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### Experts share experiences on the implementation of Laws and Policies on SGBV in Zambia and propose options to address challenges



Group Photo: Participants at the Workshop on the implementation of Laws and Policies on SGBV in Zambia, Lusaka, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The ICGLR Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre (LMRC) hosted a Workshop on the implementation of Laws and Policies on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Zambia from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, in Lusaka. The meeting was co-organised by the ICGLR Conference Secretariat and the ICGLR National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) of Zambia.

The workshop was officially opened by the Permanent Secretary (PS), Ministry of Gender in Zambia represented by Mr. Simon Kapilima, Assistant Director Gender Rights and Protection Department, while the First Secretary of the ICGLR National Coordination Mechanism (NCM), Ms. Maria Ntembwa gave welcome remarks.

The purpose of the Workshop was to evaluate the level of implementation of the 2011 ICGLR Kampala Declaration of the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of Member States on prevention, suppression and assistance to victims of SGBV. This is in line with

resolution number 19 of the said Declaration which calls for the ICGLR Conference Secretariat to follow up on its implementation and submit regular reports to the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) and the Summit during their ordinary sessions.

The LMRC Executive Director, Dr. Frank Okuthe in his opening remarks said that SGBV had been a great concern across the globe for many decades, including the Great Lakes Region (GLR). He explained that it was for this reason that this challenge was discussed at length during the December 2006 Summit of Heads of State and Government of the GLR held in Nairobi, Kenya, when they signed the *Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region*.

In addition, Dr. Okuthe emphasised that through the ICGLR Pact, particularly its Programme of Action for Democracy and Good Governance, the Heads of State and Government recognised that respect for human rights and empowerment of

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women and protection of their rights including fighting SGBV are among the best guarantees against threats to peace, political stability and development. He also pointed out several other interventions made by ICGLR in its quest to eradicate all forms of SGBV, such as the signing of the 2011 Kampala Declaration which is aimed at finding lasting solution to SGBV. However, Dr. Okuthe observed that despite all efforts, SGBV had persisted.



LMRC Executive Director Dr. Okuthe (standing), presenting his remarks at the workshop, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Lusaka.

In concluding his remarks, the Executive Director on behalf of the ICGLR Executive Secretary extolled the Government of Zambia for making tremendous efforts towards the implementation of the 2011 ICGLR Kampala Declaration on SGBV. He also implored participants to identify the root causes of SGBV whether cultural, social, or political and propose strategies to tackle them at their respective levels.

Mr Kapilima in his opening speech, on behalf of the PS of the Ministry of Gender recognised the ICGLR efforts in curbing SGBV in the Region. He noted that Zambia has been implementing laws, policies and programmes that deal with SGBV. He further informed experts that the Government of Zambia attaches a lot of importance to fighting SGBV and that through the Ministry of Gender, Government is committed to protecting and promoting women's rights, curbing SGBV and reducing gender inequalities by making progressive changes to legislation to strengthen the protective environment.

He further highlighted that Zambia has made steady strides aimed at eradi-

cating all forms of SGBV. Mr. Kapilima indicated that among other interventions in 2013, Zambia launched a campaign to end child marriages. He also informed the meeting that the Ministry of Gender had spearheaded the enactment of an Act to establish the Gender Equity and Equality Commission (GEEC). He concluded by underscoring the importance of addressing root causes of SGBV as opposed to dealing with the aftermath.

The workshop was also attended by Amb. Eliane B. Mokodopo, ICGLR Director for Gender, Women and Children Programme, the Resident Magistrate Fydes Hamaundu, from the Judiciary of Zambia, experts representing various Zambian institutions that handle SGBV related issues, including the National Prosecution Authority, the Legal Aid Clinic for Women, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Justice, the National Assembly of Zambia, the Police Service and Victim Support Unit, the Zambia Correctional Services, the Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) as well as LMRC Management team and staff.



Participants at the Workshop on the implementation of Laws and Policies on SGBV in Zambia, Lusaka, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

During the two-day meeting, the participants assessed the implementation of laws and policies on fighting SGBV in Zambia, shared experiences and lessons learned and identified challenges and recommendation to address them.

Follow this link to read the full recommendations: <http://icglr-lmrc.org/index.php/news/1/112-experts-share-experiences-on-the-implementation-of-laws-and-policies-on-sgbv-in-zambia-and-propose-options-to-address-current-challenges>

### ICGLR Regional Civil Society Forum (RCSF) formulates strategies to consolidate Peace, Security, Democracy and Development in the Region

LMRC participated in the meeting on the implementation of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region (GLR) organised by ICGLR RCSF held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. LMRC was represented by the Head of Fora and Observatories Department Dr. Chantal Niyokindi.

The objectives of the two-day meeting was to bring together all the stakeholders to take stock of the implementation of the ICGLR Pact, discuss the security situation and identify appropriate interventions to address key challenges.

The meeting provided a platform for participants to share experiences and lessons learnt on the implementation of the ICGLR Pact focusing on key thematic areas, namely Democracy and Good Governance, Peace and Security, Humanitarian and Social Issues, Regional Integration and Economic Development as well as on cross cutting issues.

Finally, the meeting identified strategies for the ICGLR RCSF and other organs to respond to the persistent complex challenges related to peace and security in the Great Lakes Region.

### LMRC participates in the Regional Experts and Stakeholders' Consultations on Natural Resources Governance

LMRC contributed to the Regional Experts and Stakeholders' Consultations on Natural Resources Governance co-organised by the ICGLR Secretariat and the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region (O/SESG-GL), from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, in Nairobi, Kenya.



Group Photo: Participants at the Experts and Stakeholders' Consultations, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Nairobi.

