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| Country/entity | South Sudan |
| Region | Africa (excl MENA) |
| Agreement name | Outcome of the Meeting of the Principal Signatory Parties to the Agreement on Planning Implementation of the provisions in Chapter II of the Agreement |
| Date | 3 Nov 2015 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal

In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.

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Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Government

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| Peace process | South Sudan post-secession process |
| Parties | Michael Makual Lueth, Ag. Chief Negotiator, GRSS [Signed] Gen. Taban Deng Gal, Chief Negotiator, SPLM/A-IO [Signed] John Luk Jok, Ag. Leader SPLM Leaders (FDs) [Signed] |
| Third parties | Amb. Seyoum Mesfin, Chairman of IGAD Special [Signed] Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo, IGAD Special Envoy [Signed] Amg. Gen. Mohamed El-Dabi, IGAD Special Envoy [Signed] |
| Description | The Agreement concerns the implementation of the ceasefire and creation of political institutions called for in the document referred to as 'The Agreement'. This includes the creation of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU), the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) and the adoption of the transitional constitution. |

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| Agreement document | SS_151103_Outcome of the Meeting of the Principal Signatory Parties to the Agreement on Planning Implementation of the Provisions Chapter II of the Agreement II.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF |
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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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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| Political institutions (new or reformed) | <p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions</p> <p>Page 2, 4.6. Timelines for the Operationalization of the Implementation mechanisms;</p> <p>- According to the Agreement, if the D-day is August 26, 2015, the Pre-Transitional Period shall end on November 23, 2015. From October 26, 2015, we are left with only 27 days to establish the TGONU and commencement of the Transitional Period. The major constraint to the establishment of the TGONU on time is the process of amending the Transitional Constitution, which requires 21 days for the NCAC to incorporate the Agreement into the constitution, 7 days for the Minister of Justice to present it to the Council of Ministers and the adoption by the Transitional National Assembly (TNA). The Agreement provides that the TNA shall adopt the constitution within 30 days and not after 30 days as provided in the current constitution. The President shall assent to and sign the constitution within 7 days. Therefore, the total number of days requires to accomplish the process is 65 days.</p> <p>Page 3, 4.6. Timelines for the Operationalization of the Implementation mechanisms;</p> <p>... - Given the fact that the process leading to the formation of TGONU has lagged far behind schedule as per the implementation matrix of the Agreement and if all other issues remain the same, the Leadership Committee recommends the adoption of the second option, which is between December 15, 2015 and January 15, 2016.</p> |
| Elections | No specific mention. |
| Electoral commission | No specific mention. |
| Political parties reform | No specific mention. |
| Civil society | <p>Page 2, 4.5. Peace building: Mobilization and sensitization of the public through dissemination of the Agreement;</p> <p>- The process shall be conducted by the Parties of the Agreement;</p> <p>- The activities to be conducted shall include travel, arrival, and maintenance of advance teams in Juba and the states, meetings, workshops, mobility, communication, etc.</p> <p>- The activities must be resourced by the GRSS with the support of IGAD PLUS, AU, UN, Troika, China, the EU, IPF, Arab League, regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan;</p> |
| Traditional/religious leaders | No specific mention. |

**Public
administration**

No specific mention.

Constitution

Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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- If the time to accomplish the process remains 65 days, the Pre-Transitional Period shall end on December 28, 2015 and January 27, 2016.

- If the process of adopting the amendments is reduced by 14 days and the NCAC is timely establishment of the TGONU between December 15, 2015 and January 15, 2016.

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.

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.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 2, 4.2. Improvement of communication with the IGAD secretariat by:
... - Establishment of the other coordination channels of communication;

Mobility/access Page 1,²⁹
4. After the SPLM/SPLA-IO signed the Minutes of the Workshop, the Principle signatories discussed and reached the following resolutions and recommendations;
4.1. Mobilization of resources through joint appeal by the Parties;
- Immediate appeal for resources to IGAD PLUS, AU, UN, Troika, China, the EU, IPF, Arab League and regional and international partners to meet urgent needs for implementation of the Agreement particularly for cantonment of forces, establishment of assembly, areas, provisions of food and non-food items, transport/mobility, grading and clearance of access roads, etc;

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 1, 28

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... - Parties to the Agreement shall launch a donor conference to mobilize resources in accordance with the budget prepared by the Ministry of Finance. The venue and date shall be determined after the consultations with the Partners;

- The activities to be conducted shall include travel, arrival, and maintenance of advance teams in Juba and the states, meetings, workshops, mobility, communication, etc.

- The activities must be resourced by the GRSS with the support of IGAD PLUS, AU, UN, Troika, China, the EU, IPF, Arab League, regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan;

Page 3, 4.7. Appeal for resources:

- Following the signing of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCISS), the Leadership Committee of the Parties to the Agreement request the IGAD PLUS to make an appeal to regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to help finance the immediate needs to implement the Agreement.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

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

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

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

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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2. Recognizing the progress made by the Leadership Committee of the Signatory Parties by signing the Resolutions, Recommendations and Timelines on the Implementation Process have further agreed to the Transitional Security Arrangements for Juba, Bor, Malakal and Bentiu.

3. The Signatory Parties further commit themselves to build confidence between the parties to the Agreement and to ensure security is provided to leaders and citizens in the Republic of South Sudan.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

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1. The Principle Signatories of the Agreement to Resolve the Crisis in the Republic of South Sudan, namely, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS), the SPLM/SPLA-IO, and the SPLM Leaders (Former Detainees) met at the Chief Negotiators level including their military command from 21 October to 3 November 2015 and held extensive discussions on Planning Implementation of the Provisions in Chapter II of the Agreement. The Agenda items included concerns raised in the IGAD Envoys harmonization document dated October 23, 2015 and any other concerns that needed to be resolved to ensure the implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire and operationalization of the institutions provided for in the Agreement, and in the implementation timeline.

Police

No specific mention.

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.

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 No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

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| UN signatory | Amb. Seyoum Mesfin, Chairman of IGAD Special [Signed] Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo, IGAD Special Envoy [Signed] Amg. Gen. Mohamed El-Dabi, IGAD Special Envoy [Signed] |
| Other international signatory | No specific mention. |
| Referendum for agreement | No specific mention. |
| International mission/force/similar | No specific mention. |
| Enforcement mechanism | Page 2, 4.2. Improvement of communication with the IGAD secretariat by: - Establishment of JMEC Secretariat in Juba as per Article 2.7 of Chapter II of the Agreement; |
| Related cases | No specific mention. |
| Source | Source: John Ashworth, Sudans Google Group, https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/sudans-john-ashworth/bvkiQ9DKPno (accessed: 9 June 2016) |
