



ICGLR WELCOMES EAC-SADC JOINT SUMMIT

Bujumbura, 5th February 2024 – The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) welcomes the decision by the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to hold a joint Summit on 7th and 8th February 2025 in the United Republic of Tanzania to discuss the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This represents a crucial opportunity to address the security and humanitarian crisis affecting millions of civilians in the region.

The ICGLR also notes the unilateral declaration of ceasefire by the Alliance Fleuve Congo (AFC)/March 23 Movement (M23) that commenced on 4th February 2025. The ICGLR looks forward to the ceasefire being upheld to provide room for diplomatic and political resolution of the ongoing conflict through the resumption of the Luanda Process and the Nairobi Peace Process alongside other political interventions that may be agreed upon by the distinguished Heads of State of the EAC and SADC. The ICGLR calls on all stakeholders to refrain from actions that could undermine peace prospects and grant humanitarian access to affected populations in both North and South Kivu Provinces, while protecting civilian lives and property.

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