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Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement on Outstanding issues of Governance
Date	5 Aug 2018
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

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 Areement (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.

Close Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government

Peace process	South Sudan post-secession process
Parties	For Incumbent TGonu H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit
	President of the Republic of South Sudan
	For SPLM/A-IO
	Dr Riek Machar Teny Chairman of the SPLM/A-IO
Third parties	For SSOA [illegible]
	For FDs [illegible]
	For OPP [illegible]
	Francis Madeng Deng
	Eminent Personalities
	Mohammed Morjan
	Faith Based leaders
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	Sarah Nayanth Elijah Yang
	Civil Society Organization Outsude (CSO Outsided)
	Alokiir Malwal Anguer
	Civil Society Organisation (CS0)
	Amer Manyok Deng
	Women bloc of South Sudan
Description	Agreement 'bridging' from the R-ARCSS by supplementing/ amending its provisions, in
	particular by naming who will hold the key government ministries and positions.
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document	Download PDF

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2, 1. The Presidency 1.5. The First Vice President and Vice Presidents shall oversee respectively the following Cabinet Clusters: (e) Vice President: Gender and Youth Cluster Pages 2, 1. The Presidency 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.4. The Gender and Youth Cluster shall include Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare; Culture and Heritage, Youth, and Sports; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries. Page 10, 6. General Provisions 6.5. Having in mind that more than 70 percent of the population in the Republic of South Sudan is under the age of thirty and that youth are the most affected by the war and represent high percentage of refugees and IDPs, the Parties shall strive to include people of young age in their quotas at different levels, in particular, the Parties shall strive that the Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sport in the Revitalized TGoNU shall be less than forty (40) years old.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 10, 6. General Provisions 6.6. In selecting their nominees, the Parties shall give due consideration to national diversity, gender and regional representation.
Religious groups	Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 9, 6. General Provisions c. A process of national healing and reconciliation that shall be led by the Parties, churches, and civil society groups inside and outside of the Republic of South Sudan.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

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6.3. The activities that shall be undertaken during the agreed eight (8) months Pretransitional Period shall include: a. Dissemination of the Revitalized ARCSS to South Sudanese people inside the country, in different cities and refugee camps in neighbouring countries, and in Diaspora, so that the people can understand, support and own it.

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Social class No specific mention.

persons

Gender

Women, girls and Page 2, 1. The Presidency

gender

1.2. During the Transitional Period there shall be four Vice Presidents of the Republic of South Sudan who shall be nominated as follows:

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d. Vice President to be nominated by FDs, who shall be a woman.

Page 2, 1. The Presidency

1.5. The First Vice President and Vice Presidents shall oversee respectively the following Cabinet Clusters:

(e) Vice President: Gender and Youth Cluster

Pages 2, 1. The Presidency

 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters.
 2.4. The Gender and Youth Cluster shall include Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare; Culture and Heritage, Youth, and Sports; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries.

Pages 4-5, 3. The Transitional National Legislature

3.3. The Speaker of the TNLA shall be nominated by the Incumbent TGoNU. One Deputy Speaker shall be nominated by SPLM/A-IO; another, who shall be a women, shall be nominated by the Incumbent TGoNU; and a third Deputy Speaker to nominated by OPP. 3.5. Without prejudice to the recommendations of the IBC, the Speaker of the Council of States shall be from SPLM-IO, Deputy Speaker from the TGoNU, who shall be a woman, and Deputy Speaker from SSOA. For the purpose of regional inclusivity required in a body representing the States, each of the Speaker and Deputy

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Speakers shall come from a different region.

6.4. Provisions of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan and ARCSS on participation of women (35%) in the Executive shall be observed. In particular, in their nomination to the Council of Ministers Incumbent TGoNU shall nominate no fewer than six (6) women, SPLM-IO shall nominate no fewer than three (3) women, and SSOA shall nominate no less than one (1) woman.

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6.6. In selecting their nominees, the Parties shall give due consideration to national diversity, gender and regional representation.

