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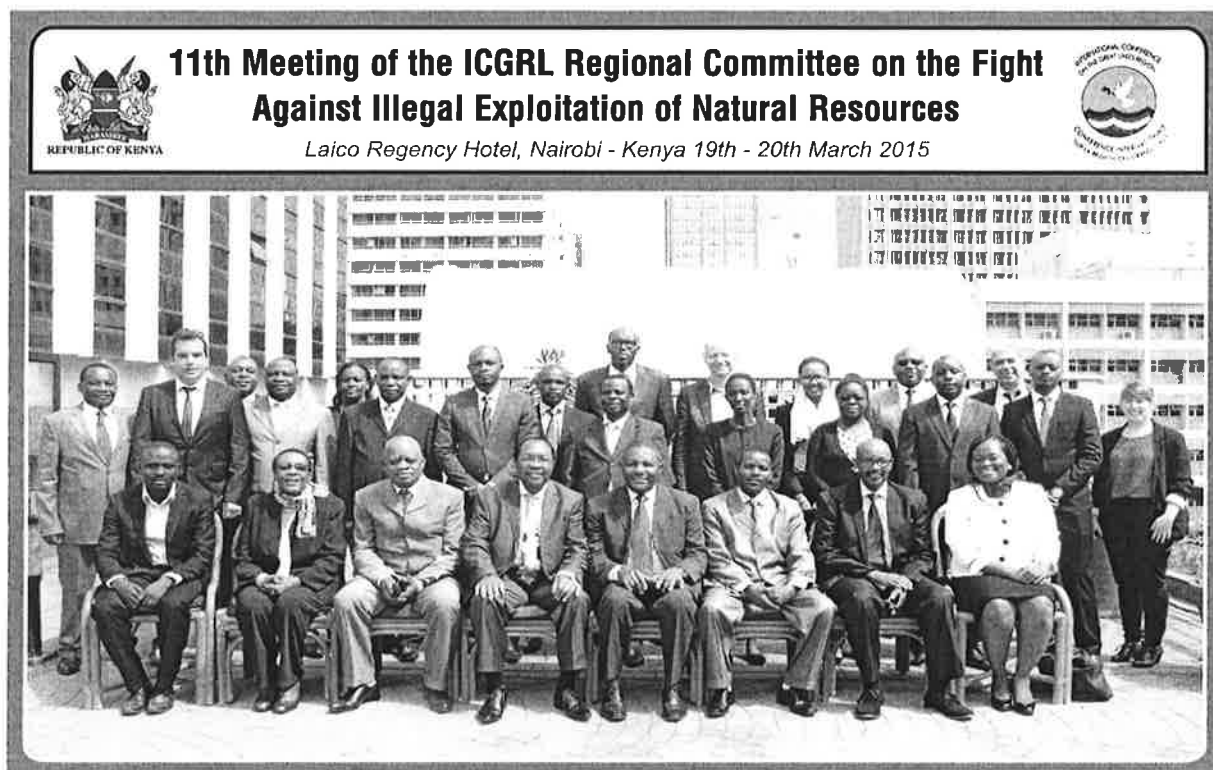


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**REPORT OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE ICGLR
REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE ON
THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL
RESOURCES (RINR)**

19th - 20th March 2015

Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 11th Meeting of the Regional Committee on the Regional Initiative on Fight Against Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources (RINR) of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) was held from 19th to 20th March 2015, at Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya and officially opened by Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, ICGLR National Coordinator of the Republic of Kenya.
- 1.2 Prior to the meeting, the ICGLR Secretariat and GIZ jointly chaired a meeting of partners and donors of the RINR on 18th March 2015. The meeting was attended by the following partners: GIZ, BGR, USAID/TETRA TECH and AfDB.
- 1.3 The main purpose of the meeting was to present progress reports on the implementation of the six tools against the illegal exploitation of natural resources in Member States, to discuss the self-financing mechanism, and validate the draft reports on the situation analysis on the implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Member States and the Pilot study on the integration of EITI in Artisanal and small Scale Mining (ASM).
- 1.4 The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Member States: Republic of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda and the Regional Women Forum. The meeting was also attended by the team of the ICGLR Secretariat headed by Ambassador Ambeyi Ligabo, Programme Officer, Democracy and Good Governance. A delegation from Levy Mwanawasa Lusaka Centre led by the

Executive Director, the Chairman of the ICGLR Audit Committee, and partners as mentioned above also attended.

