



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

Partnerships and Donor relations

Summary of Facts

- In 2016, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region (O/SESG-GL) secured new contributions and commitments of USD 1.5 million, including in kind (consultants) to its Trust Fund. The donors are Norway, the Netherlands, Ireland and the United Kingdom (UK). Stakeholder meetings were supported by the Swiss Government.
- Donor contributions from Belgium, the Netherlands, 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-GL Trust Fund has supported the convening of a number of regional meetings, workshops and conferences by O/SESG-GL and partners since its establishment in May 2014. 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 and overall support to ICGLR events. Between 2014 and 2017, O/SESG-GL Trust Fund received grants and donations of nearly four million USD.
- 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, led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and O/SESG-GL.
- O/SESG-GL has developed strong partnerships with the Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI), Global Compact, UNDP, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), World Bank Group/ International Finance Cooperation (IFC) and others since the Office was established.
- In 2017, new partnerships are being developed with Switzerland, the European Union and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).



<p>Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O/SESG-GL’s partnership strategy has been further strengthened during 2016-2017, especially with the African Union and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Secretariat. 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), as well as regional organizations and Development Partners; • Norway and Netherlands with grant renewals for 2017 are welcome, but with large regional projects, like the UN Regional Strategic Framework, more resources will be required from Development Partners to fulfil the mandate of the Special Envoy. • Some flagship projects, such as the Women’s Platform, and pilot projects, activities and events by O/SESG-GL have presented opportunities to develop further partnerships and strengthen donors’ relations, including with private business. The UN Regional Strategic Framework will further develop and implement the pilot projects O/SESG-GL launched.
<p>Next Steps</p>	<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 UN Regional Strategic Framework. • Develop partnerships for joint resource mobilization with United Nations Country Teams (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.
<p>Messaging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O/SESG-GL 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 for cross-border programmes;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work should be done to enhance regional leadership and efforts to champion different socio-economic issues. • Stronger engagement of regional and national stakeholders will strengthen the UN cross-border projects' staying power.
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