Page 13, Amer Manyok Deng Women bloc of South Sudan [signed]

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition Nature of state Page 1, Preamble Mindful of our commitment under the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South (general) Sudan, 2011, (TCRSS) as amended, to lay the foundation for a united, peaceful and prosperous society based on justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of law, Determined to compensate our people by recommitting ourselves to peace and constitutionalism and not to repeat mistakes of the past, Page 11, 6. General Provisions 6.11. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the ARCSS that a federal and democratic system of governance that reflects the character of the Republic of South Sudan and ensures unity in diversity be enacted during the permanent constitution making process. Pages 11-12, 6. General Provisions 6.12. The Parties also reaffirm their commitment to the principle of lean government and that the number of members of the future legislatures shall be commensurate with the number of the population of the country pursuant to the internationally recognised proportions. The Parties recognize that the high number of members of the Executive and TNLA is agreed herein on exceptional basis for the purposes of the Transitional Period only and that those numbers shall form no precedent or any precursor for the future. 6.13. The Agreement shall prevail on contradictory or incompatible provisions or ARCSS, any other agreement and the Revitalised Bridging Proposal. State configuration Page 1, Recognising the prime significance of preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country, Cognizant that a federal system of government is a popular demand of the people of the Republic of South Sudan and of the need for the Revitalized TGoNU to reflect this demand by way of devolution of more powers and resources to lower levels of government, Page 11, 6. General Provisions 6.11. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the ARCSS that a federal and democratic system of governance that reflects the character of the Republic of South Sudan and ensures unity in diversity be enacted during the permanent constitution making process. Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum	 Pages 4-5, 3. The Transitional National Legislature 3.4. Upon issuing the final report of the IBC the Council of States shall be reconstituted as shall be recommended by the IBC. However, if the IBC 5 failed to issue its final report, the Council of States shall be reconstituted pursuant to the outcome of the referendum. Pages 6-7, 4. Number and Boundaries of States: 4.13. In the unlikely event of the IBC failing to make its final report before the end of its term, the IBC shall be automatically transformed on the 90th day of its terms into Referendum Commission on Number and Boundaries of States (RCNBS) of the Republic of South Sudan. 4.14. The RCNBS shall work under the direct supervision and support of the African Union and the IGAD, and pursuant to the international guidelines, and shall conduct the referendum before the end of the agreed eight (8) months Pre-Transitional Period. 4.15. The referendum shall be conducted on the number and boundaries of States of the Republic of South Sudan; taking account of the positions advanced by Parties. The question or set of questions that shall be posed in the referendum shall be the same for the entire country unless it is decided in the RCNBS that each states shall have different question or set of questions more understandable to the people. 4a. 4a. 6. The IBC and RCNBC shall take full account of the report of the TBC which shall form the basis of their decision and formulation of the question of the referendum.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	n No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	 Pages 2-3, 1. The Presidency 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.2. The three Clusters stated in the ARCSS shall continue having due regard to the amendments required as a result of creating new Clusters and new Ministries. 2.3. The Infrastructure Cluster shall include Ministries of Energy and Dams; Transport; Roads and Bridges; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries. 2.4. The Gender and Youth Cluster shall include Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare; Culture and Heritage, Youth, and Sports; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries. 2.5. The additional five Ministries and their clustering shall be agreed by the Parties before or during the Pre-Transitional Period further to a proposal to be drawn by the IGAD. The full list of the thirty five (35) Ministries and their clustering shall be drawn at that time and shall be included in the Revitalized ARCSS, 2.6. The Ministerial positions shall be allocated as follows: a. Incumbent TGoNU: 20 Ministries b. SPLM/A-IO: 09 Ministries c. SSOA: 03 Ministries. d. FDs: 02 Ministries e. OPP; 01 Ministry 2.7. There shall be ten (10) Deputy Ministers in the following Ministries: a. Cabinet Affairs. b. Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. c. Defense and Veteran Affairs. f. Finance and Planning. g. Agriculture and Food Security. h. General Education and Instruction. i. Public Service and Human Resource Development. j. Information, Telecommunication, Technology and Postal Services. 2.8. Deputy Ministers shall be allocated as follows: a. Incumbent TGoNU: five (5) Deputy Ministers.
	c. SSOA: one (1) Deputy Minister. d. OPP: one (1) Deputy Minister.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.

