



STRENGTHENING THE ICGLR EXISTING MECHANISMS

From 7 to 9 May 2019, the Office of the UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region facilitated a capacity-building workshop for the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) in Gisenyi, Rwanda. The EJVM is a technical body of the ICGLR based in Goma, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It is mandated to investigate cross-border security incidents within the Great Lakes region, and to support confidence building efforts among the member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). It is operated by military experts from the ICGLR countries, as well as South Africa and the United Nations mission in the DRC, MONUSCO.

The workshop came on the heels of the 9th Summit of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the region, which took place in Kampala, Uganda, on 8 October 2018. The summit recommended renewed regional efforts to address the threat posed by negative forces and requested the UN to mobilize support to operationalize and strengthen existing ICGLR mechanisms. Participants to the workshop included military experts and officials from the DRC, Rwanda, ICGLR, MONUSCO, ICRC, UNDP, and GIZ. The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss political and logistical challenges faced by the Mechanism.

