STRATEGY ON WPS IN THE GREAT LAKES ?

FOUR MAIN REASONS

1. **POLITICAL :**

- ▶ PERSISTENT ABSENCE OF WOMEN IN DECISION MAKING ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION

2. **INSTITUTIONAL:**

- ▶ DIRECTIVES OF THE 8TH REGIONAL OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS'S
- ▶ END OF FORMER ADVISORY BOARD MANDATE

3. **CONTEXTUAL:**

- ▶ CHANGING NATURE OF CONFLICT IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION *
- ▶ UNEVEN PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

4. **PRACTICAL:**

- ▶ NEED FOR CONCRETE ACTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ OWNERSHIP *
- ▶ PARTICIPATION
- ▶ INTEGRITY
- ▶ OBJECTIVITY *

THE STRATEGY : CONTEXT

CHARACTERISED BY THE FOLLOWING
PARAMETERS

- CHANGING NATURE OF CONFLICTS
- *CONFLICTS ARE MORE WITHIN STATES (INTERNAL) THAN INTRA STATES*
- *TENSIONS RELATED TO ELECTIONS AND COMPETITION FOR POWER*

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND – cont'd

- ▶ WORSENING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
- ▶ EMERGENCE OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

THE ABOVE

- *AFFECTS THE RESOLVE OF MEMBER STATES TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PSC FRAMEWORK*
- *HAS A DISASTROUS IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY ON WOMEN*
- *HINDERS THEIR ABILITY TO BE ACTIVE AGENT OF CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION.*

INITIATIVES ALREADY TAKEN

ADVOCACY

GRANT MAKING

CAPACITY BUILDING

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

COMMUNICATION AND

INFORMATION

CHALLENGES

- ❖ NON RECOGNITION OF GREAT LAKES WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY LEVEL
- ❖ FRAGMENTATION OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT (RWF-WP)
- ❖ ABSENCE OF A MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK IN THE MECHANISM OF GOVERNANCE

CHALLENGES (Con't)

- ❖ UNEVEN ACCESS AND ATTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES TO THE RWF AND THE WP
- ❖ LIMITED OR TOTAL ABSENCE OF HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

AIM , VISION AND OBJECTIVE

- ▶ TO GUIDE *ADVOCACY* AND *GOOD OFFICES* OF THE SESG IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION TOWARDS GREATER IMPLEMENTATION OF ESTABLISHED GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS.
- ▶ TO *ENSURE WOMEN*, ACROSS THE *DIVERSITY* OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS TO *SUBSTANTIVELY* AND *QUALITATIVELY* PARTICIPATE IN *CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION* INITIATIVES INCLUDING *MEDIATION*

VISION

A GREAT LAKES REGION WHERE WOMEN ARE AT THE *CENTRE* OF PEACE AND SECURITY PROCESSES AND ARE EFFECTIVE *DECISION MAKERS* IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN PARTICIPATE AND ARE DECISION MAKERS IN ALL POLITICAL AND SECURITY PROCESSES AND MECHANISMS TO PREVENT CONFLICT IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

THREE YEARS STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOCUS

- A. UNDERTAKE PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY TO AVERT CONFLICTS
- B. CONSOLIDATE THE GREAT LAKES WOMEN'S MOVEMENT'S ENGAGEMENT AND DECISION MAKING ON PS
- C. SECURE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR WPS IN THE GREAT LAKES
- D. FINALISE AND IMPLEMENT THE MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