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange experiences and information on progress made, gaps and challenges faced in implementing objectives related to fighting illegal exploitation and trade of natural resources, namely the ICGLR Regional Initiative on Natural Resources (RINR), and to identify appropriate policy options to achieve more results and strengthen coordination and synergy among stakeholders.

The meeting was officially opened and closed by H.E. Pierre Kangudya Mbayi, Minister of State in charge of Budget of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Hon. Dan Kazungu, Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Mining of the Republic of Kenya. Participants at the meeting included, ICGLR Executive Secretary, Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, Amb. Said Djinnit, 65 experts and stakeholders from Africa, Europe, North America and Australia, including Civil Society Organisations and representatives from the mining industry, government institutions, donors, *Think Tanks* and UN agencies.

LMRC was represented by the Head of Research, Training and Documentation Department, Mr. Pamphile Sebahara who made a presentation on "*Status and challenges of implementation of*

*the Extractive Industry Transparency States: Lessons for effective fight against illegal exploitation of Natural Resource*". He highlighted the two groups of ICGLR Member States specifically related to EITI implementation namely, compliant ones and countries that had not yet started implementation of EITI. He presented benefits of the EITI for the 5 compliant countries, including building trust among key agents of change, increased transparency and accountability in the management of extractive sector, and increased state revenues. He further explained that 7 countries were still in the process of consultations and learning before they could decide officially to implement the EITI.

In addition, Mr. Sebahara outlined lessons learned for fighting illegal exploitation of Natural Resources, including the fact that development and implementation of legal frameworks for transparency and accountability in extractive sector require efficient and effective public institutions at local and national levels; conflicts affected zones /regions constitute a challenge for implementing EITI and other 5 tools of the Regional Initiative on Natural Resources (RINR); and lack of technical skills does not facilitate ownership of some instruments like EITI by stakeholders in Member States. He also proposed options to address current challenges.

Drawing on the background implementation of the ICGLR RINR and other strategies, participants recommended ensuring compliance with international standards and agreements. They appealed among others, ICGLR Member States to make public the production and export statistics, to harmonize taxation regimes at the provincial, national and regional levels in general and on trade of gold in specific, and to ensure that all

companies in the natural resources sector are audited. All participants committed to strengthen their partnerships through increased synergy and coordination among respective interventions in order to achieve more results and impact. This will facilitate effective implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region and the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the Region that are key frameworks for building a peaceful and developed Great Lakes Region.

### Executive Director Interview on "Zambia and Rwanda Extradition Treaty"



LMRC Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Lusaka.

LMRC Executive Director Dr. Frank Okuthe featuring on Muvi TV Main News, applauded the signing of the Extradition Treaty between Zambia and Rwanda on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in Lusaka, Zambia. The Treaty was signed by Hon. Steven Kampanyo, Minister of Home Affairs in Zambia and Hon. Evode Uwizeyimana, Minister of State in charge of Constitutional and Legal Affairs for Rwanda during the visit of Rwandese President H.E. Paul Kagame, in Zambia.

The purpose of the interview was to inform members of the public about the Extradition Treaty which contains 19 articles including the obligation by both parties to extradite and extradition procedures.

## Upcoming Events

- 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of ICGLR Member States, Brazzaville, Rep. of Congo, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Dr. Okuthe noted that the Zambia and Rwanda extradition Treaty is in line with ICGLR focus of addressing issues threatening Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region. He highlighted the ICGLR efforts in ensuring peace and security in the Region. Specifically, he referred to the two ICGLR Protocols namely, on Judicial Cooperation and on the Prevention and the punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination respectively.

The ICGLR in its quest to support the implementation of the ICGLR Pact and more specifically, the Protocol on Judicial Cooperation created a Network for Judicial Cooperation of the Central Judicial Authorities and Prosecutors of the Great Lakes Region, referred to as "the Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network" or the "GLJC Network". The latter was formed during a meeting organised by ICGLR and the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The objective of the GLJC Network is to strengthen the capacity of central judicial authorities, prosecutors and other actors in the Region to combat all forms of cross-border crime and impunity.

### Experts discuss the future of Governance in Africa

LMRC participated in a two-day High Level Policy Dialogue on *"the Future of Governance in Africa: Is a new concept of governance the key to accelerating the prosperity agenda?"* This was organised by the UNDP Service Centre for Africa in collaboration with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) Africa and West Asia Programme, from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, in Accra, Ghana. LMRC was represented by the Head of Research, Training and Documentation Department, Mr. Pamphile Sebahara.

The objective of the Policy Dialogue was to explore the contours and dimensions of a new form of governance for Africa, one which responds to African needs and realities. It is based on a new consensus that development and peace are not only inextricably linked but utterly inseparable.

The meeting brought together leading policy makers, practitioners, academics and representative from bilateral, multilateral, regional organisations and civil society to discuss current governance challenges and identify options to address them.



Group Photo: Participants at the High Level Policy Dialogue, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Accra.

The Policy Dialogue focused on the following key questions: To what extent are current governance models suitable for peace and development aspirations in Africa? What is working/what is not working, and why? How can governance be conceptualised to have legitimacy and meaning for African political elites and local populations alike? Why are some countries excelling while others are left behind? How can we best identify and tackle these key differences to provide the development "boost" required to achieve Agenda 2030 and 2063? To what extent is it possible to elaborate a "Governance Roadmap" and what 'theory of change' underpins this approach? To what extent is 'sustaining peace' relevant to the transformational governance agenda, and what does 'sustaining peace' as governance look like in practice?

After two-days of deliberations and sharing of experiences, strategic recommendations have been adopted to be proposed to decision makers for consideration and implementation.

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