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Editorial by the Executive Director

I am pleased to present the third publication of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)'s Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC) *Capacity Building Bulletin*.

This is an important tool for the LMRC because it will strengthen the execution of its mission which is "to reinforce the capacities of social and political institutions of ICGLR Member States in the areas of Democracy, Good Governance, Human Rights and Civic Education". The goal of the *Bulletin* is to facilitate better sharing of information, knowledge and experiences generated or compiled by the Centre on Capacity Building.

The ICGLR Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre is a Regional *Think Tank* established by the Heads of State and Government of ICGLR Member States (namely; Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia) in the *Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region* adopted on 15th December 2006. With its operationalisation in 2011, the LMRC is the scientific and technical body of the ICGLR. Its major interventions involve five areas which complement each other. These are Operational Research and Analysis to inform policy making processes; Training and Capacity Building for Strengthening Governance Processes; Supporting Implementation of ICGLR Pact and Protocols through Monitoring and Evaluation; Facilitating multi-actor Dialogue on Governance Reform Agenda in order to build Consensus on key Policy Issues; and Establishing an information Hub on Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights.

This 3rd issue of the Bulletin focuses on the **key achievements towards the Establishment and Operationalisation of the ICGLR Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (ICGLR-RMYF) Secretariat** which is being hosted by the Republic of Kenya. I thank the Government of the Republic of Kenya for accelerating the process of establishing and operationalising the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat. This gesture is a good practice that should be emulated by other Member States in setting up other Fora in the Region. To this effect, the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC), as per its mandate, is fully supporting the establishment and operationalisation of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat.

Finally, I am glad to share with you key achievements towards the establishment and operationalisation of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat. These include (1) the concept note on the Establishment of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat (2) the Budget, (3) Staff Intent and Work Plan validated during the workshop held from 24th to 26th March 2015 in Naivasha, Kenya. The Institutional Organisation and Management Structure of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat were also adopted during the ICGLR-RMYF Executive Committee Meeting held at Sagana Getaway Resort, Kenya from 13th to 16th April 2015. Last but not least, the ICGLR-RMYF Capacity Building Workshop held at Sagana from 20th to 26th September 2015 has, among other results, enhanced ICGLR-RMYF capacity.

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Towards the Operationalisation of the ICGLR-Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (ICGLR-RMYF)

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (RMYF) is a platform set up under the 2006 Pact on Security, Stability and Development. The ICGLR-RMYF Accord was signed on 24th July 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya, by Youth Representatives from the twelve Member States namely; *Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic (CAR), Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.*

The ICGLR-RMYF main objectives include the following:

- a) To provide for a platform for exchange of experiences and good practices, establish lasting alliances for dialogue and consultation, develop advocacy strategies and a culture of tolerance and peace at the regional level;
- b) To promote the role of the youth in peace, security and development processes, including access to information and participation in good governance and democratic processes at the national and regional level;
- c) To advocate for the participation of the youth in the elaboration of development and job creation policies in order to ensure that youth priorities and concerns are addressed;
- d) To promote dialogue between the youth and decision makers;
- e) To reinforce the capacities of youth organisations of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region in coordinating, networking and educating the population on their role in the promotion of peace, human and women rights, rule of law, democracy and good governance in the Great Lakes Region.

1. Nairobi Special Summit: Kenya Committed to host the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat

At the 8th ICGLR Extra-Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24th July 2014, the Republic of Kenya offered to host the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat and meet the initial cost of its establishment. This offer was unanimously endorsed by the ICGLR Heads of State and Government. With this offer, the ICGLR-RMYF

initiated the process of establishing and operationalising its secretariat.

2. Key achievements towards the establishment and operationalisation of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat

Following the Kenyan Government's offer to host the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat, the ICGLR Youth Forum, in collaboration with the Government of Kenya, organised a *Validation Workshop for the Establishment of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat* from 24th to 26th March 2015 in Naivasha, Kenya. The aim of the workshop was to validate the Concept Note, the Budget, Structure of the Secretariat and Work Plan. Participants at this workshop included representatives from the ICGLR Secretariat; Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC); ICGLR members of the Youth Forum from the Republic of Burundi, Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda; the ICGLR Women Forum, Kenya; ICGLR Civil Society Forum, Tanzania; representatives from the Ministry of Devolution and Planning, Ministry of East Africa Affairs, Commerce and Tourism and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The outcomes of the workshop included a validated concept note on the establishment of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat, an approved budget, Staff Intent and Work Plan.



