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ICGLR organises the 7th Ordinary Summit of Heads of State



Group photo: ICGLR Heads of State and Government or their representatives, at the 7th ICGLR Ordinary Summit on 19th October 2017, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), organised a Summit of Heads of State and Government on the 19th October 2017, in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. The Summit, themed “*Fast-Tracking the Implementation of the Pact to ensure Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region*”, was preceded by a series of meetings namely, the meeting of Financial Experts from Member States; the meeting of Chiefs of Intelligence and Chiefs of Defence Staff/Forces; the meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Defence; the meeting of the ICGLR National Coordinators and the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC).

A delegation of the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre (LMRC) Management team headed by its Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe, attended the ICGLR Summit of Heads of State and Government. It made two presentations to the meeting of ICGLR National Coordinators held on 13th and 14th October 2017. One presentation was

on LMRC research Report entitled “*ICGLR: Ten years later. Reflections on the Past, the Present and the Future*”. The latter is based on the assessment of the implementation of ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region from 2006 to 2016. The presentation highlighted the ICGLR as an innovative mechanism for addressing challenges of peace and security in the Region after political crises experienced by many countries in the 1990s. It also summarised key trends in the areas of governance and human development. Finally, it highlighted key achievements and lessons learnt in the implementation of the Pact while proposing options to address challenges identified. The second presentation was an analysis on the “Sustainability of the ICGLR Regional Fora Secretariats”.

After deliberating on the respective reports, the National Coordinators adopted the recommendations for the RIMC’s consideration.

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LMRC Consultative Meeting with Experts working on Resilience



Group Photo: Participants at the Consultative Meeting of Experts working on Resilience in Zambia, Lusaka, 10th November 2017.

LMRC hosted a Consultative Meeting of Experts working on Resilience in Zambia at its Headquarters in Lusaka, on 10th November 2017. The objective of the meeting was to assess the implementation of the Eastern Africa Resilience Innovation Hub (EARIH) programme and to identify potential areas of partnership with other organisations working on resilience in Zambia.



Participants at the Consultative Meeting of Experts working on Resilience in Zambia, Lusaka, 10th November 2017.

Participants at the meeting included three Senior Programme Specialists from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, the heads or representatives from The Consulting House (TCH)/EARIH, the Southern Africa Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (SACCORD), the Zambia Centre for Inter Party Dialogue (ZCID), the Zambia Institute of Diplomacy and international Studies (ZIDIS), the Dag

Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies of the Copperbelt University (CBU), the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Zambia (UNZA) and the LMRC Management Team and staff.

The EARIH is a Consortium comprising the LMRC, The Consulting House (TCH) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (IGAD-CEWARN).



Participants at the Consultative Meeting of Experts working on Resilience in Zambia, Lusaka, 10th November 2017.

Participants exchanged experiences and lessons learned from their respective interventions in the areas of resilience and conflict prevention. They proposed options for the way forward, including the need to intensify efforts to ensure that research findings go beyond policy uptake; to create

synergy between research institutions and the academia with a view to awakening the next generation of researchers by supporting research work on resilience; as well as to establish a peer-learning platform through which information can be shared. They also recommended strengthening resilience work initiatives in the Great Lakes Region by including other partners and building on the EARIH comparative advantage.

In addition, IDRC expressed interest to collaborate with LMRC in integrating diverse efforts in the Region on a number of thematic areas including youth unemployment, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and management of extractive industry. They also agreed to pursue dialogue and identify common areas for partnership.

LMRC contributes to the IPSTC Maritime Security Learning and Experts Sharing Workshop



LMRC Executive Director, Dr. Frank Okuthe

LMRC contributed to the Learning and Experts Sharing Workshop of the Peace and Security Research Department (PSRD) of the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC's) themed 'Enhancing Strategies and Policies for Border Security and Counter Violent Extremism' held on 30th November 2017, in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was organised by IPSTC under the Japan/UNDP funded project for the period 2017/2018. Participants included stakeholders from key Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) including

retired and serving military officers, representatives of Civil Society, academics and policy analysts. The LMRC was represented by its Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe.

The main objective of the workshop was to tap subject matter experts' knowledge and insights into complex maritime security practices to inform training at IPSTC as well as national and regional policies.

Dr. Okuthe presented a Paper on the "ICGLR Legal Framework on Maritime Security: challenges, lessons learnt and recommendations". The paper introduced participants to the ICGLR mission and its areas of interventions and outlined trends on Peace and Security situation in the Region.

Zambian Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet visits LMRC



Mr. Patrick Kangwa (2nd left), Zambian Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet Office in charge of Administration, Dr. Frank Okuthe (3rd left), LMRC Executive Director, Dr. Chantal Niyokindi (4th left), LMRC Head of Fora and Observatories Department and Mr. Pamphile Sebahara (1st left), LMRC Head of Research, Training and Documentation Department, Lusaka, Zambia, 10th October 2017.

