

Challenges and Lessons Learned from the East African Community (EAC)-Led
Nairobi Process on the Restoration of Peace and Stability in Eastern Congo.

*Strengths and weaknesses of regional security and defense policies, and regional
mechanisms for security and defense coordination*

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



COUNTRY SIZE

2,344,885 km²

2nd Largest African Country
(About the size of Western Europe)

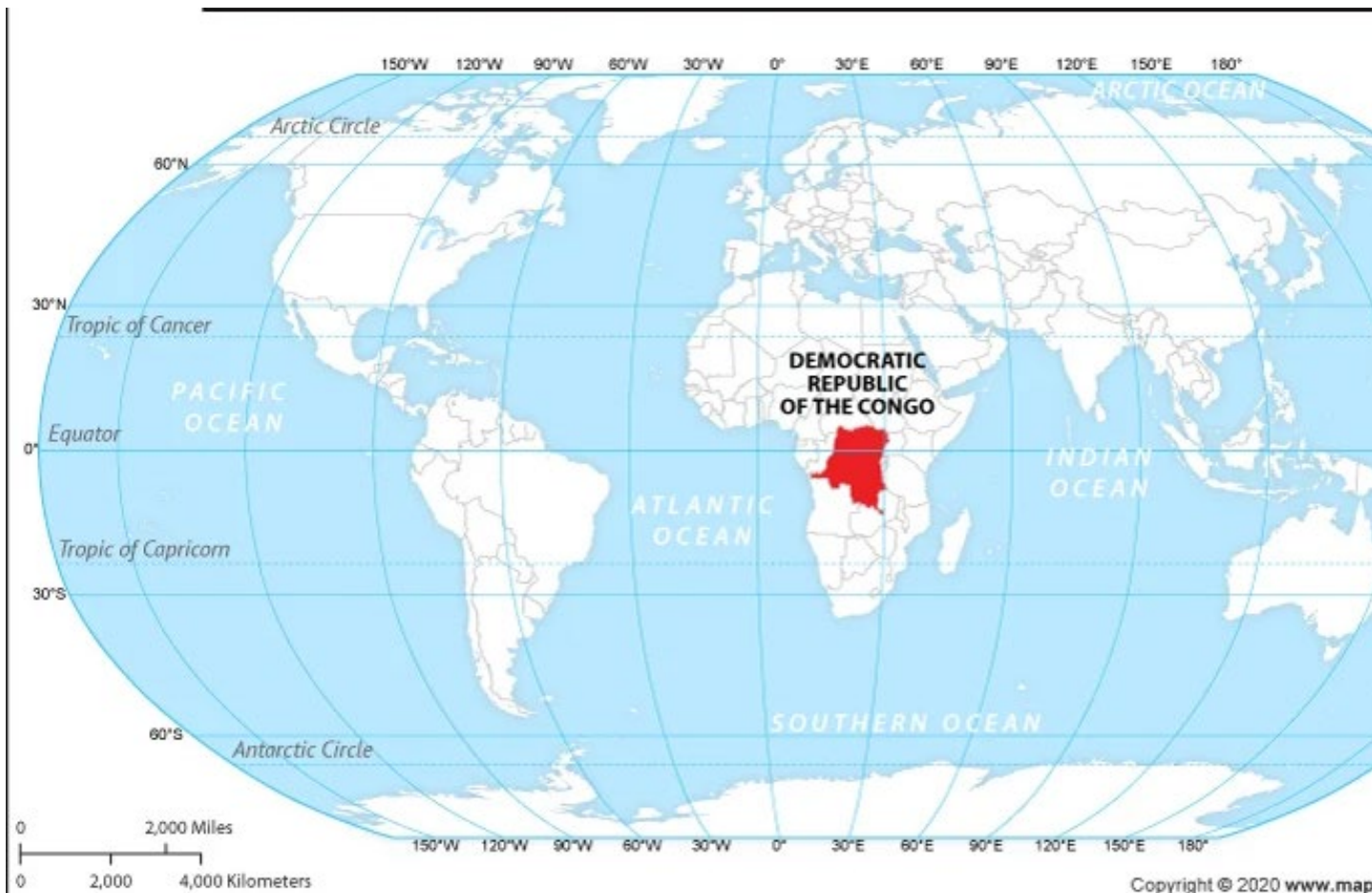


POPULATION

105 Million (World Fund 2024 Estimates)

HISTORY OF CONFLICT

DRC'S History of conflict and violence dates back to the 1960s



DRC

One of the richest & poorest countries in the world

The DRC possesses

\$24 trillion of mineral ores

The sought-after material that makes everyday items like



LAPTOPS



PHONES



LIGHTBULBS



But the average income of a DRC worker is only

\$400/year

due to conflict & insecurity

SOURCES
www.usatoday.com/story/money/2018/11/29/poorest-countries-world-20
www.state.gov/documents/organization/227344.pdf

KEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND MECHANISMS



EAC (East African Community)
JUMUIYA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI

ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States)

SADC (Southern African Development Community)
TOWARDS A COMMON FUTURE

IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development)
PEACE, PROSPERITY AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

ROM (Regional Oversight Mechanism)

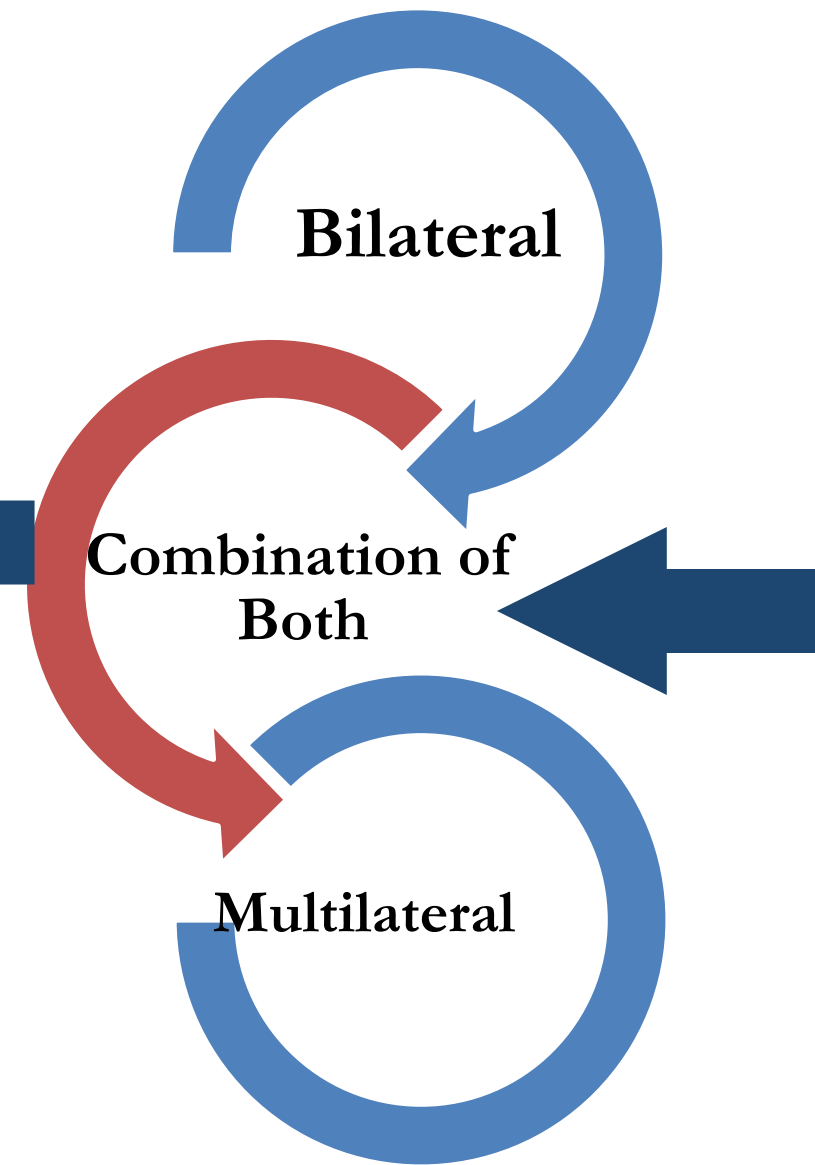
ICGLR (International Conference of the Great Lakes Region)
CONFERENCE INTERNATIONALE SUR LA REGION DES GRANDS LACS

