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UN SECURITY COUNCIL URGES AN END TO RECURRING CYCLES OF INSTABILITY IN AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES REGION

The United Nations Security Council on Tuesday, 10 April 2018, called for an end to the recurring cycles of violence and instability in Africa's Great Lakes region, as the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region reported that some armed groups are continuing attacks on civilians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "The negative forces, including the Allied Democratic Forces, continue to attack and terrify the population, causing suffering and displacement, and fuelling mistrust between the countries of the region," said the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes, Said Djinnit.

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A CLOSER LOOK: THE SPECIAL ENVOY ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Said Djinnit, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, briefed the Security Council on 10 April 2018 on his work. The Special Envoy presented the Secretary-General's latest report on the situation in the region, in which he highlighted continuing challenges relating to peace and security, including stalled political processes, ongoing activities by armed groups, human rights violations and a worsening humanitarian crisis. [Read more](#)



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ICGLR YOUTH FORUM HOSTS A WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Youth Forum – Kenya Chapter hosted a one-day workshop on the "Role of Youth towards Sustainable Development Goals and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 – Youth, Peace and Security". The workshop was organized as a result of the deliberations and recommendations of the 2018 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Conference in New York, where the UN



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FIVE YEARS AFTER ITS SIGNING, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE DRC AND THE REGION IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK

On the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region, regional stakeholders met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in a two-day workshop on 26-27 February, to review the status of implementation of the Framework agreement, and to make recommendations on its continued and effective implementation as called for by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2389.

The workshop brought together representatives of the signatory countries and the Guarantors of the Framework agreement, namely the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), as well as experts and representatives of civil society organizations. High level representatives at the event included Moussa Faki Mahamat, AU Chairperson; Said Djinnit, UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region; Basile Ikouebe, AU Special Envoy to the Great Lakes region; Jean-Claude Gakosso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Congo representing President Denis Sassou-Nguesso; and Wilbert Ibuge, representing SADC. There were also representatives of partner States to the Framework agreement, including Belgium, United States, France, United Kingdom, and the European Union. [Read more](#)



AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 UN-ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM IN NEW YORK

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Youth Forum participated in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum that took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York from 29-31 January 2018. The ICGLR youth delegation was composed of members from Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and Tanzania. The Office of the UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region was also represented at the event by Aniefiok Johnson, Chief of Staff. [Read more](#)



UN PARTNERS MEET IN NAIROBI TO REVIEW THE REFUGEE AND IDP SITUATION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION OF AFRICA

The Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region and representatives of UN agencies, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as well as regional partners, namely the World Bank and the European Union, met in Nairobi, Kenya, on 22 January 2018 to review the refugee and displacement situation in the Great Lakes region. [Read more](#)

THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES REGION MEETS WITH UN RESIDENT COORDINATORS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO REVIEW POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING THE REGION

The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes



region, Said Djinnit, convened a coordination meeting on 22 January 2018 with UN Resident Coordinators and Regional Directors to review political, security and humanitarian developments in the region and their implications for a joint UN programmatic engagement. As per an agreement reached last year, these interactions with United Nations Country Teams would occur every six months, alternately in Nairobi, Kenya, and in one of the capitals of the five core countries under the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework, namely the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. [Read more](#)

The PSC Framework in a few words...

In February 2013, 11 nations signed the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the region, in a renewed drive to end the recurring cycles of devastating conflicts in eastern DRC which impact stability and development in the Great Lakes area of Africa. On 31 January 2014, two more countries, Kenya and Sudan, became signatories of the PSC Framework. The Framework aims to help "address the root causes of conflict and put an end to recurring cycles of violence" in eastern DRC and the Great Lakes Region...[Read more](#)

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