

# Collective Security Diplomacy in Africa's Great Lakes Region: Reflections on the Management of the Lord's Resistance Army Transnational Insurgency

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## Abstract

*This article assesses the ability of Africa Great Lakes Region's (GLR) multilateral organisations for security to address the endemic challenge of transnational threats through the collective security approach. Based on a desk study of literature on regional security of the GLR, the paper uses the case of the Africa Union's (AU) multilateral hunt of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to argue that GLR institutions for security have defaulted on their promise to collectively deal with transnational insurgencies. This not only undermines efforts geared towards the socio-economic development of the region, but also directly hampers Africa's continental agenda of silencing the guns by 2020. On the evidence of the attendant regional institutional complexities underpinned by indelible interstate mistrust, the paper recommends the reliance on extra-regional hybrid mechanisms to fast track the vision of a peaceful and secure African.*

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