

Dear all,

We are happy to announce that we are re-launching **EurAc Info** today, our press review on the Great Lakes region and the **EurAc** network. We also wish to notify you that from now on **EurAc Info** will be sent twice a week.

We offer you our sincerest apologies for the delay in distribution that we encountered due to technical problems, but we hope that you will enjoy the new version as much as we do.

Best wishes from the **EurAc** team

Bonjour à tous,

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que nous reprenons la publication de **EurAc Info** aujourd'hui, notre revue de presse sur la région des Grands Lacs et sur notre réseau **EurAc**. Nous souhaitons également vous informer qu'à partir de maintenant **EurAc Info** sera envoyé deux fois par semaine.

Nous vous présentons nos plus sincères excuses pour le retard dans la distribution de cette newsletter, dû à plusieurs problèmes techniques, mais nous espérons que vous apprécierez cette nouvelle version autant que nous l'apprécions.

Cordialement,

L'équipe d'**EurAc**

**Press Review on the Great
Lakes region & EU foreign
policy**



EU foreign policy

• DRC/EU

**Bart Ouvry**
@BartOuvry

Abonné

Action de l'Union Européenne en #RDC - De l'énergie durable pour une presse libre au Congo

**Internews RDC** @Internews_RDC
Internews a commencé aujourd'hui l'installation de panneaux solaires Radio Ngoma ya Amani dans le camp de Lusenda (Sud Kivu). Grâce à l'engagement de jeunes #réfugiés et de jeunes Congolais, 14 radios produisent tous les jours de l'info pour les deux communautés...

14:55 - 12 mars 2018

• DRC/UK

**John Murton** ✓
@JohnMurton

Abonné

Aujourd'hui, j'ai annoncé avec mon collègue de @DFID_UK à @CNangaa que le Royaume-Uni met à la disposition de la @Cenirdc environ 9,2m à travers un fonds des partenaires internationaux (#PACEC) qui sera géré par @PNUDRDC 1/



14:12 - 14 mars 2018

**John Murton** ✓
@JohnMurton

Abonné

Nous avons encouragé la @cenirdc à signer l'accord de partenariat avec le @PNUDRDC pour démarrer le fonctionnement du #PACEC. Nous soutenons la #RDC dans l'organisation des élections crédibles, libres et transparentes pour choisir un nouveau Président. 2/



14:17 - 14 mars 2018

• DRC/SWEDEN



- **DRC/THE NETHERLANDS**

 **Robert Schuddeboom** 
@rschuddeboom

Abonné

Dutch minister @SigridKaag + del on 1st visit to #RDCongo/humanitarian; elections; @MONUSCO. Day 1 (7-22 hrs): African Union, field visit (@ICRC); #DRC GOV, @CENCO_RDC, MONUSCO and civic society. And press conferences of course

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07:24 - 13 mars 2018

 **Sonia Rolley** 
@soniarolley

Abonné

#RDC: Depuis le #Tanganyika, @MarkLowcock et @SigridKaag appellent la communauté internationale à "se pencher sur la crise que traverse "le Congo où les besoins humanitaires ont doublé en un an"

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

UN HUMANITARIAN CHIEF AND DUTCH MINISTER CALL FOR URGENT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO MEET SPIRALING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS IN DR CONGO

(Kinshasa, 13 March 2018) UN humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock and Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Sigrid Kaag, today called on the international community to urgently address the crisis facing the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where humanitarian needs have doubled since last year.

More than 13 million people in DRC need humanitarian assistance and 4.5 million have been forced to flee their homes as a result of fighting. More than 4.6 million Congolese children are acutely malnourished, including 2.2 million cases of severe acute malnutrition. Epidemics are spreading, including the worst outbreak of cholera in 15 years.

Mr. Lowcock and Ms. Kaag today traveled to Kalemie in the south-eastern province of Tanganyika where they visited the Katanka displacement site and spoke with some of the over 13,000 people who live there, having fled ethnic violence.

"We heard their heart-wrenching stories, their descriptions of what they need, but also their hopes and their stories of resilience and courage in the face of unimaginable challenges. What we know is happening in many parts of the country, doesn't need to persist if we work together. Every vulnerable Congolese family deserves all our support to rebuild their lives," said Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Lowcock.

Minister Kaag also joined a group of women including survivors of sexual violence, to listen to their experiences, needs, and hopes for the future. In Katanka, as in most Congolese provinces affected by displacement, women and children make up the majority of the severely affected people.

Ms. Kaag and Mr. Lowcock also traveled to the Kalunga displacement site which has received nearly 3,500 displaced families since November 2016 and where education, water and sanitation, and agricultural projects have been established by humanitarian partners to help meet the needs of displaced people.

"As a humanitarian donor, this visit has highlighted just how imperative it is that we, collectively, secure the resources needed to protect and support these people, especially young women and girls. As well as the millions of others in this country who have been forced to flee violence and require humanitarian aid," said Ms. Kaag.

On Monday, Mr. Lowcock and Ms. Kaag met with acting Prime Minister and Vice Prime Minister Mr. Jose Makila Sumanda and the Minister of Solidarity and Humanitarian Action, Mr. Bernard Bianda Sango, and discussed the impact of insecurity on aid operations. The Government representatives said they would further facilitate the work of humanitarian organisations and reduce tariffs for humanitarian imports including medicines and food.

