

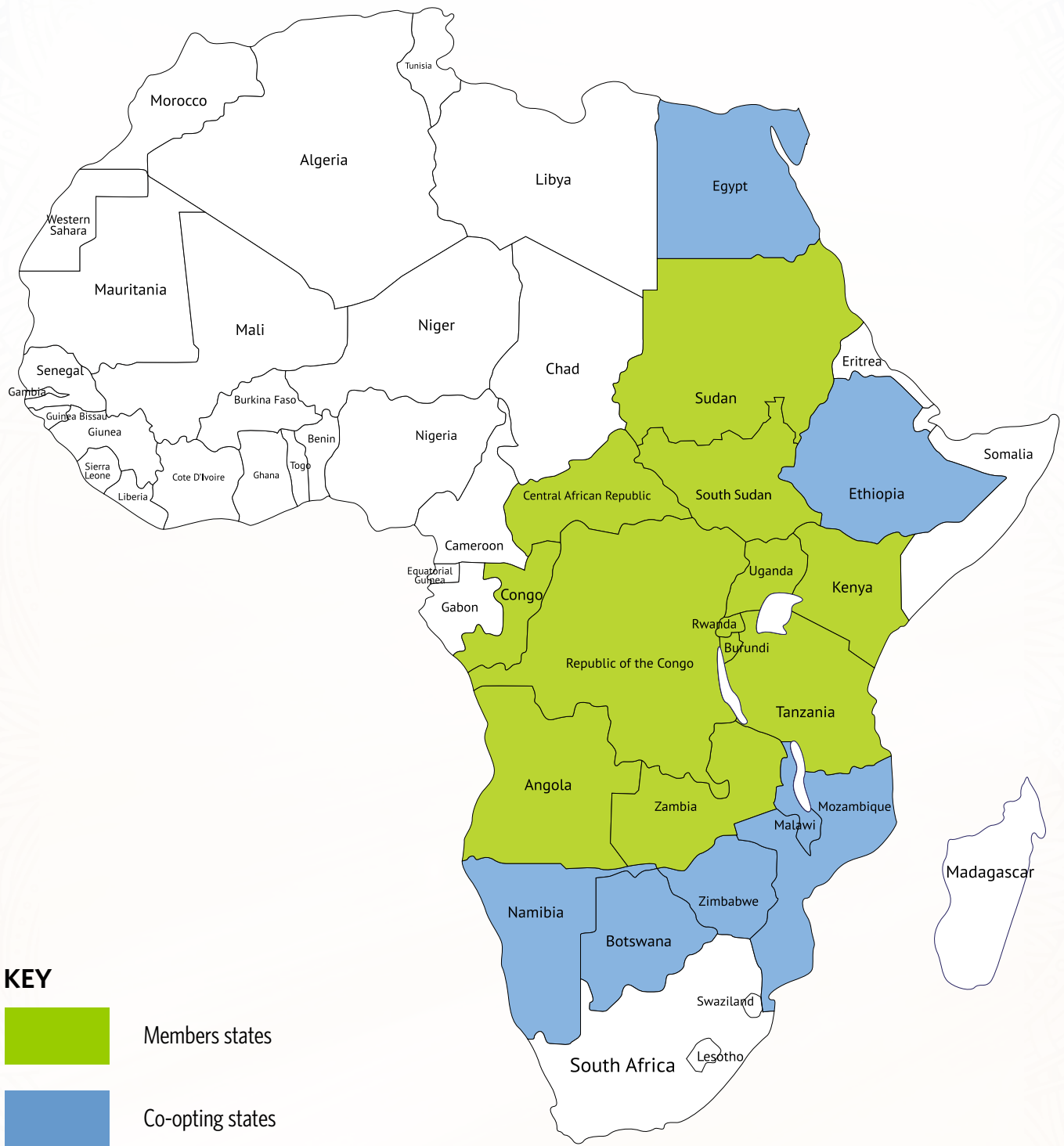


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- 1) President Museveni meeting the ES, Amb Muburi- Muita at State House, Entebbe. The ES was accompanied by the Acting Director RTF, Mr. Byamukama and Mr. Kajwengye in 21/02/17.
- 2) The ES and the Ag. Director at opening of the 1st Master Trainers Workshop in May 2017.
- 3) The RTF is shifting to a permanent home - Corner Munyonyo Salaam Southern by-pass, Block 255, Plot 1345, Munyonyo (10 minutes walk from Munyonyo Speke Resort Hotel)



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## FOREWORD

### Three Years of Working for Excellence

In accordance with ICGLR Summit and RIMC decisions, the RTF was officially opened in February 2014 and operationalized in April 2014 when the Ag. Director was appointed. A Host Agreement between the Government of Uganda and ICGLR was signed; RTF is now fully operational and reorganised. The RTF Mobilized funds from development partners i.e. from the UN Women, World Bank, African Union Commission (AUC), British High Commission (BHC) in Kampala, Dutch Government (NICHE project), Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (UNOSR-SG-SVC), FIDA-Uganda, Population Council -Kenya, Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes (OESG-GLR). This has enabled the RTF to carry out its mandate.



*"The RTF will be sustainable and self-reliant in the future. With the support of Member states and the Partners, it can be done"*

**Acting Director RTF, Nathan Mwesigye Byamukama**

We have had over 60 engagements with major partners and networks in workshops and courtesy call meetings – some of which have yielded more support and funding for RTF. We specifically were able to convene eight (8) major high profile regional and national training workshops for Police, Military, Medical, Judicial officers, Prosecutors, Civil Society, and Journalists in the Great lakes Region. A total of 471 officers from police, military, judiciary, medical, journalists and prosecution have been trained under the RTF. We also have a fully functional dynamic website for hosting selected training modules, laws, protocols, and good practices related to prevention and punishment of SGBV for Medical, Judicial, Police and Military officers, Civil Society and Journalists, it can be accessed on; <http://www.icglr-rtf.org/and> is regularly updated;

We have also recruited and Trained Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region. The trainings are ongoing. The Master Trainers were selected through a competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. They will assist in developing standardized training manuals and curricular for all the stakeholders handling SGBV cases. After the manuals are developed, they will work with 10 training experts / national trainers from each Member State to cascade the regional document to national level particularities. We have done all this with the support of interns and volunteers at the RTF (in absence of full time staff) who have assisted in organizing several meetings and trainings and workshops, among other things. They now have gained enough experience to enable them become assistant to the core staff at the RTF. In 2015, the AUC assessment report on ICGLR-RTF observed that

*"There is no doubt that the RTF is a needed mechanism in Africa generally and the Great Lakes in particular. Although a number of training centers and institutions on the continent provide courses for preventing and responding to sexual violence, no institution has a comprehensive program on SGBV that is comparable to the RTF concept". African Union Commission-Peace and Security Department- <http://www.icglr-rtf.org/publications.htm>*

With NICHE funds, we have secured a permanent home for the ICGLR-RTF which will be able to accommodate close to 20 offices. This is much bigger than where we are currently. The first training from the new offices starts with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Master trainers that started from 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> October 2017. We hope to move further in the coming years to secure land from the government of Uganda that we are already promised to construct a real Centre of Excellence where training, work, restaurant, leisure and accommodation is all done in the same place. We are convinced that this will make the RTF sustainable and self-reliant in the future. With the support of Member states and the Partners, it can be done.



