

Using the Great Lakes Conference to Combat Sexual and Gender Based Violence

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Background

The summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is taking place in

Kampala in December 2011. The Summit is entitled “United to Prevent, End Impunity and Provide

Support to the Victims of SGBV [Sexual and Gender-Based Violence] in the Great Lakes Region”.

This primer is intended to assist the work of civil society and other actors in relation to SGBV during, and

in the wake of, the summit. The primer seeks to highlight some main SGBV aspects of the formal

framework of the ICGLR. These include:

The ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (Sexual Violence Protocol); The relationship among various ICGLR instruments, including their relationship with the Sexual Violence Protocol;

What the ICGLR means by “sexual violence” and “SGBV”;

The SGBV-related aspects of various ICGLR legal instruments, institutions and plans; and progressive and retrogressive elements of the ICGLR’s formal anti-SGBV agenda.

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