



**OUTCOME DOCUMENT FOR THE ICGLR MEDIA STRATEGY,
CONCLUDING THE ICGLR JOURNALISTS' NETWORK TRAINING
WORKSHOP HELD IN GITEGA, BURUNDI, FROM 22 TO 23
NOVEMBER 2023**

1. On 22nd and 23rd November 2023, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) organized a regional training workshop for the ICGLR Journalists' Network in Gitega, Republic of Burundi. The workshop was supported by the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) and hosted by the Government of the Republic of Burundi.
2. Participants from the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Sudan, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia participated at the workshop.
3. The workshop was opened by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the ICGLR. The ICGLR National Coordinator of the Republic of Burundi and the representative of the Governor of Gitega Province were also present.
4. Taking cognizance of the Pact on Peace, Security, Stability, and Development in the Great Lakes Region and its various protocols,
5. Having reviewed the vision, mission, achievements, challenges, and strategies of ICGLR,
6. Having been briefed on the role of the ICGLR in the consolidation of peace and security in the African Great Lakes Region,
7. Having shared experiences of media coverage on topics of common interest in the Great Lakes Region,
8. Having exchanged views on the expectations of the ICGLR about the work of the media,
9. Eager to inform ICGLR authorities of grassroots realities, including child soldiers and SGBV, in simple language with unbiased reporting.

10. Aware of the need to prioritize the sensitization of media audiences to ICGLR programs, especially Peace and Security,
11. Aware of and respect for editorial lines of respective media outlets.
12. Acknowledging the need for a journalist's framework to act as focal points for coverage of current events and ICGLR activities,

The journalists undertake to :

- Create an ICGLR Network of Journalists'.
- Share media productions related to peace and security issues produced in ICGLR member countries.
- Participate in media coverage of ICGLR activities in the respective countries, provided they correspond to the editorial lines of the media;
- Report on the daily lives of displaced persons and refugees;
- Produce media content in line with the theme of Peace and Security;
- Verify the social media accounts of journalists/media outlets.









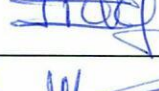

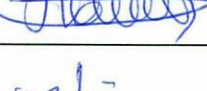
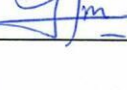

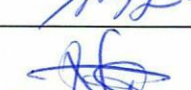

Request the ICGLR to:

- Strengthen the capacities of journalists on the themes of peace, security, and development through training;
- Support the logistical aspects of media activities related to the ICGLR Programmes of Action;
- Motivate journalists by organizing annual media awards;
- Provide accreditation to the members of the Network of Journalists covering ICGLR activities;
- Verify the ICGLR social media accounts.

**Done in Gitega, Burundi,
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