# FOREWORD

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ACCORD	African Centre for the Constructive Resolutions of Disputes
AfDB	African Development Bank
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
AMWA	Akina Mama wa Afrika
AUC	African Union Commission
AWCFS	African Woman and Child Features services
CAR	Central African Republic
CEDOVIP	Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
COMESA	Common Markets for East and Southern Africa
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DRC	Democratic Republic Of Congo
EUR (€)	Euro (European Currency)
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FIDA Uganda	Uganda Association of Women Lawyers
FPU	Family Protection Units
GBP (£)	Pound sterling (British Pound)
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GLR	Great Lakes Region
ICGLR	International Conference of the Great Lakes Region
ICGLR-RTF	International Conference of the Great Lakes Region-Regional Training Facility
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IDA	International Development Assistance
IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons
ISIS-WICCE	Women International Cross Cultural Exchange
IT	Information Technology
JLOS	Justice and Law Sector
KD	Kampala Declaration
MGLSD	Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development
MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTs	Master Trainers
MSM	Maastricht School of Management
NAWJ-U	National Association of Women Judges and Magistrates in Uganda
NC	National Coordinators
NCM	National Coordination Mechanisms
NICHE	Netherlands Initiative for Capacity Development in Higher Education
O/SESG-GL	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region



OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
PIM	Project Implementation Manual
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PSO	Peace Support Operations
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
RIMC	Regional Inter-ministerial Committee
RINR	Regional Initiatives on Natural Resources
RPF	Rwanda Patriotic Front
RTF	Regional Training Facility
RWF	Regional Women's Forum
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SGBV	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
ToT	Training of Trainers
UGX	Ugandan shilling
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UN	United Nations
UNAFRI	United Nations Institute for Prevention of Crime
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UN-OSRSG-SVC	UN-Office of Special Representative of Secretary General-Sexual Violence in Conflict
UNRCO	United Nations Resident Coordinator Office
UNSESG-GLR	United Nations Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region
USD (\$)	United States Dollars
VSUs	Victim Safety Units
WHO	World Health Organization

# THE REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY FACTSHEET

The ICGLR RTF was established in 2011 under Article 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (2006) and the Summit Declaration of Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the ICGLR to train special categories of persons in the Great Lakes Region who handle cases of sexual violence.

## Vision

Being a leading training, research, and information sharing facility on prevention of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the GLR

## Mission Statement

Providing High quality training material and quality training to professional groups that deal with survivors of SGBV to improve the response to SGBV in the GLR

## Goal

To train and sensitize judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region as provided for under the ICGLR Protocol on Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (art 6(9))

## Specific Objectives

1. To train and sensitize judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region;
2. To develop regional coordination and standardized curricula that provide common skills, common frameworks and a common access to content, materials and the database as well as training on resolutions; standards and policies as well as on protocols and frameworks of the ICGLR, AU and UN instruments on sexual violence;
3. To provide regional knowledge-generation, scientific evidence gathering, early warning, documentation and sharing framework that encompasses running a website network and new media activities, as well as facilitating demand led networking events and a regional SGBV training network available to training stakeholders;

4. To provide policy oriented research to inform training materials for practitioners in the management of SGBV cases.
5. To provide a database of regional and international technical experts and a technical assistance as well as regional and national SGBV training needs for quality enhancement of SGBV training across the Region

## Major RTF Activities 2017

1. Developing an implementation strategy for training;
2. Developing curricula including reviewing good practices and existing training manuals regionally and internationally;
3. Identifying regional experts , Master Trainers and Trainers of Trainers;
4. Developing and translating training materials; and
5. Developing e-learning materials and web hosting for selected modules

In implementing activities the RTF is guided and regulated by the ICGLR instruments, the 2015 ICGLR World Bank Project Implementation Manual (PIM) on Great Lakes Emergency Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Women's Health Project as well as NICHE - GLR-258 Project on Institutional Strengthening of the RTF to deliver training programs in the Prevention and Mitigation of SGBV.



## BACKGROUND TO ICGLR-RTF

This is a report on the activities, achievements and challenges of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)- Regional Training Facility (RTF) on Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region for the period January 2014 to December 2015. The ICGLR is an inter-governmental organization composed of 12 Member States namely: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of Congo (Congo Brazzaville), South Sudan, Sudan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

The Member States agreed to set up the special facility for training categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region. This way the RTF would contribute to the ICGLR Member States' commitment to prevent and punish the crime of sexual violence in the region. The RTF operates under the ICGLR Secretariat structure in Bujumbura, Burundi.

The RTF was established under Article 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (2006) and the Summit Declaration of Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the ICGLR at their fourth Ordinary Summit and Special Session on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), held from 15th to 16th December 2011. Specifically Article 6 (9) states: "Member States agree (d) to set up a special regional facility for training and sensitizing judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region (Article 6(9)-ICGLR Protocol)".

During the Summit, Uganda offered to host the RTF and this was duly acknowledged by the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR Member States. In their Declaration, they "took note of the Uganda's offer to host the Regional SGBV Facility and directed the ICGLR Secretariat to prepare the financial requirements (budget) for the establishment of the facility and present it to the next RIMC for decision".

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013, the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) received the Concept paper and budget from the ICGLR Secretariat and approved the establishment of the RTF in Uganda, directing the Secretariat to mobilize resources for the facility including for the recruitment of staff who would then mobilize more resources from partners. The RIMC

further directed the Secretariat "to identify relevant partners including those organizations specializing in DNA scientific technology in order to train all stakeholders in handling SGBV cases, in particular the police and the judiciary, on the techniques related to DNA evidence based technology for easy prosecution of the suspects".

Subsequently, US\$ 100,000 was approved under the ICGLR Special Fund for Reconstruction and Development (SFRD) as seed money for the RTF. In addition UN Women provided USD 50,000 for furnishing and the functions for the official opening of the facility. The RTF was offered office space by the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Simbamanyo House in Kampala; and the momentum was set.



(L-R) Nathan Byamukama, Maggie Kyomukama (MoGLSD) and Ambassador Vincent Muanda looking at the Building hosting the RTF at 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Simbamanyo House, Kampala. (Also the Headquarters of the Ministry of Gender and Social Development).

