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| <b>Country/entity</b>      | Nigeria<br>Plateau State                                 |
| <b>Region</b>              | Africa (excl MENA)                                       |
| <b>Agreement name</b>      | Joint Declaration of Commitment to Peace and Cooperation |
| <b>Date</b>                | 14 Dec 2014  |
| <b>Agreement status</b>    | Multiparty signed/agreed                                 |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b> | Yes  |

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/local conflict

**Nigerian Civil War (1967), Delta Unrest (1990 - ), Communal Conflicts (1978 - ), and Boko Haram Insurgency (2009 - )**

Since 1960 when Nigeria became independent, it has seen a number of coup d'états and instability. In 1967, after confederation plans for the Nigerian regions to gain more independence failed, the Eastern region seceded as the Republic of Biafra and this caused the Nigerian Civil War. The conflict resulted from political, economic, ethnic and religious tensions which had existed since before Britain drew new borders when colonising the area. The discovery of oil in the Niger Delta heightened the intensity of the conflict. With the aid of British forces, the Nigerian military managed to take back the territory in 1970. Since then, ethnic violence has persisted.

**Nigerian Delta Unrest (1990 - )**

Conflict in the Niger Delta arose in the 1990s between foreign oil companies and ethnic groups which felt exploited after being forced to abandon their land. The Nigerian military caused international consternation in 1995 when members of the Ogoni tribe of the Niger Delta were found hanged without due process. The proliferation of arms in the region has encouraged the rise of armed groups which have targeted oil companies and pipelines. This came to a head in 2004 when Shell withdrew personnel from two oil fields in response to attacks on wells and pipelines by rebels. The military have attempted to clamp down on militant groups in the Niger Delta but it was not until the establishment of the Presidential amnesty program in 2009 which required the surrender of weapons by militants in exchange for amnesty. In 2016 a new militant group called the Niger Delta Avengers has announced its existence in the Niger Delta illustrating the continued instability in that region.

**Boko Haram Insurgency (2009 - )**

Sectarian violence has also been rife in Nigeria and since 2002, the radical Islamist group Boko Haram have been violently seeking to establish sharia law throughout Nigeria and an Islamic caliphate in the Northern part of the country. In 2009 they began an official insurgency which spread to Cameroon, Chad and Niger. In 2014 the group kidnapped 276 girls from a college in Chibok and bombed the town of Jos. The insurgency is the result of Muslim – Christian tensions in the country which is a constant source of instability and violence. In 2015 the military led a regional coalition of forces on a counter-offensive against Boko Haram and they were successful in taking ground. There are also conflicts between Fulani herdsman and Christian peasants in the Middle belt. Widespread corruption and lack of state authority exacerbate these many complex tensions.

**Central Nigerian communal conflicts (1978 - )**

Unrest in Nigeria is a product of socio-economic pressures between migrating herdsman and settled agriculturists, exacerbated by firearms proliferation, ethnic conflict, sectarianism and banditry. Since 2001, attacks have adopted a more sectarian character involving suicide bombings and shooting at churches by the jihadist group, Boko Haram. Peaks of violence occurred in 2004 and 2011, pastoral/farmer conflict has resulted in the deaths of thousands since the Fourth Nigerian Republic was founded in 1999. The Land Use Act of 1978, exacerbated conflict by allowing longtime occupants 'indigeneship' and the ability to apply for a certificate of occupancy, putting migrating communities at a disadvantage.

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Nigerian Civil War (1967), Delta Unrest (1990 - ), Communal Conflicts (1978 - ), and Boko

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| <b>Stage</b>              | Framework/substantive - comprehensive  |
| <b>Conflict nature</b>    | Inter-group  |
| <b>Peace process</b>      | Nigeria - Plateau State Process  |
| <b>Parties</b>            | <p>Signatories, Chairpersons of the Steering Committees, Signing on Behalf of their Communities:</p> <p>Afizere: Agwom Nyam Isha [Signed]</p> <p>Anaguta: Aminu Agwom Zang, signed on his behalf by Shina Musa Agada [Signed]</p> <p>Berom: Da (Dr.) Jonah Maduga, signed on his behalf by Mr. Sam Godongs [Signed]</p> <p>Fulani: Salihu Musa Umar [Signed]</p> <p>Hausa: Alhaji Umaru Sani [Signed]</p> <p>Igbo: Barr. Zacch O. Nwankpa [Signed]</p> <p>South-South: Barr. Smart Irabor [Signed]</p> <p>Yoruba: Chief Barr. Bankole Falade [Signed]</p> <p>Women: Dr. Sumaye Hamza [Signed]</p>  |
| <b>Third parties</b>      | <p>Witnesses:</p> <p>Government:</p> <p>Representative of the Federal Government, Ambassador Layiwola Laseinde [Signed]</p> <p>Representative of the State Government, Hon. Isa Chungwom Song, Special Advisor Legislative Liason [signed]</p> <p>Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue</p> <p>HD Senior Advisor: David Lambo, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Gender Advisor, Alice Nderitu, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Senior Consultant, Dr. Phil Ostien, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Local Advisor, Prof. John Dung-Gwom, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Local Advisor, Khadijah Hawaja, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Local Advisor, Baba Bala Muhammad, [Signed]</p> <p>HD Local Advisor, Yakuba Sankey, [Signed]</p>          |
| <b>Description</b>        | <p>Communal peace agreement between the communities in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria attempting to decrease incidents of violence between Hausa and Fulani and other groups. Agreement mediated by HD Centre and contains a list of eight recommendations that are expanded in the Annexes (but these are not attached). Recommendations touch on; Trust Building and Religious Tolerance; places of worship, burial grounds and youth; governance issues, access to public spaces; traditional rulership; land reform, IDPs and cattle rustling; settlers and migration issues in Jos City; Impunity and transitional justice as well as security of life and property.</p> |
| <b>Agreement document</b> | <p><a href="#">NG_141214_Declaration of Commitment to Peace by the HD Jos Forum.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a></p>  |

