



**Meeting on Regional Approaches to Development in Countries of the Great Lakes**  
**In support of the February 24, 2013 “Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the**  
**DRC and the Region”, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**July 18-19, 2013**

**Proposed Annotated Agenda**

The Conference on the Great Lakes Region will be held from July 19, 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Conference will be preceded by a preparatory meeting of Senior Officials on July 18, 2013. The Conference is intended to compliment and support the implementation of the *Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the region*, agreed between DRC and its neighbors under the auspices of the AU and the UN on February 24, 2013. The Conference will have three main objectives:

- (a) To serve a forum for key stakeholders to share views on regional approaches to development priorities that would support the February 24, 2013 Framework;
- (b) To share information on current or planned regional operational interventions and;
- (c) To identify opportunities and modalities for enhanced coordination and collaboration on the development aspects of the February 24, 2013 Framework.

The immediate outcome of the meeting will come up with a concrete agreement among African institutions, GLCs and partners to enhance collaboration on identified interventions and initiatives to promote regional development. Partner countries and institutions would be expected to indicate activities and programs that they are currently supporting, as well as their future plans. Following the meeting, a listing of current and proposed regional initiatives will be prepared.

**July 18**

**Senior Officials Meeting**

9.00-9:30.     *Opening*

The session will be opened with statements by the co-organizers; the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations (UN) and the World Bank (WB).

*Speakers:*

- Mr. Babacar Cisse, Acting Regional Director, Bureau for Africa, and Assistant Administrator, UNDP
- Mr. Eustache Ouayoro, Country Director for DRC, World Bank
- H.E. Dr. Anthony Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs (AUC)

9:30-10:30    Assessment of the implementation of development programmes and projects in the Great Lakes Region: Achievements, Challenges and Way Forward

*Moderator:*

- **Dr. René N'guettia Kouassi**, Director, Economic Affairs (AUC)

*Presenters:*

Mr. Ntumba Luaba, Executive Secretary, ICGRL  
Mr. Herman Tuyaga, Executive Secretary, CEPGL

10.30-11.00    Coffee/Tea Break

11.00-13.00    *Session 1—Developing regional infrastructure and catalyzing economic development in the Great Lakes region.*

*Moderator:*

- Carolyn Turk, Country Manager for Rwanda, World Bank

There is significant scope to develop regional infrastructure to expand access to low-cost power, reduce transport costs and time, and improve competitiveness. This session will consider regional initiatives in transport, energy and ICT linkages, and their potential for employment generation and poverty eradication. It will also consider opportunities for regional management of critical watersheds and other efforts to enhance agricultural productivity, and promote regional trade and integration.

13.00-14.00    *Lunch*

14.00-15.30    *Session 2—Promoting justice, inclusion and social cohesion*

*Moderator:*

- Ms. Rosine Sori-Coulibaly, Deputy Special Representative, and Regional Coordinator, Burundi, UN

The session will include a report from the Bujumbura meeting of women's organizations in the Great Lakes, and will focus on efforts to combat sexual and gender based violence, including lessons learned and economic empowerment of

women. It will consider how regional approaches to public health, the special needs of displaced persons, and reintegration of demobilized former combatants can support national efforts, and how greater collaboration among countries can be promoted and supported.

#### 15.30-17.00 *Session 3—Peace, security and governance and humanitarian assistance*

*Moderator:*

- Mr. El Ghassim Wane, Director, Peace and Security (AUC)

*Speakers:*

- Representative of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
- Representative of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Regional efforts to support peace, security and good governance can complement and reinforce country-specific actions. Governance of natural resources is an issue that particularly lends itself to collaboration among countries, given the role that exploitation of minerals and other natural resources have played in fuelling conflict. The session will, therefore, discuss causes of conflicts, including governance of natural resources, with a focus on what needs to be done to avoid the emergence of conflicts in the future, as well as humanitarian assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees. Sharing experiences of efforts to promote inclusion and participation can also be helpful, while programs such as the Africa Solidarity Initiative can help to form networks of support.

#### 17.00-18.00 *Session 4—Next steps*

*Moderator:*

- Dr. René N'guettia Kouassi, Director, Economic Affairs (AUC)

This session will agree on key issues to be presented to the Ministerial meeting, including proposed future development initiatives, recommended priorities and proposals for follow-up actions.

### **July 19**

#### **Ministerial Discussion: Annotated Agenda**

##### 9.00-9.30 *Opening*

Statements by the co-organizers:

- H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission,
- Mr. Modipo Toure, Assistant Secretary General, UN,
- Mr. Colin Bruce, Director of Strategy and Operations, Africa Region, World Bank

9.30-10.00 Overview of the meeting and its objectives,

*Speakers:*

- H.E. Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security (AUC)
- H.E. Dr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs (AUC)

10.00-10.30: Coffee/Tea Break

10.30-11.00 *Promoting long term stability in the Great Lakes Region: Challenges, opportunities and the way forward.*

*Presenters:*

- Mr. Babacar Cissé, Acting Regional Director, Bureau for Africa, and Assistant Administrator, UNDP
- Mr. Ntumba Luaba, Executive Secretary, ICGRL
- Mr. Philippe Dongier, Country Director for Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi, World Bank
- Chair, COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite (SADC).

This session will discuss some of the pressing challenges facing the Great Lakes region including poverty, inequality and sustained economic growth, peace and security, infrastructure development, increased agricultural productivity, governance of natural resources, trade, private sector involvement, regional integration, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), women and youth empowerment, unemployment, advancing social development and ensuring good governance.

In particular, participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and best practices of addressing post conflict development challenges, including policy options to transition these countries for long term stability and development.

The session will also consider existing opportunities for post-conflict reconstruction and development and identify conflict prevention strategies from a national, regional and international perspective. In addition, the session will identify the nature and delivery mechanisms for the support needed to the countries in the Great Lakes region, including; capacity development, private sector involvement and prioritizing human development.

11.00-13:00: *Open floor discussion*

*Chair:*

- Mr. Colin Bruce, Director, Strategy and Operations, Africa Region, World Bank

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-16:30: *Presentation and discussion of the report of the Senior Officials' meeting.*

There will be a brief presentation of the Report followed by its discussion, with a focus on the recommendations.

*Speaker/Moderator:*

- H.E. Dr. Anthony Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs (AUC)

16:30-17:00: Coffee/Tea Break

17:00-18:00 *Way forward*

*Moderator:*

- Mr. Modipo Toure, Assistant Secretary General, UN.

Next steps that could be agreed include:

- Determine a timeline for submission of existing and planned regional initiatives by Member States, institutions and development partners.
- Identify agencies, Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to engage in the emerging five thematic areas namely: developing regional infrastructure; catalyzing economic development; promoting justice, inclusion and social cohesion; peace and security and good governance.
- Establish a core group responsible for tracking implementation and supporting the Technical Support Committee established to monitor the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the region.