

<b>Country/entity</b>	Angola Burundi Central African Republic Democratic Republic of Congo Kenya Republic of Congo Rwanda Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia African Great Lakes
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Pact on Security, Stability, and Development in the Great Lakes Region
<b>Date</b>	15 Dec 2006
<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. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTO, President of the Republic of Angola; H.E. FRANCOIS BOZIZE, President of the Central African Republic; H.E. JOSEPH KABILA, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo; H.E. PAUL KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. LEVY MWANAWASA President of the Republic of Zambia; H.E. PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi; H.E. DENIS SASSOU-NGUESSO, President of the Republic of Congo; H.E. MWAI KIBAKI, President of the Republic of Kenya; H.E. OMER HASSAN AHMED EL-BASHIR, President of the Republic of the Sudan; H.E. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, President of the Republic of Uganda

**Third parties**

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**Description**

The pact aims at providing a legal framework governing relations between its signatories, through additional protocols and programmes of action in the following areas : non-aggression and mutual defense, democracy and good governance, judicial cooperation, prevention and punishment of the crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and all forms of discrimination, struggle against the illegal exploitation of natural resources, specific reconstruction and development zone, prevention and suppression of sexual violence against women and children, protection and assistance to internally displaced persons, property rights and returning persons, management of information and communication. It also establishes follow-up mechanisms comprising the Summit, a Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee and a conference secretariat.

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**Agreement document**

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**Women, girls and gender****Participation**

Participation→Gender quotas  
Chapter IV, Article 25,  
The Inter-Ministerial Committee may nominate an ad-hoc group of a maximum number of six independent experts composed of men and women in equal numbers and of high moral integrity

**Equality**

No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women**

No specific mention.

**International law**

International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL  
Page 3, Preamble  
Determined to ensure the strict observance of the standards and principles of international humanitarian law, notably those relating to the protection and assistance of women, children, refugees and displaced persons, the violations of which have seriously affected the populations concerned;  
International law→International human rights standards  
Page 11, Chapter II, Article 11,  
Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children  
The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Violence Against Women and Children, to combat sexual violence against women and children through preventing, criminalizing and punishing acts of sexual violence, both in times of peace and in times of war, in accordance with national laws and international criminal law.

**New institutions**

No specific mention.

<b>Violence against women</b>	<p>Violence against women→Sexual violence Page 11, Chapter II, Article 11, Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children</p> <p>The Member States undertake, in accordance with the Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Violence Against Women and Children, to combat sexual violence against women and children through preventing, criminalizing and punishing acts of sexual violence, both in times of peace and in times of war, in accordance with national laws and international criminal law.</p> <p>Violence against women→Gender-based violence/VAW (general) Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8 Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination</p> <p>... d) To proscribe all propaganda and all organisations which are inspired by ideas or theories based on the superiority of a race or a group of people of a particular ethnic origin, or which try to justify or encourage any form of ethnic, religious, racial or gender based hatred or discrimination.</p>
<b>Transitional justice</b>	<p>Transitional justice→Past and gender Page 9, Chapter II. The Protocols, Article 8 Protocol for the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity and all forms of Discrimination</p> <p>... d) To proscribe all propaganda and all organisations which are inspired by ideas or theories based on the superiority of a race or a group of people of a particular ethnic origin, or which try to justify or encourage any form of ethnic, religious, racial or gender based hatred or discrimination.</p>
<b>Institutional reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Development</b>	<p>Development→Rehabilitation and reconstruction Page 4, Preamble, Reaffirming our decision taken at Dar-es-Salaam to declare the Great Lakes Region a specific zone of reconstruction and development and jointly determined to meet the challenge of reconstruction and development with the full participation of all our peoples, particularly in partnership with the civil society organizations, young people, women, the private sector and religious organizations, as well as in close cooperation with the relevant regional organizations, the African Union, the United Nations, and the international community in general;</p>
<b>Implementation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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