The Zambian Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet Office in charge of Administration, Mr Patrick Kangwa, accompanied by other Government officials, paid a courtesy call on LMRC Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe. This was during his visit to Mukuba Pensions House on 10th October 2017. Mr Kangwa and his delegation was received by Dr. Okuthe, who briefly introduced the Regional Centre and later led them to tour the LMRC offices.

The Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet' purpose of his visit was to familiarise himself and inspect the Zambian Government institutions operating from Mukuba Pensions House Building, where the Regional Centre is situated.

The Zambian Government hosts the LMRC, a Regional *Think Tank* for the Great Lakes Region by providing office space. This is in line with the Host Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Zambia and the Secretariat of the ICGLR.

LMRC participates in the Capacity Building Seminar for Election Observers at IPSTC

LMRC participated in the Election Observers Course, organised by International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC), in partnership with the Government of Denmark, from 20th November to 1st December 2017, in Nairobi, Kenya.

The course comprised of twenty five participants representing various organisations from twelve (12) countries namely, Benin, Cameroon, Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, South Sudan, Somalia, Sudan, United Kingdom, Uganda and Zambia. LMRC's was represented during the training by Mr. Peter Ndebi, an ICT Intern under the Department of Research, Training and Documentation.

The training aimed to deepen practical and theoretical expertise on election observation founded on free, fair and credible elections as a key component of good governance in Peace and Security Operations (PSOs) and other fragile societies.

The course enabled participants to understand election and democracy process in Africa and the connection with United Nations (UN) peace and

security agenda. It also equipped the participants with knowledge and skills for situational assessment for election observation based on the electoral cycle approach.



LMRC ICT Intern, Mr. Peter Ndebi, receiving a Certificate of successful completion of the Election Observers Course, on 1st December 2017, Nairobi, Kenya.

In addition, participants gained an understanding of the nexus between election observation and conflict prevention based on the electoral cycle approach.

Finally, the election observation course provided a platform for participants to apply the hard and soft skills required in mission preparations and the conduct of election observation based on country scenario.

LMRC Participates in the Course on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

LMRC participated in the Course on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), organised by the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC), in conjunction with the British Peace Support Team (BPST). The course was sponsored by the British Government and was held in Nairobi, Kenya from the 6th to 17th November 2017. Ms. Tamando Mwanza, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director at LMRC was among other participants drawn from Military, Police, and Civilians from Burundi, Comoros, Rwanda, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, Egypt, Mali and

Latest Publications

1. *ICGLR: Ten Years Later Reflections on the Past, Present and Future.* March 2017.
2. *ICGLR – LMRC 2016 Activity Report.* January 2017.
3. *ICGLR – LMRC 2017 Progress Report January to October 2017.*

South Sudan. African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM) and United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) were the two peacekeeping missions represented.

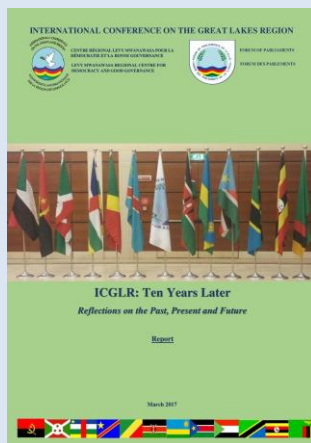
The training sought to equip participants with required knowledge, skills and tools to enable them to prevent and respond to SGBV issues in Peace Support Operations (PSO) within the provisions of international legal frameworks.

Participants received training on the contemporary PSO environment and how it is linked to SGBV. The course enabled participants to understand the concepts of gender and sex, male and female roles and thereby enabling them to outline the types

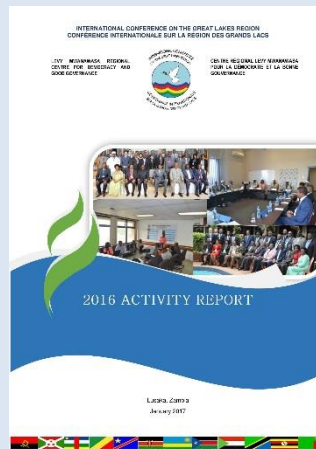
and forms of SGBV. In addition, the training equipped participants to understand the causes and impact of SGBV in conflict situations within the legal and normative frameworks. Furthermore, participants gained knowledge, skills and tools to enable them act to prevent and respond to SGBV.

Throughout the course participants were actively engaged in syndicate groups that helped in cementing the concepts and the scope of each session. The use of video clips and role play, further harnessed the skills and knowledge and by the end of the 10 day training participants were equipped with skills and the competence in different areas including basic counselling, planning, investigation, prevention and response to SGBV.

Latest Publications



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Forthcoming Publications

1. *Addressing Challenges of Peacebuilding, Resilience and Peaceful Elections in Conflict affected Countries: Lessons learnt from Central African Republic.*
2. *Addressing Challenges of Peacebuilding, Resilience and Peaceful Elections in Conflict affected Countries: Lessons learnt from South Sudan.*

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