## Groups

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| <b>Children/youth</b>                    | Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical<br>Page 2, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members<br>... - To continue especially to emphasise the inclusion of women and youth in all of our activities.<br>Groups→Children/youth→Other<br>Page 3, Presenting the Recommendations [Note: Listed in Annex]<br>... - Session II: Rebuilding Places of Worship, Burial Grounds and Issues Relating to the Youth. |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>                  | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>                       | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>                   | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/<br/>national group</b> | Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive<br>[Summary] Page 5, Agreement is structured to include representatives of the Afizere, Anaguta, Berom, Fulani, Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba.   |
| <b>Religious groups</b>                  | Groups→Religious groups→Other<br>Page 3, Presenting the Recommendations [Note: Listed in Annex]<br>- Session I: Trust Building and Religious Tolerance.<br>- Session II: Rebuilding Places of Worship, Burial Grounds and Issues Relating to the Youth.  |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>                 | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Other groups</b>                      | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Refugees/displaced<br/>persons</b>    | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Other<br>Page 3, Presenting the Recommendations<br>... - Session V: Countryside Problems such as Land Annexations, cattle rustling, and displacement people. Deferred to a grassroots dialogue process conducted in Barkin Ladi, Jos South, and Riyom Local Government Areas.<br>- Session VI: Jos City Issues such as Ownership, Indigeneship and Settlers.             |
| <b>Social class</b>                      | No specific mention.   |

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## **Gender**

### **Women, girls and gender**

Page 2, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members  
... - To continue especially to emphasise the inclusion of women and youth in all of our activities.

Page 3, Commitment to Peace and Implementation  
...We also recognize that the various levels of Government, Traditional and Religious leaders, women and youth have a unique role in overseeing the security and prosperity of Jos, of Plateau State, and of Nigeria as a whole.  
...We welcome the Jos Women Steering Committee's Declaration, and commend their heroic efforts thus far. We also commend the ongoing efforts of support groups (Businesses, Inter-faith, Youth, and NGOs) and are determined to involve them in the implementation of the HD Jos Forum Recommendations.

Page 6, Women: Dr. Sumaye Hamza [Signed]

Page 7, Witnesses, HD Gender Advisor, Alice Nderitu, [Signed]

### **Men and boys**

No specific mention.

### **LGBTI**

No specific mention.

### **Family**

No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** [Summary] Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue mediated the agreement.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders**

Page 2-3, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members  
[Summary] Adopts a code of conduct, including respect for rights and freedoms in the Nigerian Constitution, respect the peaceful customs of each other's communities; to encourage the refrain from violence, emphasise the inclusion of women and youth, to encourage all public officials to act impartially, to encourage all political candidates to show tolerance, to foster a good relationship between security and community, and to implement the recommendations from this agreement.

Page 3, Session IV: Traditional Rulership issues and renaming of places etc.  
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**Public  
administration**

No specific mention.

**Constitution**

No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

**Political power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Territorial power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

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**Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL  
general**

No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar**

No specific mention.

**Treaty  
incorporation**

No specific mention.

**Civil and political  
rights**

No specific mention.

**Socio-economic  
rights**

No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

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| <b>Citizenship</b>             | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Democracy</b>               | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Detention procedures</b>    | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Media and communication</b> | Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other<br>Page 2, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members<br>... - To encourage all political candidates and supporters, as well as religious leaders, to show tolerance and respect for all communities and to avoid inflammatory communal-based speech, policy and incitement. |
| <b>Mobility/access</b>         | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Protection measures</b>     | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Other</b>                   | No specific mention.  |

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## **Rights institutions**

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| <b>NHRI</b>  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b> | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** Page 2, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members  
... - To respect the peaceful traditions and customs of each other's communities consistent with the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution and other relevant codes of conduct.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** No specific mention.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management  
Page 3, Presenting the Recommendations  
... - Session V: Countryside Problems such as Land Annexations, cattle rustling, and displacement people. Deferred to a grassroots dialogue process conducted in Barkin Ladi, Jos South, and Riyom Local Government Areas.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## Security sector

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** Page 2, Responsibilities as Community Leaders and Members  
... - To foster a cooperative relationship between our communities and the security forces, where appropriate and possible, in an attempt to root out individual perpetrators of violence and criminality amongst our communities.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence  
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces** No specific mention.

**Withdrawal of  
foreign forces** No specific mention.

**Corruption** No specific mention.

**Crime/organised crime** No specific mention.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations  
Page 3, Presenting the Recommendations  
... - Session VII & VIII: Impunity, Reparations and Compensation. Securing Lives and Property and Public Apologies.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

No specific mention.

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