The RTF was officially opened on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and became operational in April 2014 when the Ag. Director was appointed. The RTF has a clear mandate related to SGBV training, curriculum development, expert data collection for training, research for training; monitoring and evaluation as well as developing sensitization materials related to Sexual and Gender Based Violence as per the ICGLR Protocol on Sexual Violence. While Member States have a major responsibility for facilitating implementation of activities at national level, the ICGLR-RTF is central in convening, coordinating and implementing trainings at both national and regional level.



## **BACKGROUND french...**

The Government of Uganda is very supportive of the RTF as exemplified by the good will of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the office of the National Coordinator and the Permanent Secretary; the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development (MoGLSD) and the Permanent Secretary, MOGLSD.

To guide the work of the RTF the ICGLR has over time passed a number of highly relevant and substantive legal instruments. These include the following:

1. The Pact on security Stability and development in Great lakes region (2006) (Art. 11)
2. The Dar es Salaam Declaration (2004)
3. The Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (2006) particularly Article 6(9)
4. ICGLR Protocol on Judicial Cooperation (2006)
5. ICGLR Protocol on Non-Aggression and Mutual Defense (2006)
6. Protocol on Prevention and punishment of the Crime of Genocide, war crime and crime against Humanity and all Forms of discrimination (2006)
7. Regular Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) Summit decisions on SGBV
8. The Goma Declaration (2008)
9. The Kampala Summit Declaration on SGBV (December 2011)
10. The Kinshasa Communiqué (July 2012)
11. Decisions of Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee (RIMC) (February 2013)
12. Host agreement between the Government of Uganda and the Secretariat of ICGLR (2014)
13. Communique of the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the RIMC (March 2015)

So far, the RTF has conducted training for police and the military, covering forensic management of SGBV cases; managing SGBV in conflict situations; and the military justice system on SGBV respectively. The crime of sexual violence remains rampant in the conflict/war zones of the ICGLR member states as well as during



times of peace. The regional leadership of the ICGLR is determined to eradicate it.

This report presents an update on the RTF progress in fighting the crime of sexual violence as well as the available means to address the situation through the various capacity building initiatives that the RTF has devised and is implementing. Through this, the RTF will be contributing to the overall mission of ICGLR of transforming the region from a zone of instability to one of Peace, Security and Development and hence effectively implementing the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development. *(For more details about the opening of RTF, refer to the RTF magazine, June 2017).*



## **BACKGROUND french...**

## RTF STRATEGIC PLANNING

The RTF developed a strategic plan clearly spelling out its mission and vision; the how, where and when it envisaged achieving its goals and objectives. The strategic planning was done in a consultative, participatory process inclusive of all stakeholders in the member states. This strategic plan has been used in resource mobilisation to implement the RTF activities.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014, a strategic planning meeting was held in Kampala with several partners namely: UN Women, RCI/GAPS, MoGLSD, UNICEF, ISIS-WICCE, CEDOVIP, ACCORD, Hope after Rape and AMWA. The meeting discussed a draft strategic plan developed by a World Bank-supported consultant. The goals, mission, objectives and the actions for the RTF were defined. The meeting also enabled RTF to map out what each partner in Uganda was doing and to identify their respective partners in the Great lakes Region. Areas for future collaboration were discussed.

A subsequent meeting at Safari Park Hotel Nairobi from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 supported by UN Women was attended by SGBV stakeholders in the region to contribute to the conceptualization of the planned mapping exercise of the anti-SGBV training infrastructure in the region. The Consultative and Brainstorming meeting reviewed the findings of a 2011 feasibility study on the RTF; discussed the methodology of the mapping of stakeholders on SGBV; drafted a proposal for the Regional Baseline Survey that would inform the effectiveness and efficiency of the RTF; and proposed strategies for regional and international stakeholder support to the RTF. The participants were drawn from UN Women, World Bank, ICGLR Secretariat, RTF IGAD, COMESA, EAC, FEMNET, CEDOVIP, Swiss Development Cooperation, UNFPA and OSESG-GLR. The participants reflected on what was going on in the regional blocks-IGAD, COMESA, EAC, ICGLR as well as in their individual countries-Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and others, in terms of training and sensitization of the RTF targets.

The meeting also discussed the key role of regional and national civil society organisations (CSOs) in this area; the need for the RTF curriculum to fill the identified gaps; and the RTF comparative advantage as a Centre of Excellence. In addition, the meeting refined the RTF strategic plan by doing a stakeholder analysis; and making suggestions on a comprehensive, creative and responsive curriculum, training programs that recognize the linguistic, multi-cultural, political,

peace, security and cultural realities of the region. The need to have coordinated, collective and simultaneous efforts at both the macro, meso and micro levels, as well as across sectors was acknowledged in order to have holistic actions. Suggestions were made to carve specific niches for the RTF.

Members agreed to widely disseminate these action points in different forums such as AU, UN, ECA, while some were integrated in the RTF 2015 work plan. The brainstorming was practical; and in fact, the RTF subsequent cooperation culminating in holding a Symposium on access to justice with the Office of Special Envoy of the Secretary General on the Great Lakes Region has its origin from this meeting.



## SUMMARY OF RTF ACHIEVEMENTS (APRIL 2014 - OCTOBER 2017)

In accordance with ICGLR Summit and RIMC decisions, the RTF was officially opened in February 2014 and operationalized in **April 2014** when the Ag. Director was appointed. A Host Agreement between the Government of Uganda and ICGLR was signed. RTF is now fully operational and reorganized. In the three years it has been able to achieve the following:

- i) Mobilized funds from development partners i.e. from the UN Women, World Bank, African Union Commission (AUC), British High Commission (BHC) in Kampala, Dutch Government (NICHE project), Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (UNOSR-SG-SVC), FIDA-Uganda, Population Council -Kenya, Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes (OESG-GLR). This has enabled the RTF to carry out its mandate.
- ii) Convened **eight (8)** high profile regional and national training workshops for police, military, medical, judicial officers, prosecutors, civil society, and journalists in the Great Lakes Region. A total of **471** officers drawn from the listed groups were trained under the RTF.
- iii) Acquired a permanent home/office space with about 18 offices to further boost research and training towards preventing and prosecuting SGBV cases.
- iv) Developed a dynamic website for hosting selected training modules, laws, protocols, and good practices related to prevention and punishment of SGBV for medical, judicial, police and military officers, civil society and journalists, it can be accessed on; <http://www.icglr-rtf.org/> and is regularly updated.
- v) Recruited and trained Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region selected through a competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. The MTs will assist in developing standardized training manuals and curricula for all the stakeholders handling SGBV cases. After the manuals are developed, the MTs will work with 10 training experts / national trainers from each Member State to cascade the regional document to national level particularities.
- vi) Hosted several dignitaries at the office including the ICGLR Executive Secretary, the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region (UNSESG-GLR), Ambassador Said Djinnit.
- vii) Made reports to RIMC three times.
- viii) Audited three times; twice by the World Bank (WB) and once by the Conference Secretariat - all records found clean.
- ix) Strengthened the accounting systems with accounting software (TOMPRO) and trained relevant staff in systematic control of cash flows using the latest technologies.
- x) Made use of interns and volunteers at the RTF (in absence of full time staff), who have assisted in organizing several meetings, trainings and workshops, among other tasks.
- xi) Drafted a Strategic Plan on the basis of which mobilization of funds for the RTF will be made.
- xii) Over 60 engagements with major partners; networking in workshops and courtesy calls, some of which have yielded more support and funding for RTF.
- xiii) Hosted two ICGLR-World Bank-RTF consultative meetings during which work plans and budgets were passed; experts and consultancies interviewed and recruited.



