



MEETING OF THE GREAT LAKES JUDICIAL COOPERATION NETWORK

12 - 13 November 2018

Draft Programme

Day 1, Monday 12 November 2018

08:30-09:00 Registration of participants

09:00-09:30 OPENING SESSION

Welcome Remarks:

Moderator: Mike Chibita, DPP Uganda

Statement by the ICGLR Executive Secretary

Statement by the UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region

Statement by the Ambassador of Norway in Uganda

Statement by UNODC

Opening statement of the Minister of Justice of Uganda (or a representative)

09:30-09:45 Introductions of participants

09:45-10:00 Presentation of the agenda and review of the outcomes of the June 2018 meeting held in Dar es Salaam

Moderator: ICGLR

10:30-11:00 Tea Break/ Group Photo

SESSION I – THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES

11:00 – 12:30 **Setting the scene: The illicit trafficking of wildlife and natural resources as an important source of conflict in the Great Lakes Region**

Moderator: Johan Kruger, UNODC

- The context: problems and trends; monetary value in relation to other crimes; what is at risk and why it is important to address these cases.

Presenter: TRAFFIC (30min)

- Initiatives by states, international organizations, and civil society on criminal justice responses to illicit trafficking of wildlife

Presenter: UNODC and Space for Giants (20min)

- What could this network do to support cooperation between authorities and to enhance the prosecution of these cases?

Presenter: Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration (30 min)

Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-14:30 Cases: Prosecution of and regional cooperation on wildlife trafficking cases

Moderators: Karen Kramer, UNODC

Contact point from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Presentations by prosecutors of cases illustrating challenges, solutions, and the use of informal and formal cooperation including through joint investigative teams.

- Uganda (Mme. Jacqueline Atim)
- Zambia (Mme. Edith Banda)
- Kenya (Mr. Peter Gitonga Riungu)
- Tanzania (Mme. Rosemary Leonard Shio)

Discussion

14:45-15:00 Information sharing

Going after the money: The importance of financial investigations as part of every wildlife or natural resource case.

Presenter: Amanda Gore, UNODC

How to bridge natural resources and wildlife related crimes, sanctions and judicial cooperation.

Presenter: Zobel Behalal, UN Group of Experts

15:00-15:30 Tea Break

15:30-18:00 Group Work: Drafting a MLA request relating to wildlife trafficking

Group presentation of the MLA request and discussion

From 19:00 Reception for participants

SESSION II – ADDRESSING EMBLEMATIC CASES

09:00 - 11:00 Update on emblematic trans-national cases discussed at the June 2018 meeting
Moderator: TBC
This session will focus on cases already raised and on which cooperation in on-going and new cases proposed by the participants. It will review progress and challenges and identify key steps to enhance cooperation to deal with such cases.

Discussion

11:00-11:15 Tea Break

11:15-12:45 Closed door session in break-up rooms: Dealing with emblematic cases.

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00 -15:30 Continuation of closed-door sessions

15:30-15:45 Break

SESSION III – STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK

15:45-16:45 Review of capacity gaps and needs and how to mobilise support to support the Network's work

16:45-17:45 CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Conclusions from day 1 and 2

- Next steps to improve wildlife management in the region?
- Next steps to ensure effective and timely treatment of on-going and new emblematic cases?
- Key initiatives to support the network effectively and timely dealing with criminal cases related to wildlife and natural resources and emblematic cases.

17:45-19:00 Round-table discussion with press and civil society representatives

From 19:00 Reception for civil society and invited guests