



*Concertation des Collectifs des Associations
Féminines de la Région des Grands-Lacs*

COCAFEM / GL

CONCEPT NOTE

**4th Regional Conference on Issues related to the Implementation of the Kampala
Declaration on SGBV and the United Nations Security Council
Resolution 1325**

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I. BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF COCAFEM/GL

Over two decades, the Great Lakes Region has been a prey to conflicts, insecurity and recurrent political instability resulting in the deterioration of the socio-economic basics within the communities. Women and children are the main victims. Not only they pay the heavy burden of these repetitive wars, but also women are the first victims of socialization, which keeps them in an inferior status to men. This results in a high level of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) against women and girls and low participation in political and economic governance during the current decade, whereas they play a key economic role within households and the community.

Since 2001, COCAFEM/GL has set up a platform of exchange and consultation in order to capitalize her work aimed at promoting women's rights, gender equality, fight against SGBV towards women and girls, women's participation in the political governance and women economic empowerment

These activities are part of COCAFEM/GL's mission which is to contribute to the promotion of a culture of peace, tolerance, non-violence, equality between men and women, and to improve women's and children's living conditions in the Great Lakes Region.

II. THE CONFERENCE CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) has caught the attention of the Heads of States and Governments of the ICGLR member countries which has driven their commitment towards fighting against this scourge through the Pact for Peace, Security, Stability and Development (2006) and its Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children (2006) and the 2011's Kampala Declaration on SGBV.

The same applies to the participation in political, economic and social governance, as well as in the processes of mediation, negotiation, management, conflict resolution and peace building at the regional level and continental.

The COCAFEM/GL as a regional umbrella that works for the promotion of gender equality, women's rights, peace, security and the fight against gender based violence, is concerned by the effectiveness of the implementation of regional and international agreements and instruments, particularly the Kampala Declaration on SGBV and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

This has led COCAFEM-GL to adopt two regional advocacy themes namely, "The Effective implementation of Regional and International Instruments for Peace, Security, fight against SGBV and promotion of Women's Rights", as well as "The Emergence of women's economic empowerment in the Great Lakes Region".

It is in this context that COCAFEM-GL has organized her 3rd Regional Conference held on March 10th and 11th 2016, at Kinshasa in Democratic Republic of Congo, which served as a discussion and

reflection forum on the status of the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on SGBV and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. This conference gathered Government institutions from continental, regional and national levels, international organizations, development partners, Embassies and civil society organizations from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Central African Republic and South Sudan.

During this conference, a follow-up committee was set up with a mandate to monitor and assess the progress of the implementation of the regional roadmap resulting from the 3rd Regional Conference.

This Follow-up Committee met on November 17th and 18th, 2016 in Bukavu, DR Congo, to assess the implementation progress report of the 3rd Regional Conference's roadmap and proposed the seven (7) issues that will be debated during 4th Regional Conference as follows:

- 1°. A harmonized and systematic community preventive early warning mechanism for fighting against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.
- 2°. A harmonized national database and tools for data collection, treatment and reporting on SGBV.
- 3°. Community education to fight against SGBV with a positive / constructive masculinity approach including the cultural norms and values.
- 4°. Integration of gender and GBV dimensions in national planning.
- 5°. Access to justice for women victims of SGBV relating to penal procedures, evidence administration and preservation, protection of victims and witness, documentation and investigation of SGBV cases, respect of legal consignment and justice fees.
- 6°. Lack of SGBV victims' community reintegration mechanisms.
- 7°. Regional mechanism aiming to promote women in political governance, and in mediation, negotiation, conflict management, peace keeping missions and peace consolidation processes

III. THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Present and share the implementation progress report of the regional roadmap emerging from the 3rd Regional Conference.
- Analyze and formulate concrete and feasible resolutions relating to the seven persisting issues / challenges in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Adopt a regional road map based on the resolutions of the 4th Regional conference agenda and its implementation strategies.

IV. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The main expected outcomes of the 4th COCAFEM / GL Conference are:

- The state of the implementation of the regional roadmap emerging from the 3rd Regional conference is shared.
- Concrete and achievable resolutions on the seven persisting problems/issues in the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 are adopted.
- A final communiqué and roadmap based on the resolutions from the 4th Regional conference agenda are adopted.

V. METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this conference will involve:

- Power point presentation and plenary discussion
- Group work with a participatory approach
- Feedback sharing from group works results as well as the recommendations and resolutions from participants discussions. Participatory decision making and approval of the final communiqué and regional roadmap from the decisions taken in the conference

VI. PARTICIPANTS

The conference will gather 102 participants:

PAYS	MINISTERES ET INSTITUTIONS A INVITER	Nombre
Burundi	5 Ministries (Gender, Health, Justice, Public Security, Finance), 1 National Public Prosecution Authority and 1 National Mechanism of the ICGLR	7
	2 Civile Society Organisations (SERUKA et CHOVIPE) and 3 COCAFEM/GL members	5
	TOTAL	12
DR Congo	➤ 4 Ministries (Gender, Health, Justice, Budget), 1 National Public Prosecution Authority, 1 National Mechanism of the ICGLR and 1 Office of the Special Representative on SGBV	12
	➤ 1 North Kivu Governor, 1 Provincial Gender Ministry, 1 Mayor of Goma, 1 Army and 1 Police	
	4 COCAFEM/GL members, 1GEDROFE, 1RFDP, 1 Programme TUPINGE UBAKAJI, 1CAFED, 1CARE RDC/GOMA, 3CECI GOMA et 4 others Organizations of GOMA	16
TOTAL	28	
Rwanda	4 Ministries (Gender, Health, Finance, Justice), 1 National Public Prosecution Authority and 1 Gender Monitoring Office	7
	3 Organizations (AJPRODHO, RWAMREC, International Transparency Rwanda) and 3 COCAFEM/GL others	6
	TOTAL	13
Uganda	3 Ministries (Gender, Finance, Justice) and 1 National Public Prosecution Authority	4
	2 Civil Society Organizations : ISIS WICCE & AKINA MAMA	2
	TOTAL	6
Regional Institutions	1 Woman, Gender and Development Department / AU, 1 Special Envoy Woman Peace and Security Office/AUC, 1 Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General/GL, 1EAC, 1SADC, 1CEPGL, 4CIRGL (2SE, 1RTF, 1FRF) et 1 Great Lakes Liaison Office /AU	11
TOTAL	11	
Partners	1 Swiss Cooperation, 1 CARE Burundi, 1 CARE Rwanda, 1 CARE Uganda, 1 CARE Kinshasa, 5 CECI (Coordinator, Advisors, Africa Coordinator, Regional Accountant), 1 Representative Embassy of Canada to the DRC	11
TOTAL	11	
COCAFEM/GL	Director Committee and Executive Secretariat	9
TOTAL	9	
OSC of 4 other countries	<i>South Sudan : 1 OSC (SWIGO), OSC : 1Kenya, 1Tanzania et 1RCA</i>	4
TOTAL	4	
Reporters	<i>1RDC, 1Rwanda et 1 Burundi</i>	3
TOTAL	3	
Organizers and Moderators	▪ 2 Moderators	5
	▪ 3 logistics : 2CAFED, 1CONAFED/NK	
	TOTAL	5
TOTAL	102	

VII. CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

English and French will be the working languages during the 4th Regional Conference and simultaneous translation will be provided.

VIII. DATE AND VENUE

The Regional Conference will take place on February 22nd and 23rd 2017 in Goma / North Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

IX. FUNDING PARTNERS

The 4th Regional Conference is organized under the responsibility of COCAFEM / GL with financial support from: Global Affairs Canada (GAC) through CECI's PLUVIF project, Swiss Cooperation Burundi, CARE International (Burundi, Uganda, DRC, and Rwanda).

X. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The 4th Regional Conference's Organizing Committee is composed of COCAFEM / GL, CECI, CARE International (Burundi, Uganda, DRC, Rwanda) and Isis WICCE / Uganda.

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GOMA/DRC
ON 22ND TO 23 FEBRUARY 2017**

N°	PANEL	THEME	PANELIST / RESPONSIBLE	HOUR	MODERATOR
21ST FEBRUARY 2017 : ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS AT GOMA DRC					
DAY ONE : February 22nd, 2017					
1.	Session I : Official Opening				
	Participants' Registration		Secretariat of the conference	8 :00-9 :00	
	OFFICIAL OPENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Hymns ➤ Presentation of Programme and Objectives of the conference ➤ Welcome remarks ➤ Speech from COCAFEM-GL ➤ Speech from Canadian Ambassador in DRC ➤ Speech by ICGLR Regional Women's Forum ➤ Speech from SADC ➤ Special Envoy's Speech for African Union Women, Peace, and Security ➤ Speech from ICGLR ➤ Speech from the Guest of Honour' for opening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moderators ➤ North-Kivu Governor / RDC ➤ COCAFEM/GL Chairperson ➤ Ambassador of Canada in DRC ➤ The Region Women's Forum Chairperson ➤ SADC Executive Secretary ➤ Special Envoy for women , Peace and security AU ➤ Executive Secretary ICGLR ➤ Ministry of Women, Family and Children in DRC 	9 :00-10 :30	
2.	Photo and Coffee Break		Hotel	10 :30-11 : 00	
3.	Panel 1:	Presentation on the implementation of regional road map emerged from the 3rd Regional Conference on Kampala Declaration on SGBV and UNSC 1325 resolution	COCAFEM/GL	11 :00-11 :40	