*In one of the meetings to recruit staff for project implementation unit and the RTF accountant with Work Bank support.*

## **BACKGROUND french...**

## SUMMARY OF RTF ACHIEVEMENTS (APRIL 2014 - OCTOBER 2017)

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- xiv) Hosted a successful African Union Commission (AUC) review mission from 14-18 December 2015 that observed: *"RTF..., though most of the staff are interns and even though it is a relatively young institution that has not received considerable funding from its parent organization (the ICGLR), the RTF has secured funding from different partners to organize a number of activities"*. It further stated that *"RTF has a unique role that needs to be recognized and harnessed more efficiently for the GLR; it is the only institution that is established to address SGBV in a comprehensive and holistic manner through research, training, sensitization, advocacy and awareness creation among others."*
- xv) Negotiated with UN Women and got support to engage a Senior Gender Expert based at the RTF to support gender mainstreaming.

### Challenges

- i. **Incomplete institutional structure of the RTF.** To achieve its objectives and in conformity with the provisions of the support from the World Bank and NICHE, the RTF requires a minimum of five officers, namely: The Director; Training Coordinator; Research, IT and Knowledge production Coordinator and the Project Assistants. At the time of compiling this report, the RTF had only the Acting Director paid by the ICGLR Secretariat and the accountant recruited and supported by the World Bank. The Senior Gender Expert whose recruitment was supported by UN Women resigned in November 2015 to take up another assignment abroad but has not yet been replaced. As earlier mentioned, the RTF interns and volunteers have (in absence of full time staff) propped the RTF, stepping in the gap created by the absence of substantive staff.
- ii. **Lack of expected finances.** So far the RTF has not received the USD 100,000 approved by RIMC and the Governing Committee as seed money in 2013. This was supposed to be seed money to recruit some core staff and also mobilize more funds. The lack of funding

slowed down operations since the RTF worked on a zero budget for the first two years. The RTF has been kept afloat by funds sourced from Partners for execution of its mandate. The RIMC/Summit's decision to integrate the RTF budget into the CS budget is expected to address this challenge.

### Recommendations

According to the Management Letter on the audit of financial statements for the two years ended 31 December 2016, the audit noted that: *"the Regional Training Facility Centre had in place an elaborate organization structure to assist in the implementation of planned activities towards achievement of set goals and objectives. However, we noted that none of the positions in the structure has been filled up including programme, training and Research coordinators. We noted that the RTF director has been acting since 2014. We also noted that in the finance department, RTF had one contractual staff who is a World Bank accountant and the rest of the team were interns. This limited segregation of duties and payment vouchers were prepared by Accountant, checked by the same Accountant and approved by the Acting Director."*

They further observed that: *"The Implication to this is that the achievement of the set goals and objectives is constrained by lack of staff. Having key staff in acting position means that substantive decisions may not be made. Segregation of duties in the finance department is limited thereby inhibiting proper working of internal control system which exposes RTF to risk of fraud."*

The audit recommends that *"ICGLR and RTF's management should ensure that the centre is equipped with the needed resources to fill up the positions envisaged in the organization structure. ICGLR should ensure that RTF director's position is substantially filled including the finance department should be filled up to ensure adequate segregation of duties."*

## **BACKGROUND french...**

## ICGLR- RTF TRAINING ACTIVITIES (APRIL 2014- OCTOBER 2017)

### Introduction:

Pursuant to article 11 of the ICGLR Pact, Article 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on Prevention and suppression of Sexual Violence against women and children together with Resolution 14 of the Kampala Declaration on Sexual Violence and the subsequent ICGLR Summits and RIMC decisions, the RTF was officially opened on **18<sup>th</sup> February 2014** and operationalized in April 2014 with the appointment of its Acting Director. The RTF mandate is to “...train and sensitize police units, judicial officers, medical officers, Social workers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region” **Article 6(9)**<sup>1</sup>. This is in line with the ICGLR commitment to fight impunity in sexual violence crimes. On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014, the Government of Uganda, through the then minister for Gender, Labor and Social Development signed a host agreement fulfilling Uganda’s obligation to host the RTF. The RTF, under the leadership of the Ag. Director, Mr. Nathan M Byamukama, has managed to acquire a permanent home with about 18 offices to further boost their research and training towards preventing and prosecuting SGBV cases.

### Activities from April 2014-October 2017

Since its inception, the RTF has been able to convene **eight (8)** high profile regional and national training workshops for Police, Military, Medical, Judicial officers, Prosecutors, Civil Society, and Journalists in the Great lakes Region. Five of these have taken place since July 2016. A total of **471** officers from police, military, judiciary, medical, journalists and prosecution have been trained under the RTF in the following activities:

- A symposium on “Access to Justice & Fighting Impunity of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region” took place in July 2016. It was supported by Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region; and African Union Commission, Peace and Security Department.
- A sensitization and Training Workshop on “Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence Cases in Conflict” took place in September 2016 with support from the Foreign and Commonwealth office through the BHC in Kampala.
- A Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region supported by Population Council in Kenya, GIZ, FIDA-Uganda, and NICHE/MSM was held in December 2016.
- A training for Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region was ongoing with participants selected through a competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. These will assist in developing standardized training manuals and curricular for all the stakeholders handling SGBV cases. After the manuals are developed, they will work with 10 training experts / national trainers from each Member State to cascade the regional document to national level particularities.
- The most recent, 5<sup>th</sup> in the last one year but actually the 8<sup>th</sup> since the inception of the RTF was a Workshop on “Assessing Implementation of Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)”. The workshop was focusing on the progress made and as well as impediments in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on SGBV. This was supported by ICGLR / Swiss Corporation funds, RTF funds and funds from FIDA (Uganda). About 65 participants attended and it was for Ugandans only.