Photo: Center. Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru with ICGLR-Youth Delegates (13th April, 2015), Nairobi.

Building on the Naivasha Workshop, the ICGLR-RMYF Executive Committee organised, with the support of the Government of Kenya, a meeting to review the conclusions of the Naivasha Workshop from 13th to 16th April 2015 at Sagana Getaway Resort, Kenya. This meeting brought



together ICGLR Youth Forum representatives from all the twelve Member States; the Ministry of Devolution and Planning in the Republic of Kenya; the ICGLR Parliament Forum; the ICGLR Women Forum and from the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC). The Sagana meeting discussed and adopted the Institutional Organisation and Management Structure of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat.

The key recommendation of the two workshops was that the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC) provides the technical support and capacity building for the ICGLR-RMYF Executive Committee and the Interim Secretariat in line with its mandate to enable the effective operationalisation of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat.

Following this recommendation the LMRC facilitated the ICGLR Youth Forum Capacity Building Workshop, in collaboration with the Ministry of Devolution and Planning of the Republic of Kenya and the National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) of Kenya, from 20th to 26th September 2015 at Sagana Getaway Resort, Kenya.

The main objective of the Capacity Building Workshop was to bring together members of the ICGLR-RMYF Executive Committee, the Interim Secretariat, the Conference Secretariat, the relevant National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) and the LMRC in a forum to develop the tools that would facilitate the effective operationalisation of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat and its supervisory organs.



Photo: ICGLR-RMYF Capacity Building Workshop (21st September 2015) Sagana, Kenya.

The workshop also reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Bureau of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee, the Interim Secretariat and the Job Descriptions for the members of staff of the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat.

The outputs of the Capacity Building Workshop were the following:

- A deeper understanding of the roles and responsibilities of RMYF Secretariat and its supervisory organs;
- A better knowledge of Effective Communication, Advocacy and Work Ethics;
- A deeper understanding of Results Based Management Approach and its application in planning the activities of the Forum;
- A deeper understanding of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region and Regional Integration and the role of the Youth Forum in the implementation of the Pact;
- A better understanding of Democracy, Good Governance;
- Enhanced understanding of Youth Integrity and Citizenship;
- A deeper understanding of the Role of Youth in Peace and Conflict Transformation;
- The sharing of best practices and challenges experienced in the implementation of the Pact and drew up options for strengthening the role of the ICGLR Youth Forum in the implementation of the Pact.

3. Way Forward

After the achieved milestones, the way forward for the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat include the following activities:

- Staff recruitment for the ICGLR-RMYF Secretariat;
- Development of relevant Operation Manuals;
- Review of the ICGLR-RMYF Strategic Plan and development of Annual Action Plan.

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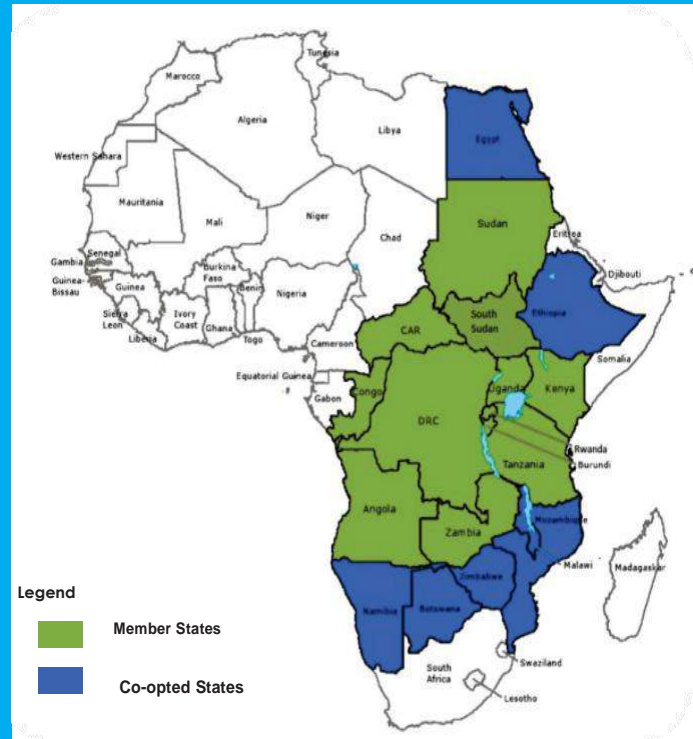
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