
*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.
KEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND MECHANISMS

IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development)

ICGLR (International Conference of the Great Lakes Region)

EAC (East African Community)

ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States)

SADC (Southern African Development Community)

ROM (Regional Oversight Mechanism)

Defence, Peace and Security Protocols

African Peace and Security Architecture
CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)-LED NAIROBI PROCESS

Bilateral

Combination of Both

Multilateral

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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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