The big boost to the RTF has been provided by World Bank and the Netherlands Initiative for Capacity Development in Higher Education (NICHE), who are supporting a four year project under “The Great Lakes Emergency Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Women’s Health Project” and “Institutional Strengthening of the RTF to deliver Training Programmes in Prevention and Mitigation of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the Great Lakes Region” respectively. In general, the Projects support the RTF to develop and implement two high-quality regional training programs for stakeholders and develop the capacity of the RTF to execute its mandate.

<sup>1</sup>The ICGLR Protocol on Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children

## **BACKGROUND french...**



## ICGLR- RTF TRAINING ACTIVITIES (APRIL 2014- OCTOBER 2017)

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Below is a summary of the activities from April 2014 to October 2017

<b>Dates</b>	<b>No. of Trainees</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Area /Theme</b>	<b>Category of beneficiaries from ICGLR Member States.</b>
9-13 December 2014	49	Imperial Golf View hotel, Entebbe	Training medical and Police Officers in Forensic Evidence Management using DNA technology for handling cases of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region	Police Investigators and Police Medical Officers
10-12 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	55	Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala-Uganda	Training to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence within the Military Justice System, Kampala-Uganda,	Military Officers from Military Court Martials and other related military courts and Military Legal officers/human rights officers.
13-14 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	57	Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala-Uganda	Training Ugandan Peace keepers (Military and Police Officers) in Protecting Women and Girls against Sexual Violence during Conflict	Ugandan Peace keepers (Military and Police Officers) on standby for deployments in Missions Abroad.
7-9 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	65	Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort, Entebbe Uganda	Symposium on "Access to Justice & Fighting Impunity of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region". ICGLR-RTF supported by the UN and the AU organised a Symposium under the theme "Access to Justice and Fighting Impunity of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region," The focus was on the existing measures, good/best practices and major challenges of addressing Sexual Violence in the Member States of the Great Lakes Region, in order to inform the development of training material for the newly created RTF in order to support and effectively assist Member States in the fight against impunity for sexual violence crimes	Experts from the UN, the African Union Commission (AUC), ECOWAS, SADC, IGAD, and the ICGLR 12 memberstates. The ICGLR12 Member States are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of Congo (Congo Brazzaville), South Sudan, Sudan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Other participants outside the Great Lakes Region will come from Chad, Mali, Madagascar, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Sierra Leone and Somalia
19-20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016.	55	Afrique Suites Hotel, Mutungo, Kampala	Sensitization and Training Workshop on "Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence Cases in Conflict". The ICGLR-RTF with support of British High Commission in Kampala organised this sensitization and training workshop.	Medical, Judicial, Police and Military officers, Civil Society and Investigative Journalists

Dates	No. of Trainees	Venue	Area /Theme	Category of beneficiaries from ICGLR Member States.
5-6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016.	100	Lake Victoria Serena Golf Course, Entebbe-Uganda	A Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region.	Over 100 participants composed of 7 participants from each of the 12 ICGLR Member States (i.e. 82) and additional Ugandans and Regional Experts attended. They composed of judicial officers, prosecutors, police, military , medical officers
8-12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	25	Afrique hotel, Mutungo. Kampala-Uganda	<p>Training for Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region. The aims of the training included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduced to the NICHE-RTF-GLR project</li> <li>▪ Clear understanding of role &amp; expectations of Master Trainers</li> <li>▪ Common understanding of key concepts: Gender, SGBV, Ecological model, Multidisciplinary approach</li> <li>▪ Prepared for formative research in countries</li> <li>▪ Outline of curriculum on SGBV to be developed</li> <li>▪ Community of Master Trainers created</li> <li>▪ Planning of work plan with clear and agreed upon timelines</li> </ul>	12 Master Trainers selected by competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. These were combined with the RTF and other staff from ICGLR Bujumbura.
29-30 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	65	Imperial Royal Hotel, Kampala-Uganda	Workshop on <b>“Assessing Implementation of Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)”</b> . The workshop was focusing on the progress made and as well as impediments in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on SGBV.	It was attended by technical people from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, representative from Parliament, Police, Prisons, UPDF, Lawyers, Medical doctors, and representatives from Civil Society organizations involved in prevention of SGBV.
<b>Total</b>	<b>471</b>			

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Training medical and Police Officers in Forensic Evidence Management, 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014



## Training on Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence within the Military Justice System, Kampala-Uganda, 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015



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### Training Ugandan Peace keepers (Military and Police Officers) in Protecting Women and Girls against Sexual Violence during Conflict, 13-14<sup>th</sup> August 2015



## Sensitization and Training Workshop on "Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence Cases in Conflict". 19-20<sup>th</sup> September 2016





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**A Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region, 5-6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**



## Training for Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region, 8-12<sup>th</sup> May 2017



## TRAININGS IN PICTURES

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**Symposium on "Access to Justice & Fighting Impunity of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region". ICGLR-RTF supported by the UN and the AU organised a Symposium under the theme "Access to Justice and Fighting Impunity of Sexual Violence in the Great Lakes Region," 7-9<sup>th</sup> July 2016**



## Workshop on "Assessing Implementation of Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)", 29-30<sup>th</sup> August 2017



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### Validation of the RTF Website, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the RTF New Office



## RTF PARTNERSHIPS

The RTF has worked with partners that have provided both financial and technical support. In several meetings, courtesy calls and missions, strategies were discussed and implementation agreed. A few of those are highlighted below:

### **World Bank and ICGLR mission to Kampala (25<sup>th</sup> May- 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015)**

The mission was organised by ICGLR Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the "Great Lakes Emergency Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Women's Health Project". The main objective of the mission was to recruit for four key positions at the RTF namely: Project Coordinator, Procurement Specialist, Project Accountant, and Financial Management Specialist and also review the Project Implementation Manual (PIM). The members of the PIU were: Ambassador Eliane Mokodopo, Robert Simukoko Musonda, Nathan M Byamukama and Marie Gorette Muhitira.

The above positions were advertised online via the ICGLR website, and the RTF website, local newspapers, UN relief website and DG market from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The members of the PIU formed the evaluation and shortlist panel in addition to Ms. Evelyne Mbata, Personal Assistant to the Executive secretary, Ms. Yvonne Niyonsaba, Programme Assistant. They were also supported by two interns from RTF, namely; Katahweire Oscar and Bahiira Patience.

For the interviews, the panel invited other external representatives from UNHCR represented by Mr. Abdou Mahaman Dango, Programme Officer and UN Women represented by Dr. Paulina Chiwangu, UN JPGE Coordinator, Uganda Country Office.

Apart from recruitment, during the mission members with guidance from the World Bank revised and approved the project budget from June to December 2015; reviewed and updated the procurement plan. They also reviewed and finalized the PIM in addition to approving the budget for having it published.



