

<b>Country/entity</b>	Angola Burundi Central African Republic Democratic Republic of Congo Republic of Congo Rwanda South Africa South Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia African Great Lakes
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region
<b>Date</b>	24 Feb 2013
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) <b>African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)</b>  The African Great Lakes process attempted to use a regional approach to address a set of inter-linked conflicts notably in Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Uganda. Close African Great Lakes Process (2004 - 2013)
<b>Stage</b>	Implementation/renegotiation
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	African Great Lakes: Regional Process
<b>Parties</b>	H.E. Mr Parfait Anicet Mbay, for Angola; H.E. Mr. Laurent Kavakure for Burundi; H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan; H.E. Mr. Whyinter Kabimba, for Zambia
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	This agreement renews state, regional and international commitment to ending the ongoing violence, aimed at creating a sustainable peace.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">AO_BI_CF_CD_CG_RW_SD_TZ_UG_ZM_130224_FrameworkAgreementDRCRegion.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 1, 3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	Page 1, 3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted.
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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**State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** Page 2,  
5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas.  
... For the region:  
A renewed commitment:  
- Not to interfere in the internal affairs of neighbouring countries  
... - To respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring countries;

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/ secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/ unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas. For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To further further structural reform of Government institutions, including financial reform; and
<b>Elections</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	Page 2, 5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas: For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A renewed commitment: ... - To make progress with decentralization;
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	<p>Page 1,</p> <p>3. The consequences of this violence have been nothing short of devastating. Acts of sexual violence and serious violations of human rights are used regularly and almost daily as weapons of war. Displacement figures are among the highest in the world and persistently hover near two million people. The implementation of the country's reconstruction, security reform and poverty alleviation program is regularly disrupted.</p> <p>Page 3,</p> <p>5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:</p> <p>... For the region:</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <p>... - To neither harbour nor provide protection of any kind to persons accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, acts of genocide or crimes of aggression, or persons falling under the United Nations sanctions regime;</p>
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**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

<b>Democracy</b>	<p>Page 1,</p> <p>1. Significant progress has been achieved in the Democratic Republic of the Congo over the past decade. The local and regional peace processes initiated at that time laid the foundation for relative peace and stability in large parts of the country. Similarly, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has begun some reforms, with partners' support, that are intended to lay the ground for economic recovery, and the democratization of the country.</p> <p>Page 2,</p> <p>5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:</p> <p>For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo:</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <p>... - To further the agenda of reconciliation, tolerance and democratization.</p>
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<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** Page 3,  
5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:  
... For the region:  
A renewed commitment:  
... - To facilitate the administration of justice through judicial cooperation within the region

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

### **Development or socio-economic reconstruction**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 1,

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Page 2,

5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:

For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

A renewed commitment:

... - To further economic development, including with respect to the expansion of infrastructure and basic social service delivery:

Page 2-3,

5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:

For the region:

A renewed commitment:

... - To strengthen regional cooperation including deepening economic integration with special consideration for the exploitation of natural resources

### **National economic plan**

No specific mention.

### **Natural resources**

Page 2-3,

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**International funds**

Page 3,

5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:

... For the international community:

... - A renewed commitment by bilateral partners to remain engaged in supporting the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region, including with appropriate means to ensure long-term sustainability; and to support the implementation of the Protocols and priority projects of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes region.

- A renewed commitment to work towards the revitalization of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL) and support the implementation of its economic development and regional integration agenda;

**Business**

No specific mention.

**Taxation**

No specific mention.

**Banks**

No specific mention.

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**Land, property and environment****Land reform/rights** No specific mention.**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.**Environment** No specific mention.**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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**Security sector****Security**

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**Guarantees**

5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:

... For the region:

A renewed commitment:

... - To respect the legitimate concerns and interests of the neighbouring countries, in particular regarding security matters;

**Ceasefire**

No specific mention.



<b>Police</b>	<p>Page 2,</p> <p>5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:</p> <p>For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo:</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police;</li> </ul>
<b>Armed forces</b>	<p>Page 2,</p> <p>5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:</p> <p>For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo:</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police;</li> </ul>
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	<p>Page 2,</p> <p>5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:</p> <p>For the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue, and deepen security sector reform, particularly with respect to the Army and Police;</li> <li>- To consolidate State authority, particularly in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, including to prevent armed groups from destabilizing neighbouring countries;</li> </ul> <p>...</p> <p>For the region:</p> <p>A renewed commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... - To neither tolerate nor provide assistance or support of any kind of armed groups;</li> </ul>
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** Transitional justice→Courts→National courts  
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**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 2,  
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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** UN Secretary General signs as witness.

**Other international signatory** African Union Commission, International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, Southern African Development Community sign as witnesses.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

Page 3,  
5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:  
... For the international community:  
... - A strategic review of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) that aims to strengthen support to the Government to enable it to address security challenges and extend State authority;

Page 4,  
5. The principles of engagement at each of these levels shall consist of commitments in the following areas:  
... For the international community:  
... - Appointment of a United Nations Special Envoy to support efforts to reach durable solution in a multi-track plan that allows the convergence of all initiatives in progress.

**Enforcement mechanism**

Page 4, Oversight mechanisms,  
7. A regional oversight mechanism involving these leaders of the region, namely the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, and the Republic of Zambia with the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the Chairperson of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, and the Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community in the role of guarantors, shall be established to meet regularly and review progress in the implementation of the regional commitments outlined above, with regard for the national sovereignty of the States concerned.

Page 4-5, Oversight mechanisms,  
8. This 11 + 4 mechanism is in support of the ongoing regional efforts and shall therefore be supported by and closely linked to the African Union, the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, the Southern African Development Community, as well as those of other international partners, including the European Union, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The detailed plan for the implementation of this Framework will be developed jointly including the establishment of benchmarks and appropriate follow-up measures.

Page 5, Oversight mechanisms,  
9. The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall put in place, within the Government, a national oversight mechanism in order to accompany and oversee the implementation of the national commitments for reform outlined above. The United Nations, the African Union, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other bilateral or multilateral partners of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that are agreed upon shall provide support to this mechanism.

**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

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