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21ST FEBRUARY 2017 : ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS AT GOMA DRC					
DAY ONE : February 22nd, 2017					
4.	Panel 2 :	Coherent harmonized and systematic community preventive early warning mechanism for fighting against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Community reintegration mechanisms for SGBV victims and National data base on SGBV: <i>Achievements, Challenges , Strategies and actions to address the challenges</i>	Panel composed by : - Ministry of Gender from Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda - Isis WICCE	11 :50-12 : 40	
5.	Panel 3:	Integration of gender and Gender Based Violence dimensions in national planning and budgeting ; <i>Achievements, Challenges , Strategies and actions to address the challenges</i>	Panel composed by : - Ministry of Finance and economic Planning from Rwanda , Burundi, Uganda and Ministry of Budget in DR Congo - CARE Rwanda	12 :40-13 :40	
6.	Lunch - Break		Hotel	13 :30-14 :30	
7.	Panel 4:	Access to Justice of women victims of SGBV in term of the penal procedure in term of investigating and prosecuting SGBV case , evidences preservation, protection of victims and witness documentation of SGBV cases , legal tariff and justice fees; <i>Achievements, Challenges, Strategies and actions to address the challenges</i>	Panel composed by : - Ministry of Justice from Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda - ICGLR Regional Training Facility on SGBV - Fighting Impunity Project Upinge Ubakaji DRC.	14 :30 -15 :30	
8.	Panel 5:	Community education to fight against SGBV with a constructive masculinity approach in the context of culture norms and values. <i>Achievements, Challenges , strategies and actions to address the challenges</i>	Panel composed by : CARE International from Burundi, Uganda and DR Congo CSO representatives from RWAMREC and CHOVIFE	15 :30-16 :30	
9.	Panel 6:	Regional mechanism aiming to promote women participation Political governance , mediation, negotiation, conflict management , Peace keeping mission and peace building processes: <i>Achievements, Challenges , strategies and actions to address the challenges</i>	Panel composed by : African Union : OSE WPS and DWGD), OSE SG UN, ICGLR, EAC, SADC, Women's Regional Forum,	16 :30-17 :30	
10.		Summary of the Day and adoption of the program Day 2	Moderator	17 : 30	

DAY TWO: FEBRUARY 23RD 2017

N°	ACTIVITY	PANELIST / RESPONSIBLE	HOUR	MODERATOR
DAY TWO : February 23rd 2017				
1.	SUMMARY OF THE 1st DAY	Moderators + Secretariat of the conference	8 :30-9 :00	
2.	Sub- working Group : The Groups will be composed according the panels in order to come with persisting issues , Actions , Strategies of implementation and major Recommendations	5 mixed groups according to debated topics : 1. Coherent harmonized and systematic community preventive early warning mechanism for fighting against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and community reintegration mechanisms for SGBV victims 2. Integration of gender and Gender Based Violence dimensions in national planning and National data base on SGBV 3. Access to Justice of women victims of SGBV in term of the penal procedure in term of investigating and prosecuting SGBV case , evidences preservation, protection of victims and witness documentation of SGBV cases , legal tariff and justice fees 4. Community education to fight against SGBV with a constructive masculinity approach in the context of culture norms and values 5. Regional mechanism aiming to promote women participation Political governance , mediation, negotiation, conflict management , Peace keeping mission and peace building processes	9 :00-11 :00	
3.	COFFEE BREAK	Hotel	11 :00-11 :30	
4.	Plenary Session : Presentations from five groups and adoption of the conclusions	Group Reporter	11 :30-13 :30	
5.	LUNCH-BREAK	Hotel	13 :30-14 :30	
6.	Adoption of the final communiqué and the regional roadmap emerging from the regional fourth conference in English and French versions.	Team from Moderators , Secretariat of the conference, COCAFEM/GL and ICGLR secretariat	14 :30-16 :00	
7.	CLOSING CEREMONIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Reading of the Final Communiqué from the representative of the participants</i> ➤ Speech from COCAFEM/GL ➤ Speech from CECI Africa ➤ Speech from the ministry of Gender : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Burundi ▪ Uganda ▪ Rwanda ➤ Speech from the African Union office of Special Envoy's Speech Women, Peace, and Security ➤ Speech from ICGLR Executive Secretariat ➤ Closing Remarks from DRC Minister of Women, Family and Children 	16 :00	
8.	End - Cocktail		17 :30	