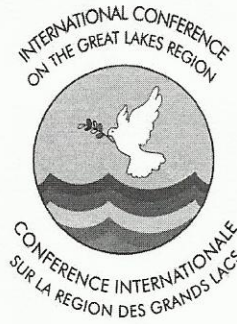


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## PRESS RELEASE

### DRC Government, M23 Adopt Agenda

The ninth plenary meeting of the Dialogue between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the M23 on the situation in eastern DRC was held at the Speke Resort Munyonyo Hotel, Kampala, on 16 January 2013.

The Parties adopted and signed the Agenda. The clusters composing the Agenda are:

- I. Review of the 23 March 2009 Agreement.
- II. Security Matters.
- III. Social, Political, and Economic Matters.
- IV. Implementation Plan.

The Dialogue has, therefore, so far approved two documents:

- i) The Rules of Procedure.
- ii) The Agenda for the Dialogue.

The Parties will henceforth begin negotiations of the substantive issues of the Agenda.

The Dialogue is being facilitated by Dr. Crispus Kiyonga, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Uganda. The DRC Government Delegation is led by H.E. Raymond Tshibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of DRC. The Delegation of M23 is led by Mr. François Rucogoza, Executive Secretary of M23.

The Dialogue has so far attracted observers from Belgium, France, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the African Union, the European Union and MONUSCO.