



STATEMENT BY THE ICGLR SECRETARIAT ON SUDAN

Bujumbura, 8th September 2025 – With heavy hearts, we at the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) express our deep sorrow over the tragic landslide that struck the Mara mountains in the Darfur region of Sudan on Monday, 1st September 2025. This disaster has led to an unimaginable loss of life and has inflicted profound destruction on the affected communities.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the government and people of Sudan, especially to the families who have suffered such devastating losses. Our thoughts are firmly with Sudan in this time of grief and despair. The impact of this tragedy is all the more painful, as it strikes at communities already facing the difficulties of conflict, further compounding their struggles.

This incident marks one of the most severe natural calamities in Sudan's recent history. The combination of relentless rainfall, the challenging mountainous terrain, and the ongoing turmoil has severely complicated emergency response and recovery efforts.

We earnestly appeal to the international community, including the United Nations and humanitarian organisations, to mobilize resources promptly to aid in relief efforts. It is crucial to prioritize search and rescue operations, medical support, and assistance for the impacted survivors, even as we navigate the significant security challenges and logistical hurdles.

Finally, the ICGLR stands firm in its commitment to promoting regional stability, resilience, and humanitarian support in collaboration with our Member States and partners. We vow to support Sudan on its arduous journey towards recovery from this heartbreaking tragedy.