Defence, Peace and Security Protocols



African Peace and Security Architecture

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)-LED NAIROBI PROCESS



Uganda, Burundi & Angola

2022-2023: EACRF, Nairobi Process & Luanda Process

2024: SAMIDRC, Nairobi process & Luanda Process

MONUSCO, ICGLR & ROM

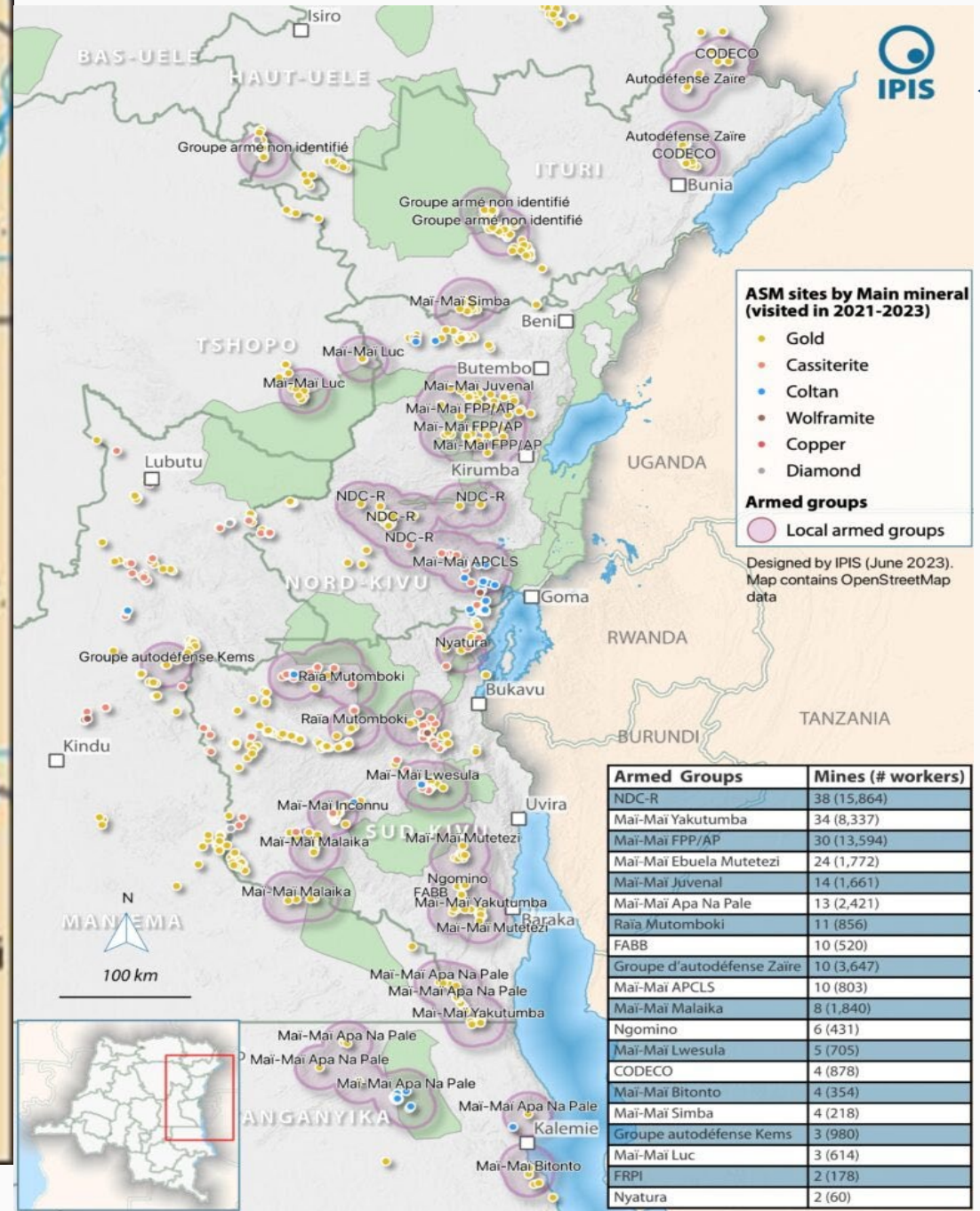
- Multiple Interventions: What are their Mandates?
- Where is the Convergence?
- Issues of Coordination, Complementarity and Competition.
- Funding
- Lack of collective reading of the situation on the ground.

What is the Solution??

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Eastern DRC



Complex Levels of Conflict

- Inter-communal
- Armed Gps Vs Communities
- Armed Gps against each other
- Armed Gps Vs FARDC
- Armed Gps + FARDC vs M23

Parties to the Conflict

- National Level Commitment
- Numbers (120+ Armed Gps)
- The Sovereignty Question
- Focus on Armed parties

The Process Framework /Mandate

- Mandate to deal with Foreign armed groups
- Consistency of the Process.



Discussions



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