Civil society	Page 9, 6. General Provisions c. A process of national healing and reconciliation that shall be led by the Parties, churches, and civil society groups inside and outside of the Republic of South Sudan.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal Page 1, Preamble Mindful of our commitment under the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011, (TCRSS) as amended, to lay the foundation for a united, peaceful and prosperous society based on justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of law, Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 11, 6. General Provisions 6.10. Within twelve (12) months of the beginning of the Transitional Period, the Reconstituted National Constitutional Amendments Committee (NCAC) shall revise relevant laws and draft new legislation pursuant to the Revitalied ARCSS. 6.11. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the ARCSS that a federal and democratic system of governance that reflects the character of the Republic of South Sudan and ensures unity in diversity be enacted during the permanent constitution making process.

Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level Sub-state level State level power-sharing is provided for, see below.

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5. States and Local Government

5.1. The responsibility sharing at State and local government levels shall be in accordance with the following ratio:

a. Incumbent TGoNU: 55%

b. SPLM/ A-IO: 27%

c. SSOA: 10%

D. OPP: 8%

5.2. At the beginning of the Transitional Period State and local governments shall be reconstituted as per the responsibility sharing formula stated above.5.3. The positions that shall be shared as per the responsibility sharing formula are: Governors, Speakers of State Legislatures, County Commissioners, and County Councils (if any)

5.4. In sharing State and local government positions the Parties shall take into account the relative prominence each Party has in the respective State or country.

5.5. The FDs shall have three State Ministries in States of their choice that shall be deducted from the opposition ratio.

Power sharing – Political power sharing – Executive coalition

State level

Sub-state level

Pages 2-4,

1. The Presidency

1.1. During the Transitional Period:

a. H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit shall continue as the President of the Republic of South Sudan.

b. The Chairman of SPLM/A-IO Dr Riek Machar Teny shall assume the position of the First Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan.

1.2. During the Transitional Period there shall be four Vice Presidents of the Republic of South Sudan who shall be nominated as follows:

a. Vice President to be nominated by Incumbent TGoNU.

b. Vice President to be nominated by SSOA.

c. Vice President to be nominated by Incumbent TGoNU.

d. Vice President to be nominated by FDs, who shall be a woman.

1.3. Apart from the First Vice President, there shall be no hierarchy among the Vice Presidents. The ranking in 1.2. above is for protocol purposes only.

1.4. Decision making in the Presidency shall be in the spirit of collegial

collaboration. However, the powers and functions of the President, First Vice President, and Vice Presidents shall be delineated along the provisions of the ARCSS 2015.

1.5. The First Vice President and Vice Presidents shall oversee respectively the following Cabinet Clusters:

(a) First Vice President: Governance Cluster

(b) Vice President: Economic Cluster

(c) Vice President: Services Cluster.

(d) Vice President: Infrastructure Cluster

(e) Vice President: Gender apg 2013 629 ster

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Territorial power sharing	Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Local/municipal government Page 1, Cognizant that a federal system of government is a popular demand of the people of the Republic of South Sudan and of the need for the Revitalized TGoNU to reflect this demand by way of devolution of more powers and resources to lower levels of government,
	Page 9, 6. General Provisions 6.3. The activities that shall be undertaken during the agreed eight (8) months Pre- transitional Period shall include: g. Any other activities agreed by the Parties including the devolution of more powers and resources to lower levels of government.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoLPage 1, PreamblegeneralMindful of our commitment under the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South
Sudan, 2011, (TCRSS) as amended, to lay the foundation for a united, peaceful and
prosperous society based on justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of
law,...Determined to compensate our people by recommitting ourselves to peace
and constitutionalism and not to repeat mistakes of the past,

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

courts

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	Page 11, 6. General Provisions 6.11. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the ARCSS that a federal and democratic system of governance that reflects the character of the Republic of South Sudan and ensures unity in diversity be enacted during the permanent constitution making process.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other Page 9, 6. General Provisions 6.3. The activities that shall be undertaken during the agreed eight (8) months Pre- transitional Period shall include: a. Dissemination of the Revitalized ARCSS to South Sudanese people inside the country, in different cities and refugee camps in neighbouring countries, and in Diaspora, so that the people can understand, support and own it.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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 refor	rm
Criminal justice and emergency law	d No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and	No specific mention.