*The RTF hosting the World Bank and ICGLR Mission to Kampala 25th June 2015*



The mission also considered the recruitment for the three World-Bank supported consultancies namely: Developing Training Manuals and Curricula and conducting pilot training in prevention of SGBV for Judicial and Police Officers of the ICGLR Members States; developing a Project Implementation Strategy for training Police and Judicial Officers in prevention and punishment of SGBV in the Great Lakes Region;

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developing a website for the RTF to host modules, laws, protocols, and good practices related to prevention and punishment of SGBV in the ICGLR Members States. The consultancies had earlier been advertised in two local newspapers (*New Vision and Daily Monitor*) and one regional newspaper (*The East African*).

Apart from the consultancy to develop a website for the RTF, no suitable candidate was found for the rest. The mission therefore agreed to cancel the procurements and have them re-advertised. Later, NICHE came on the scene and helped in taking over the roles of developing all the manuals of all stakeholders.

### **Key action points from the Mission**

At the end of the mission, members agreed on key action points. The table summarizing key next steps/ action points agreed upon during the Kampala mission by ICGLR team and the World Bank team.

### **World Bank Project implementation Team mission to Kampala (30<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015)**

For 9 days from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Bujumbura –based World Bank project implementation team which included: The Project Coordinator Tchim Tabaro, the Procurement Specialist Arcade Birindavyi and the Financial Management Specialist Rose Mbazira joined the RTF Kampala team to commence the procurement of office equipment and fast track the advertisement of the three consultancies. The office equipment in question procured in October 2015 included: Two color printers, one desk top computer, 5 laptops, 6 operating system software, 7 external hard drives, a projector, a UPS and office safe.

### **World Bank Implementation Support Mission to Kampala (12<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015)**



This mission of the World Bank team together with the ICGLR project implementation team met at Munyonyo Resort Hotel to conduct an implementation support mission for the Great Lakes Emergency Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Women's Health Project. The World Bank team consisted of Sr. Social Development Specialist Ms Pia Peters, Sr. Social Development Specialist Leanne Bayer, while from the ICGLR Secretariat were Ambassador Eliane Mkodopo, Marie Gorreti Muhira, Seraphine Hatuzimana, Tchim Tabaro, Rose Mbazira and Arcade Bigirindavyi. The RTF team included Ag Director RTF Nathan Byamukama, Oscar Katahweire and Patience Bahira.

The objectives of the mission were: To develop the work plan and budget for 2016; develop a detailed plan for the main project activities of 2016 such as conferences, launch of the two SGBV campaigns and roll-out of the trainings; to do a Financial Management and procurement review of the project. At the end of the mission, a joint one-year (2016) work plan and budget as well as the procurement plan were agreed on.

### **RTF and ICGLR mission to Washington (March and September 2014).**

The Executive Secretary, ICGLR Prof Ntumba-Luaba and the Ag Director RTF, Mr Nathan Byamukama had paid a visit in, March 2014, to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSRSG-SV) in Washington USA to discuss collaboration modalities. Subsequently, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, the ICGLR and the SRSV-SVC signed an MOU in which the two entities agreed to cooperate in a number of activities, including training on conflict-related sexual violence. The SRSV-SVC availed USD 50,000 for training in Forensic Evidence Management of SGBV cases and later another US\$ 50,000 for training on military justice in fighting impunity of sexual violence. Our cooperation is ongoing.

### **RTF mission to Nairobi 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Supported by the UN Women, the RTF organized a Consultative and Brainstorming Meeting on Prevention and Suppression of SGBV that was held at Safari Park Hotel and Casino, Nairobi, Kenya from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The meeting involved the SGBV stakeholders in the region in contributing to the

conceptualization of the mapping exercise regarding the anti- SGBV training infrastructure in the region. The details are discussed under the section on Strategic Planning Meetings and Consultations.

In line with the way forward from the Nairobi Consultative and Brainstorming meeting, the OSESG-GLR approved USD 70,000 and signed a financing agreement on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to support a 'Symposium on Access to Justice and Fighting Impunity of SGBV'. The symposium was slated for 1-3 March 2016. Since the OSESG-GLR support could not cover the total costs of the symposium, the RTF planned to request the AU to meet the financing gap of US\$ 37,100.



*Participants during the ICGLR-RTF and UNWOMEN consultative and brain storming meeting in Nairobi, 21-24th October 2014.*

### **Mission of Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region, Ambassador Said Djinnit to Kampala (January 2015)**

On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General to the Great Lakes Region, Ambassador Said Djinnit paid a courtesy call to the Ag. Director of the RTF in Kampala Nathan Byamukama. The Special envoy was briefed about the RTF; the goodwill and support that the Government of Uganda had extended to the RTF; and support of the World towards the training of judicial officers and police for 4 years starting November 2014. On his part, the special envoy reiterated his office's support to the RTF so that it performs effectively and efficiently.



*L-R: Ms Madeleine Swachtz and Ms Miranda Tabifor, then of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, visiting the RTF in 2014 with Mr Nathan M Byamukama (the A.g Director).*



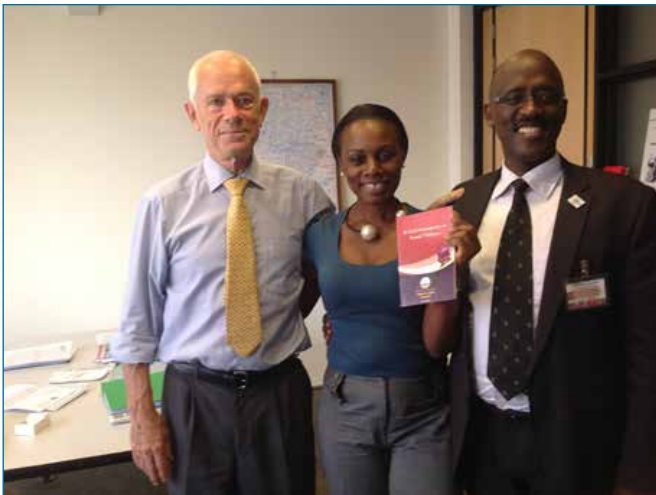
*Mr. Nathan Byamukama, A.g Director of RTF (left) with Amb. Ambassador Said Djinnit, (right) Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General at the ICGLR-RTF office.*

### **RTF courtesy call to the Netherlands Embassy in Kampala (12<sup>th</sup> February 2015)**

The RTF Ag Director Nathan Byamukama accompanied by his assistant Ms. Patience Bahiira attended a meeting at the Netherlands Embassy in Kampala with the First Secretary/Rule of Law and Political Affairs Mr. Theo Oltheten and his colleague Ms. Joyce Ngaiza. After a brief about the mandate and activities of the RTF, matters of mutual interest and strategies of cooperation in the fight against SGBV were discussed. This discussion was fruitful as it later contributed to the NICHE.

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From left to right, the First Secretary/Rule of Law and Political Affairs, Mr. Theo Oltheten, his then colleague Ms. Joyce Ngaiza and the Ag. Director RTF Nathan Byamukama.

