



## UN AND AU FOR STRONG, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION



On 20 December 2017, United Nations Special Envoy Said Djinnit met with Basile Ikouebe, the newly appointed African Union (AU) Special Representative for the Great Lakes region and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Burundi. Mr. Ikouebe took over from Prof. Ibrahima Fall in late November 2017. Mr. Djinnit briefed his counterpart on the structures of the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework agreement, as well as recent developments and reform initiatives in the region. He also provided an overview of his Office's political priorities and proposed activities to be undertaken in close collaboration with the AU to further advance the implementation of the PSC Framework in 2018. The Special Envoy and the Special Representative vowed to work hand-in-hand in order to achieve tangible results and make a difference in the lives of the people of the Great Lakes region.