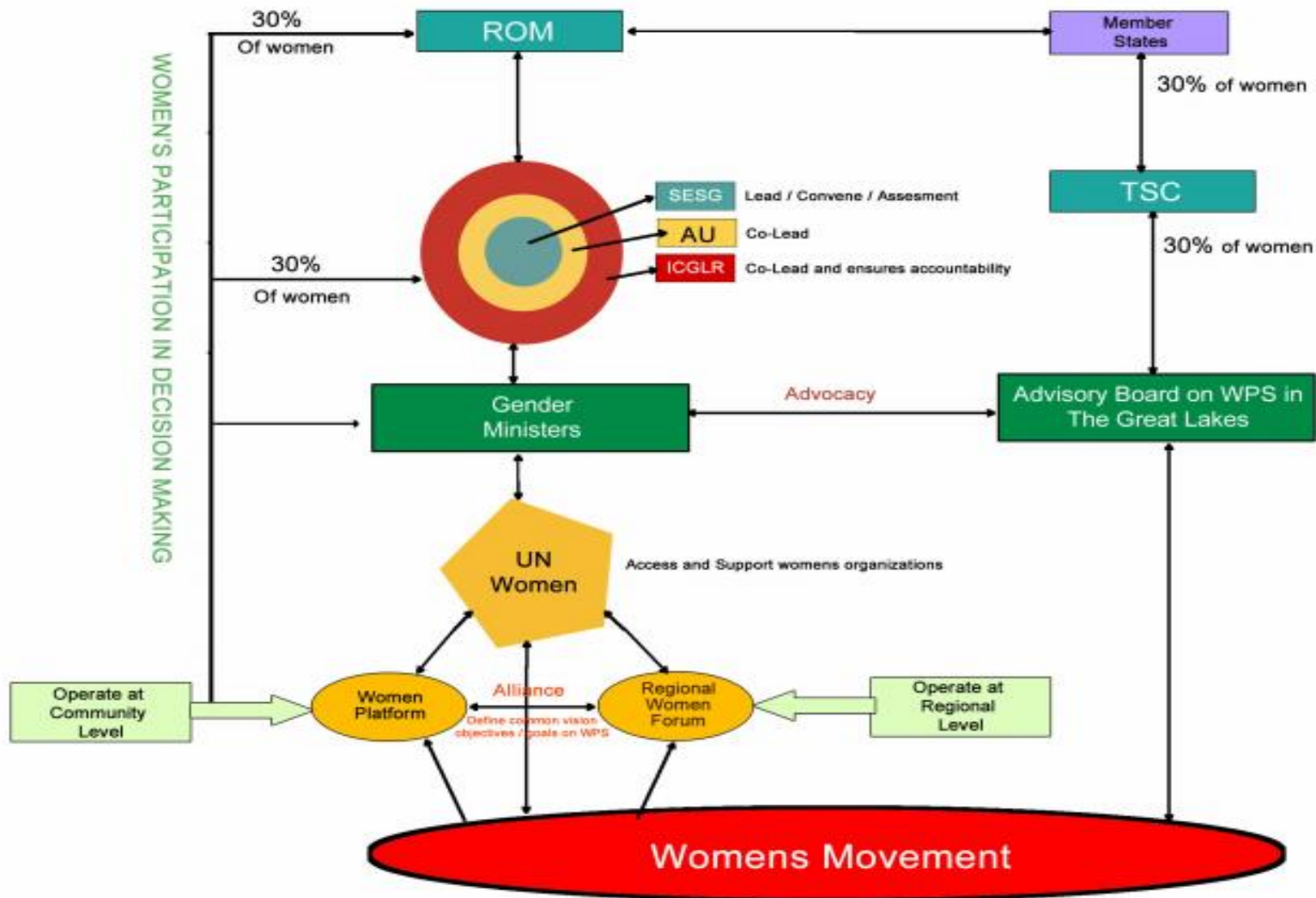
Preventive diplomacy refers to diplomatic action taken to prevent disputes from escalating into conflicts and to limit the spread of conflicts when they occur (UN definition)

MAJOR EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- A. AT LEAST 30% OF WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS IN/ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION IS SECURED
- B. INITIATIVES ON PREVENTION IN THE GREAT LAKES ARE UPSCALED AND WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION CONTRIBUTE TO AVERT CONFLICT
- C. WOMEN ADVISORY BOARD IS EXPANDED AND PLAYS A PROMINENT POLITICAL ADVOCACY ROLE
- D. WOMEN'S CAPACITY TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ON PS AT ALL LEVELS OF DECISION MAKING IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION IS STRENGTHENED
- E. SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGY ON WPS INCREASED AND SECURED.

