



Private Sector Regional Consultation on PSIC II

Nairobi, Kenya, Windsor hotel

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CONCEPT NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

The ICGLR and the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General (OESG) are embarking on planning for the upcoming 2nd edition of the Private Sector Investment Conference (PSIC II). This Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held in Rubavu, Rwanda, by early 2019. This Conference is a follow-up to the inaugural event which was held on 24-25 February, 2016, in Kinshasa, DR Congo. In preparation for this important meeting, the ICGLR and OESG propose the convening of a small consultative meeting with representatives of the private sector from the Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Burundi, Republic of Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Republic of Kenya. This two-day meeting will explore the state of preparations with the Host country so far, and the role that the regional private sector community can play in ensuring the successful organization of PSIC II. Representatives of the regional private sector will also engage with international partners and stakeholders.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the two-day meeting are as follows:

1. Review progress made at so far since the signing of the MoU among the core organizers;

2. Develop the parameters of a regional strategy to engage the private sector from all Member States in the run-up to the Conference;
3. Engage regional and international partners to find actionable steps that can be implemented immediately in preparation of PSIC II;
4. Inform via communique the Member States on progress in the operationalization of the Private Sector Forum, and engage them about effective participation in the planning for PSIC II and sustainability after the conference;
5. Review the revitalization and sustainability of the ICGLR Private Sector Forum to prepare it for the General Assembly and the election of its governing bodies.

3. STRUCTURE

The Meeting shall be held over two days, starting with and concluding with an Action Plan for the Private Sector's role in the organization of PSIC II. The meeting is designed to foster direct engagement and interaction by all participants, and the Agenda should generally follow the outline below:

4. OUTPUT

The meeting will conclude having endorsed the following document(s):

1. An Action Plan for mobilizing the private sector to actively participate and be a core stakeholder in the organization and outcome of PSIC II.
2. A Communique to inform member states about the operationalization of the Private Sector Forum

6. OUTCOME

- The Great Lakes Private Sector Forum revitalized and prepared to take on leadership for the preparation of PSIC II.

5. PARTICIPANTS

- ICGLR – Economic Development and Regional Integration Department
- Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General (OSESOG)
- Rwanda Development Board and Rwanda Convention Bureau (hosts of PSIC II)
- Representatives of Private Sector Forum from:
 - Rwanda
 - Burundi
 - DRC
 - Kenya
 - Uganda
 - Tanzania
- Other stakeholders (for second day)
 - UN Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework (UNDP, WFP, FAO, UNCTAD)
 - TradeMark East Africa
 - World Bank
 - AfDB
 - European Investment Bank

6. BUDGET

In separate attachment.