### RTF Mission to Kigali, Rwanda (14-15<sup>th</sup> July 2015) regarding the Netherlands Initiative for Capacity Development Higher Education (NICHE) project

Following the February 2015 meeting between the RTF and the Netherlands Embassy in Kampala, as well as communication between the Netherlands Embassy in Burundi and the ICGLR regarding support to the RTF, the Ag. Director Nathan Byamukama and the Project Accountant Ms. Sylvia Nampeera attended the NICHE handbook workshop on NICHE grant obligations, annual planning and reporting eligibility of costs and audit statements, which took place from 14-15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in Kigali, Rwanda. This was at the invitations of EP-Nuffic after the RTF had fulfilled the requirements such as consent, Declaration of acknowledgement of the NICHE program principles and acceptance of the related project obligations.

By the end of the period in review, the RTF was in discussion with NICHE over formats needed to prepare the project for funding. During discussions in December 2015 between World Bank, RTF, NICHE and the Netherlands Embassy in Kigali it was agreed that the NICHE program could supplement the World Bank-RTF support. Subsequently on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, the RTF submitted a NICHE-RTF project for funding and from then consultations continued until 2016 when funding for RTF was approved under NICHE.

### AU assessment mission to Kampala (14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015)

The African Union Commission undertook an assessment mission to Kampala, Uganda from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to evaluate the impact of the support provided to the RTF in December 2014, as well as assess the RTF needs and possible areas for enhancing the AU support. The mission, led by a consultant Dr Linda Akua Opongmaa Darkwa assessed the capacity and potential of the RTF to serve as a Regional Centre of excellence for the prevention and suppression of SGBV and identified key partners to the RTF and their areas of support. In their report, the AU observed among others that "RTF..., though most of the staff are interns and even though it is a relatively young institution that has not received considerable funding from its parent organisation ..., the RTF has secured funding from different partners to organise a number of activities". It further states that "RTF has a unique role that needs to be recognised and harnessed more efficiently for the GLR; it is the only institution that is established to address SGBV in a comprehensive and holistic manner through research, training, sensitization, advocacy and awareness creation among others." A detailed report can be accessed on: <http://www.icglr-rtf.org/publications.html>



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RTF Kampala Meeting with Civil Society Organisations,  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2014



ICGLR-RT/ OSEGLR Civil Society Meeting,  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2014



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### RTF attending a Regional Meeting with the Uganda CSO Consultation on Conflict Early Warning Early Response and the Peace Security Cooperation Frame Work 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2-14



### RTF attending the capacity building workshop for ICGLR National Coordination Mechanisms and Programme Officer, 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014



## RTF attending a HE for SHE Campaign Launch in Nairobi, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015





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RTF attended a meeting in Nairobi organised by PHR (physicians for humanitarian rights) 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015



## RTF attending a regional inter-ministerial meeting in Luanda - Angola, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015



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### COFEM/GL Meeting/ Conference attended by ICGLR-RTF Director, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016



### Meeting about SGBV NICHE Programm introductory meeting between Adokorach Elsie Judith Policy Officer SRH Rights/ Gender Netherlands Embassie 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016



## Exhibitions for Kigali Declaration: - Stakeholders including RTF participated in Exhibitions 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017



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### The 6<sup>th</sup> Kigali International Conference Declaration (KICD) Annual General Meeting on the Role of Security Organs in ending Violence against Women and Girls, 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## FUNDING THE ICGLR-RTF (2013-2017)

The Pact states that the operating budget of the Conference Secretariat (in which that of the ICGLR-RTF is integrated) shall be funded by mandatory annual contributions of the Member States and by resources mobilized from cooperation and development partners of the Great Lakes Region as well as other resources identified by the secretariat (Art 26 (4)). When the acting Director was appointed in April 2014, one of his briefs was “to mobilise the necessary resources for regional center (RTF) and ensure its effective operationalisation”. In the three and a half years, the operational budget of the RTF has been largely supported by the cooperation and development.

In this regard, the UN Women, the World Bank, the NICHE (and Maastricht School of Management), the UN office of the Social Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence, the British High Commission, the African Union Commission (Department of Peace and Security); the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region; the Population Council (Kenya), the GIZ, Fida (U) have been the main contributors to the RTF activities.

During the time that the RTF had not opened a bank account, the partners either channeled funds for the RTF through the headquarters (Conference Secretariat in Bujumbura) or they paid the vendors directly. The significant progress that the RTF has made including engagements in about 60 major activities and organizing eight of them is essentially attributed to the support from the Member States, the Conference Secretariat and cooperation. Development partners included UN bodies, embassies, financial institutions such as the World Bank and the promise from the African Development Bank, Governments and even civil society as the table below demonstrates. From constant engagements with partners (including civil society), the RTF has been financially and technically supported in most of its activities.

The vision of the Member States, the leadership of the RTF, the commitment, resilience and apt financial management of the human resource managing the RTF keeps attracting new partners within and out of the region. The contributions received have helped in fostering further partnerships, acquiring a permanent structure for RTF offices; keeping internships running, running the training programs as well as mobilizing resources. In the coming years, with WB and NICHE support the RTF will start more technical trainings at

regional and national levels with standardized training manual and curricula for police, medical officers, social workers and judicial officers as further fundraising goes on for similar programs for the military and the Prisons officers.

With continued support, the Ag. Director and the entire team at RTF commit to give this great region, the real center of excellence that effectively and holistically addresses the crime of sexual violence including gender based violence.





## **BACKGROUND french...**

## FUNDING FOR THE ICGLR-REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY (RTF) AND THEIR AREAS OF SUPPORT SO FAR (2013-2017)

Name of partner	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Area of support	Area of Support
African Development Bank (AfDB)	\$100,000 Feb. 2013					Seed Money for the RTF <b>(This was a pledged but not yet released)</b>	At the time of writing this report, RTF is still following up with CS and AfDB on the \$100,000 approved by RIMC and the Governing Committee as seed money for RTF.
World Bank		\$1,040,000 (4 years) Oct 2014- June 2018) (20% released)				Training of Judicial and Police Officers <b>(this is a 4 year funding and funds released in batches)</b>	The US\$1.04Million to the RTF. It is part of the 3M support to ICGLR. It will cover training of judicial officers and Police official from the 12 member states. The support will cover development of implementation strategy for training, development of training curricula (for both police and judiciary), development of webpage, e-learning portal, webhosting for selected modules, laws, protocols and good practices; continuous collections of good practices for webpage maintenance, implementation of TOIs, recruitment of an accountant, procurement of office equipment for RTF and meeting recurrent costs for RTF office supplies.
					May 2017	Co-funding Training for Master Trainers (MTIs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region. (this was part of the total funding amount)	12 Master Trainers selected by competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. These were combined with the RTF and other staff from ICGLR Bujumbura.
Netherlands Initiative for Capacity Development in Higher Education (NICHE)				EUR 1,000,000		Institutional and academic Capacity building for the RTF <b>(this is part of the 4 year funding for the project)</b>	But contingent on ICGLR commitment to support its own staff (see docs)