MECHANISM OF IMPLEMENTATION

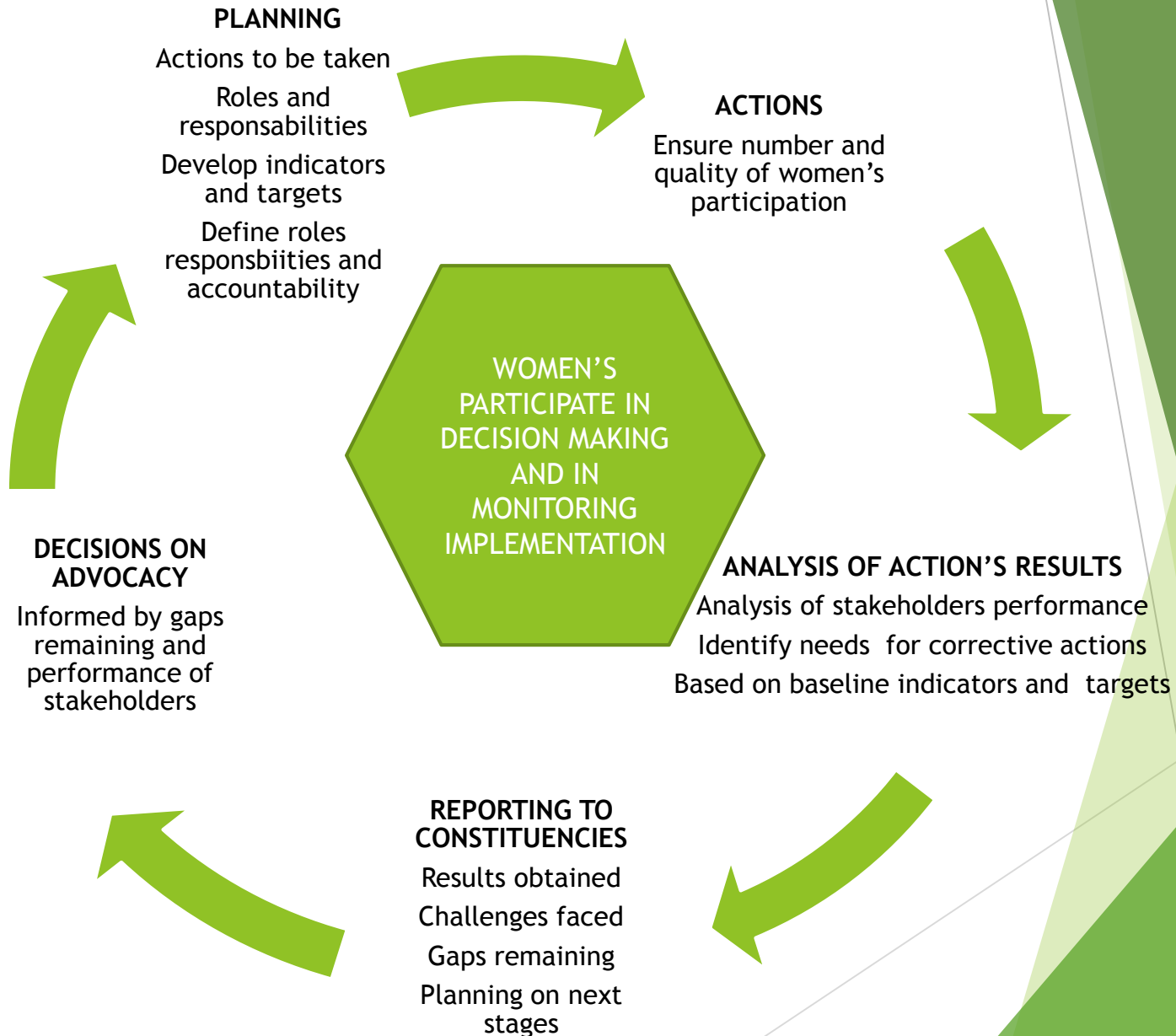
Annex 3: Outline of coordination mechanism with roles and responsibilities



MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- ▶ **ADVOCACY**
- ▶ **PARTNERSHIP AND INCLUSION**
- ▶ **CONVENING**
- ▶ **CAPACITY STRENGTHENING ON ISSUES OF PREVENTION AND MEDIATION**

MONITORING FRAMEWORK



PROPOSED ROAD MAP FOR CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION

- ▶ Seek approval of the strategy and its implementation from TSC and ROM (February 2018)
- ▶ Define political initiatives on preventive diplomacy to be taken the region crisis countries
- ▶ Facilitate and support alliance building and joint planning between RWF and WP
- ▶ Plan and undertake Solidarity missions to CAR, South Sudan, Burundi with the express objective of conflict prevention
- ▶ RWF and WP joint planning
- ▶ Signing of an MOU between O/SESG and UNwomen to support women's organisations
- ▶ Recruitment of a dedicated Gender adviser in the SESG's office
- ▶ Finalise the monitoring and accountability framework
- ▶ Agreement on frequency of meetings of the principals with women's organisations (SESG/ICGLR EXC SEC / AU)

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

- AT LEAST 15 PER CENT OF UN MANAGED FUNDS SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO ADDRESS WOMEN SPECIFIC NEEDS, ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN
- SECURED THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS OF FUNDING MAINLY THE MULTI PARTNERS TRUST FUND.
- JOINT FUNDING MOBILISATION WITH UNWOMEN
- NEW PARTNERSHIP FORGED WITH REGIONAL BANKS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR
- RE-MOBILISATION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GREAT LAKES

CONCLUSIONS

TO TRANSLATE THE PRINCIPLES ENshrINED IN THIS STRATEGY AND DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENTS TOWARDS ITS IMPLEMENTATION THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE ACTIONS ARE PROPOSED :

- ▶ ADVOCATE WITH THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES IN THE REGION AND PARTICULARLY DRC, CAR, SOUTH SUDAN AND BURUNDI TO ENSURE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND DIALOGUE PROCESSES.
- ▶ STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE RWF AND THE WP AND SUPPORT A CONVENING OF A FIRST INITIAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES TO MAP THE WAY FORWARD .
- ▶ ADVISORY BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A SOLIDARITY MISSION TO THE DRC TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE CONGOLESE WOMEN AND NEWLY APPOINTED UN SRSG FOR MONUSCO IN SUPPORT TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE DRC AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION. AND TO ENSURE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN ALL PEACE AND SECURITY PROCESSES IN THE DRC.
- ▶ PRODUCE A BRIEF ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE REGION TO BE USED BY WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS IN PREPARATION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT .

THANK YOU!
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