



MEDIA ADVISORY

What: 30th Meeting of the ICGLR Regional Committee Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources

Date: 28th – 30th April 2025

Venue: Hyatt Regency Westlands Nairobi, Republic of Kenya

Overview

The Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is honored to announce the convening of the **30th Meeting of the Regional Committee Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources**, to be held at Hyatt Regency Westlands in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28th to 30th April 2025.

This meeting constitutes a key milestone in the ICGLR's collective efforts to enhance regional cooperation, promote sustainable development, and prevent the illegal exploitation of the region's abundant natural resources, in line with the Pact on Security, Stability, and Development.

It has been organized by the Conference Secretariat and the State Department for Mining of the Republic of Kenya, with the technical and financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands via GIZ and the European Union via IMPACT.

Objectives of the Meeting

The meeting aims to:

- Review the progress achieved by Member States in implementing their respective National Roadmaps related to the Six Tools of the Regional Initiative Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources,
- Review update from the Conference Secretariat, the Audit Committee and the Regional Database Technical Working Group to update the Regional Committee on the status of implementation of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources at the regional level,
- Receive reports from Ad Hoc Sub-Committees on the Assessment of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources to update the Committee on the status of the consultancy and next steps.

Participants

- The meeting brings together 13 committee members, each selected by their respective Member States based on their competence in addressing illegal natural resource exploitation and also includes a representative from the regional women's forum.
- The meeting also includes officials from the ICGLR National Coordination Mechanism, Kenya's State Department for Mining, the ICGLR Conference Secretariat, and invited implementation partners who attend as observers.

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