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UN Women	\$50,000					Office Opening and Furnishing (this was sent through ICGLR CS account)	UNWOMEN provided funds (\$50,000) for furnishing and opening requirements of the Regional Training Facility.
	\$12,000 Oct. 2014					Brainstorming meeting with RECs, UN, WB, CSOs on baseline mapping of Regional training activities and institutions on SGBV (UN Women handled payments directly with service providers)	The meeting took place in Nairobi and Safari Park Hotel from 21st to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014. The meeting was to support the ICGLR-Regional Training Facility on Preventing and Suppressing Sexual and Gender-based Violence and prepare for an effective operative phase.
		June 2015 \$18,000				Recruitment of a Gender expert (this was accounted for by RTF)	The UN WOMEN supported a Senior Gender Expert for 10 months in an effort to boost the staffing levels of the RTF. She worked for five months (July-November 2015) and resigned to take up another assignment outside Uganda.
UN Office of the Special Representative of Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN OSRSG-SVC)	\$50,000 Dec 2014					Forensic Training for Police Officers (9-13 December 2014)--this was paid through UNDP Uganda office and they handled all accountabilities)	The UN OSRSG-SVC supported this training with <b>US\$50,000</b> . The expert DNA trainers were from the Washington based Bode Technologies. The DNA training was important because it was in line with the February 2013 decision by the ICGLR Regional Inter Ministerial Committee (RIMC) that directed " ... <b>Secretariat to identify relevant partners including those organizations specializing in DNA scientific technology in order to train all stakeholders in handling SGBV cases, in particular the police and the judiciary, on the techniques related to DNA evidence based technology for easy prosecution of the suspects. (See Decision 5. Pg 7 of the Report of RIMC).</b>
		August 2015 60,000				Training Workshop on Addressing Sexual Violence within the Military Justice System in the Great Lakes Region (10-12 August 2015 Delegates from the GLR) - this was paid through UNDP Uganda office and they handled all accountabilities)	On 10-12 August 2015, the ICGLR-RTF hosted this training in Kampala, Uganda with the support of the UN Team of Experts with 18 military justice officials from conflict-affected states in the region, including Central African Republic, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. The training was entitled <b>Addressing Sexual Violence Within the Military Justice System in the Great Lakes Region.</b>

British High Commission		August \$ 23,068			Training Workshop for the Ugandan military in protection of women and children during conflict situations (13-14, Participants were drawn from the Ugandan Military and Police institutions)	The Regional Training Facility (RTF) organized the "Training workshop for Ugandan Military and Police in protecting Women and Girls from sexual violence during Conflict", which took place from 13-14 <sup>th</sup> August 2015, in Kampala, Uganda. It was supported by the British High Commission (BHC) in Kampala.
			Sept 2016		Sensitization and Training Workshop on "Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence Cases in Conflict"-- <b>(this was accounted for by RTF)</b>	Participants for the training included medical officers from Medical, Judicial, Police and Military officers, Civil Society and Investigative Journalists who are involved in the investigation of cases of sexual violence. Over 80 participants were trained.
			Dec 2016 \$		Publishing RTF reports supported by the BHC.-- <b>(this was accounted for by RTF)</b>	The RTF published reports for the training workshops supported by the BHC.
African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Peace and Security.				\$50,000 Dec. 2014	Forensic evidence management training for Police Officers (9-13 December 2014).-- <b>this was sent to Bujumbura and later wired to BODE technologies)</b>	The AUC department of Peace and Security co-sponsored the training with \$50,000 which was meant to support consultants from "BODE Technologies Group inc." who were trainers during the workshop.
			\$		Symposium of access to justice and fighting impunity of SGBV ( <b>AUC accountants paid directly service providers)</b>	African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Peace and Security co-funded the symposium on access to justice and fighting impunity of SGBV. The symposium was conducted on 5-7 July 2016 in Kampala.
UN Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region (UN OSESG-GLR)			July \$60,000		Symposium on access to justice and fighting impunity of SGBV.-- <b>(this was accounted for by RTF)</b>	Financing agreement signed between the OSESG-GLR and the CS of the ICGLR and the OSESG-GLR sent the money to the RTF account. The symposium was conducted on 5-7 July 2016 in Kampala.

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Population Council of Kenya			December 2016	\$	Co-funding to organise a Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region." -- <b>(this was accounted for by RTF)</b>	Over 100 participants composed of 7 participants from each of the 12 ICGLR Member States (i.e. 82) and additional Ugandans and Regional Experts attended. They composed of judicial officers, prosecutors, police, military, medical officers
GIZ			December 2016	\$	Co-funding to organise a Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region. <b>(this was not received)</b>	Over 100 participants composed of 7 participants from each of the 12 ICGLR Member States (i.e. 82) and additional Ugandans and Regional Experts attended. They composed of judicial officers, prosecutors, police, military, medical officers
Maastricht School of Management (MSM)			December 2016	\$7,033	Co-funding to organise a Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region. <b>(this is part of the total NICHE project funding)</b>	Over 100 participants composed of 7 participants from each of the 12 ICGLR Member States (i.e. 82) and additional Ugandans and Regional Experts attended. They composed of judicial officers, prosecutors, police, military, medical officers.
					Co-funding Training for Master Trainers (MTs) in ending SGBV in the Great Lakes Region. <b>(this is part of the total NICHE project funding)</b>	12 Master Trainers selected by competitive process from all the 12 ICGLR Member States. These were combined with the RTF and other staff from ICGLR Bujumbura.
				May 2017		

FIDA Uganda				December 2016 UGX: 25,000,000		Co-funding to organise a Regional colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region. "--(this was accounted for by RTF)	Over 100 participants composed of 7 participants from each of the 12 ICGLR Member States (i.e. 82) and additional Ugandans and Regional Experts attended. They composed of judicial officers, prosecutors, police, military, medical officers
ICGLR				August 2017 USD 3,000	August 2017 UGX: 16,000,000	Co-funding a workshop on "Assessing Implementation of Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)". The workshop was focusing on the progress made and as well as impediments in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on SGBV. "--(this was accounted for by RTF)	It was attended by over 65 technical people from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, representative from Parliament, Police, Prisons, UPDF, Lawyers, Medical doctors, and representatives from Civil Society organizations involved in prevention of SGBV.
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**Note:** that these are approximate figures basing on funding proposals. The actual amount released could defer depending on exchange rate fluctuations and direct payments.



## **Regional Training Facility on prevention and Suppression of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the Great Lakes Region**

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