2. OPENING SESSION

- 2.1. The meeting was officially opened by the Guest of Honor Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, ICGLR National Coordinator, Republic of Kenya. The opening session was also graced by the Chairman of the ICGLR Regional Committee, Mr. Paul Ndarihonyoye and the Representative of the Executive Secretary of the ICGLR, Ambassador Ambeyi Ligabo.
- 2.2. The Chairman of the ICGLR Regional Committee, Mr. Paul Ndarihonyoye, thanked the Government of Kenya for having accepted to host the meeting at short notice and for the hospitality extended to all delegates. He took the opportunity to welcome members of the Regional Committee and thanked the Guest of Honor for accepting to open the session. He also thanked GIZ, BGR, USAID/TETRA TECH and AfDB for their technical and financial support in different aspects of the implementation of the RINR.
- 2.3. Ambassador Ambeyi Ligabo, Representative of the Executive Secretary of ICGLR thanked the Government of the Republic of Kenya for accepting to host the meeting at short notice. He stressed the importance of implementing the RINR as way to sustainable peace in the ICGLR Member States and re-emphasized the determination of the ICGLR Secretariat to ensure the acceleration of implementation of the six tools.
- 2.4. The Guest of Honor, Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, welcomed all participants to Nairobi, Kenya, and expressed his appreciation to the ICGLR Secretariat to have chosen Nairobi to

host the 11th Regional Committee meeting. He reiterated the commitment of the Republic of Kenya in the implementation of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes region. He ended his remarks by officially opening the meeting and wishing all participants fruitful deliberations.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The chairman introduced the agenda of the meeting, considered and adopted as follows:

- Updates by Member States on the implementation status of the 6 tools of the RINR.
- Updates by Member States on progress made on the Self Financing Mechanism of the RINR and Next steps.
- Updates by the ICGLR Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations of the previous meeting and the RINR.
- Updates on the activities of the ICGLR Audit Committee.
- Feedback from members of the Regional Committee on their training needs assessment and next steps.
- Presentation of the 2015 Operational Plan of the Technical Unit.
- Presentation and validation of the report on the EITI implementation in Member States.
- Presentation and validation of the report on the integration of Artisanal Small Scale Mining sector into EITI.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ICGLR REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE RINR

After discussions, the ICGLR Regional Committee made the following recommendations and decisions:

1. Member States transmit information related to the ICGLR Certificate delivery to the ICGLR Secretariat regularly, in conformity with the RCM standards.
2. Member States increase their annual contributions to the ICGLR Secretariat to effectively operationalize the self-financing mechanism of the RINR. Consequently, a subcommittee composed of DRC, Tanzania and Burundi was established to draft a report, in collaboration with the ICGLR Secretariat, within a period of one month of proposals on criteria to determine the level and percentage of contributions by Member States.
3. The ICGLR Secretariat to send Training Needs Assessment questionnaire to Committee members, within two days, and members should fill it and submit to the ICGLR Secretariat within two weeks as from 20th March 2015.
4. Member States are encouraged to put in place all legal instruments necessary for the launch of the ICGLR Certificate.
5. Consultations between the ICGLR Secretariat, SEAMIC, the Ministry of Energy and Minerals of the United Republic of Tanzania, and BGR, be undertaken to discuss the sustainability of their cooperation and ownership of the Analytical Fingerprinting (AFP) Laboratory.
6. A regional workshop on AFP should be organized to sensitize Member States and other stakeholders with the support of BGR.
7. The reports on the situation analysis on the implementation of EITI in Member States and the Pilot study on the integration of EITI in ASM will be validated by 3rd April 2015, after incorporating inputs and observations provided by Member States before 3rd April 2015.
8. The fourth Meeting of Ministers in charge of Mines to be held in the margins of the next Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government.

9. The Regional Committee should revisit its internal rules and regulations for possible review of some provisions.
10. The 12th meeting of the Regional Committee shall be held in Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania in September 2015. The ICGLR Secretariat to consult Member States for an alternative venue.

Done in Nairobi, Kenya, on 20th March 2015.

Signed by



Mr. Paul Ndarihonyoye
Chairman

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Rapporteur