



OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION



UN PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREAT LAKES REGIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK THROUGH THE FUNDING OF CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS



As a result of Special Envoy Said Djinnit's various visits and discussions with the UN Peacebuilding Commission during 2017, the Peace Building Commission approved and funded a catalytic and key project through the Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework Multi Partners Trust Fund. The project, "Preventing Conflict and Building Peace through Addressing the Drivers of Conflict and Instability Associated with Forced Displacement between Burundi and Tanzania", starts implementation on 1 January 2018, and is expected to reach its objectives by the end of the year.

The Peacebuilding Fund aims to promote concrete cross-border, human rights-based and multi-agency approaches to peacebuilding in line with Pillar 3 (Mobility) and Pillar 6 (Justice and Conflict Prevention) of the UN Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework endorsed by the UN Security Council in March 2016.

This first cross border project will be implemented jointly by UNDP, IOM, UNHCR and will be supported by the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and a regional coordination from the Great Lakes Cross-Border Multi-Partner Trust Fund secretariat .

The Great Lakes Cross-Border Multi-Partner Trust Fund is the financial vehicle to support the UN Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework in addressing some of the key conflict drivers in the region. The

Framework stipulates that throughout the past decades, political and security developments in the African Great Lakes region, such as the continued activities of illegal armed groups as well as electoral crises, have provided significant challenges to civilians, communities, and governments. The Peacebuilding Fund is the first contributor to this newly created regional Great Lakes Cross-Border Multi-Partner Trust fund.