



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION
(ICGLR)
ICGLR TENDER - 03/26**

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR:

- 1) MEDIATION EXPERT**
- 2) NATURAL RESOURCES EXPERT**
- 3) PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR**

1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is an intergovernmental organization established under the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed by Member States in 2006. The member states of the ICGLR are Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The Conference Secretariat headquarter is based in Bujumbura, Burundi.

The ICGLR provides a regional framework for conflict prevention, management and resolution, while promoting peace, security, stability, sustainable development and peaceful coexistence among its Member States. The Secretariat, based in Bujumbura, Burundi, implements the decisions of the Summit of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers.

The ICGLR Secretariat's Peace and Security functions promote regional cooperation to prevent, manage, and resolve conflicts by supporting early warning, preventive diplomacy, mediation, and information-sharing, while coordinating the implementation of relevant protocols. To advance regional stability and address both emerging and protracted crises, the Program Directorate of Peace and Security works closely with member states and key political and technical structures, including the Extended Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM), the Joint Intelligence Fusion Centre (JIFC) in Goma, and

regional committees composed of defense ministers, chiefs of defense staff, and intelligence chiefs.

The Great Lakes Region of Africa, particularly Eastern DRC, has suffered nearly forty years of armed conflict fueled by over 100-armed groups that fund their operations through the smuggling of conflict minerals known as 3TG (tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold). This illicit trade has devastated the region by undermining governance through corruption and transnational criminal networks, depriving governments of vital tax revenues, and causing severe social and environmental crises, including forced labor, child exploitation, and mass displacement. To break this cycle of violence, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) subsequently launched the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources (RINR) in 2010 to transform the mining sector into a driver of sustainable development through six mutually reinforcing tools.

While the ICGLR is fundamentally a Member-State-led institution, there is a recognized strategic need to collaborate with international cooperating partners, including bilateral agencies, multilateral institutions, and non-governmental actors to mobilize technical expertise, financial resources, and political support for implementing the Pact's protocols, while preserving the Secretariat's autonomy and intergovernmental character.

2. CONSULTANCY SERVICES

In order to implement the above mandate, ICGLR Secretariat is seeking to procure the services of following consultants:

- 1) A Mediation Expert.
- 2) A Natural Resources Expert.
- 3) A Partnerships Coordinator.

The contents of each consultancy services are provided in the ToRs in attachment to this tender.

3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

This tender is limited to ICGLR Member states citizens.

Interested candidates should submit their applications for a maximum of two Consultancy services, including the CVs and copies of academic qualifications

and relevant experience; no later than 23rd October 2026 at 17:00 (Burundi time) via email to procurement@icglr.org . For further inquiries, candidates may contact the ICGLR Secretariat at +257 653 650 00.

Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.

Disclaimer

The ICGLR Secretariat reserves the right to:

- Accept or reject any application;
- Cancel the process at any stage;
- Request for additional information from applicants where necessary.

Done in Bujumbura, on 06th October 2026

For ICGLR Secretariat



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