On 13 April in Geneva, the European Commission, the Netherlands and United Arab Emirates will co-host the first-ever humanitarian donor conference for DRC. Humanitarian partners require nearly US\$1.7 billion this year to address humanitarian needs in the country, including for 4.5 million internally displaced people.

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• **BURUNDI/EU**

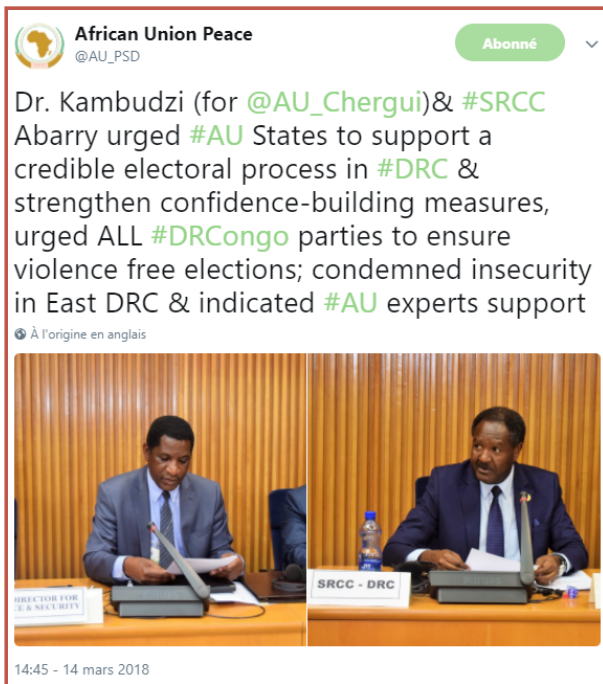


- **BURUNDI/FRANCE**



Central Africa - Great Lakes region

- **DRC/AU**



- [Angola: le général Garcia Miala nommé chef du renseignement par le président Lourenço](#), RFI, 14 mars

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Présidentielle en RDC: l'UDPS ne soutiendra pas la candidature de Moïse Katumbi](#), RFI, 14 mars
- [Congo opposition leader says will return home by June](#), Reuters, 12 March
- [In Congo, voting machines raise suspicions among president's foes](#), Reuters, 9 March

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- **TOP STORY** - [De nouvelles attaques en Ituri font des dizaines de morts](#), RFI, 13 mars
- [En mémoire de Michael Sharp et Zaida Catalán, tués au Kasai le 12 mars](#), Jeune Afrique, 12 mars
- [Violences interethniques en RDC: la situation difficile des déplacés de Kalemie](#), RFI, 14 mars
- [RDC: et pendant ce temps-là, le chaos avance](#), La Libre, 13 mars

Natural resources

- **TOP STORY** - [RDC : Kabila promulgue le code minier et lance la « concertation »](#), Jeune Afrique, 11 mars

- [RDC: la vie à Bunia marquée par la violence qui secoue Djugu](#), RFI, 13 mars

Burundi

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Burundi: le CNDD-FDD tente d'étouffer la polémique sur le titre présidentiel](#), RFI, 14 mars
- [Selon le président du Burundi, il est le "Visionnaire" du parti au pouvoir](#), VOA Afrique, 13 mars

Security situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Burundian activist: 'What has Nkurunziza done for his people?'](#), Deutsche Welle, 9 mars

Rwanda

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Un ancien garde de corps du corps de Paul Kagame menacé en Grande-Bretagne](#), RFI, 14 mars
- [26 Heads of State to attend free trade area summit in Kigali](#), New Times, 14 mars

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- **TOP STORY** - [Rwanda: réforme agraire: que faire avec les exclus du système?](#), La Libre, 9 mars
- [Ten years on: Rwanda's plastic ban](#), Deutsche Welle, 8 mars

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organisations**

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EurAc network

- **PUBLIC CONFERENCE**



Civil Society on the frontline
What role for the European Union
in DR Congo's spiralling crisis?

CONFERENCE
Friday 23 March 2018
09.30am - 11.30am
European Parliament
Room JAN 4Q1

Interpretation FR/EN
will be provided

FREE ENTRANCE
Registration required by
Friday 16 March:
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Hosted by **MEP Marie Arena** S&D Group

Moderated by **Brune Mercier** European network
for Central Africa (**EurAc**)

Speakers **Koen Vervaeke** European Commission,
(EEAS) - tbc
Francesca di Mauro European Commission
(DEVCO)
Elly Kayembe Action Pour la Justice,
le Développement et les Droits Humains
(AJDDH)
Rebecca Kabuo Lutte pour le changement
(LUCHA)

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WHAT: Public Conference "Civil society on the frontline: What role for the European Union in DR Congo's spiralling crisis?"

WHO: Organised by EurAc, hosted by MEP Maria Arena (S&D Group)

WHEN: Friday 23 March from 09.30 am to 11.30 am.

WHERE: European Parliament Room Jan 4Q1, Brussels, Belgium

Register [here](#) before 16 March

Partner organisations

- [Le Référendum constitutionnel comme opportunité du régime de Bujumbura d'intensifier la violence à l'encontre de tout citoyen présumé opposer au dit referendum](#), Coalition Burundaise pour la Cour Pénale International (CB-CPI), février 2018

**Interesting
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- [Burundi in Denial as Rights Abuses Continue with Impunity // Le Burundi en déni, alors que les violations des droits humains continuent impunément](#), Human Rights Watch, 13 mars
 - [Hunger in the Name of Development: Rwandan Farmers Under Stress](#), Review of African Political Economy, 8 mars
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