



**OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION**

Partnerships and Donor relations

<p>Summary of Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2016, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region (O/SESG) secured new contributions and commitments of USD 1.25 million, including in kind (consultants) to its Trust Fund. The donors are Norway, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (UK). Stakeholder meetings were supported by the Swiss Government. ▪ 2015 donor contributions from Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway and the UK financed the February, 2016 Private Sector Investment Conference (PSIC) in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Other key contributors included: the DR Congo Government, the United States Africa Business Council and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). ▪ The O/SESG Trust Fund has supported the convening of a number of regional meetings, workshops and conferences by O/SESG and partners throughout 2015 and 2016. These included: the Private Sector Investment Conference, and high-level meetings on judicial cooperation, durable solutions for refugees, the Women’s Platform, civil society and youth, as well as Ministerial meetings such as the regional Ministers of Defense meeting held in July 2016 in Nairobi. ▪ In March 2016, the Security Council launched in New York the Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework. Resource mobilization to support the Strategic Framework is underway. ▪ O/SESG has developed strong partnerships with The Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI), Global Compact, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), World Bank Group/ International Finance Cooperation (IFC) and others since the Office was established.
<p>Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ O/SESG’s partnership strategy was further strengthened during 2016, especially with the African Union and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Secretariat, under new management. It is crucial to continue improving partnerships for successful implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework and the UN Great Lakes Strategic Framework, further engaging the Special Envoys (E-Team), other regional organizations and Development Partners;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UK as new donor and Norway and Netherlands with renewals in 2016 are welcome, but with large projects, like the UN Regional Strategic Framework, more resources will be required to fulfil the mandate of the Special Envoy. ▪ Some flag ship projects, such as the Women’s Platform, and pilot projects by O/SESG present an opportunity to develop further partnerships and strengthen donors’ relations, including with private business.
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Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue engagement with Embassies in Nairobi and the region – especially in Kinshasa, Kigali and Kampala – on working at principal level. ▪ Convene a meeting of development partners to discuss opportunities to support the Special Envoy and fund the implementation of the Strategic Framework. ▪ Develop partnerships for joint resources mobilization with UNCTs, funds and agencies for each of the six pillars of the Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework. ▪ Continue periodic visits by the Special Envoy to global capitals and meetings with key stakeholders.
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Messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ O/SESG successfully forged Strategic Partnerships and Donor relations, the developments are on track. ▪ More should be done to coordinate donors’ relations between UNCTs, funds and agencies, for more efficient use of funds and to develop synergies; ▪ Work should be done to enhance regional leadership and efforts to champion different issues. ▪ Further engagement of regional and national stakeholders will strengthen the UN projects’ staying power.
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