Prisons and No specific mention. detention

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio- economic development Page 2, 1. The Presidency 1.5. The First Vice President and Vice Presidents shall oversee respectively the following Cabinet Clusters: (b) Vice President: Economic Cluster (c) Vice President: Services Cluster. Pages 2-3, 1. The Presidency 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.6. The Ministerial positions shall be allocated as follows: h. General Education and Instruction. i. Public Service and Human Resource Development. j. Information, Telecommunication, Technology and Postal Services. Page 11, 6. General Provisions 6.8. There shall be established a fund, to be drawn from government funds and contributions of donors, for the implementation of the activities of the preTransitional Period. The fund shall be deposited by Incumbent TGoNU in a special account in a bank agreed to by the NPTC. The NPTC shall manage the fund transparently and report on it monthly to the President of the Republic of South Sudan and to the Parties. Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction Page 2, 1. The Presidency 1.5. The First Vice President and Vice Presidents shall oversee respectively the following Cabinet Clusters: (d) Vice President: Infrastructure Cluster (e) Pages 2-3, 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.3. The Infrastructure Cluster shall include Ministries of Energy and Dams; Transport; Roads and Bridges; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries.
plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.

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6.2. At the beginning of the Pre-Transitional Period, the Parties shall issue a solemn commitment to their people and the international community at large confirming unequivocally that they will not return to war and shall work hand in hand diligently and collectively for the sake of peace and stability of their country. In particular, the Parties shall pledge to use the resources of the country wisely and transparently, for the best interests of the people of the Republic of South Sudan, and to put in place the efficient mechanisms for achieving this paramount goal. In their solemn commitment the Parties shall also appeal to the international community for support and cooperation at this difficult time of the Republic of South Sudan.

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6.8. There shall be established a fund, to be drawn from government funds and contributions of donors, for the implementation of the activities of the preTransitional Period. The fund shall be deposited by Incumbent TGoNU in a special account in a bank agreed to by the NPTC. The NPTC shall manage the fund transparently and report on it monthly to the President of the Republic of South Sudan and to the Parties.

- Business No specific mention.
- TaxationNo specific mention.
- Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible Pages 2, 1. The Presidency 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.4. The Gender and Youth Cluster shall include Ministries of Gender, Child and Social Welfare; Culture and Heritage, Youth, and Sports; and any other appropriate Ministry of the five new Ministries.
Environment	Pages 2-3, 1. The Presidency 2. The Revitalized TGoNU 2.1. The Council of Ministers shall comprise thirty five (35) Ministries that shall be organized in the abovementioned five (5) Clusters. 2.6. The Ministerial positions shall be allocated as follows: g. Agriculture and Food Security.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.
Security sector	
Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
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	Page 9, 6. General Provisions c. A process of national healing and reconciliation that shall be led by the Parties, churches, and civil society groups inside and outside of the Republic of South Sudan.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention. signatory

Referendum for agreement	Page 4-5, 3. The Transitional National Legislature 3.4. Upon issuing the final report of the IBC the Council of States shall be reconstituted as shall be recommended by the IBC. However, if the IBC failed to issue its final report, the Council of States shall be reconstituted pursuant to the outcome of the referendum.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	 Page 7, 4a. 4a.1 Immediately upon the signing of the Revitalized ARCSS, the IGAD Mediation shall appoint a Technical Boundary Committee (TBC) to define and demarcate the tribal areas of South Sudan as they stood on 1 January 1956 and the tribal areas in dispute in the country. 4a. 5 Immediately upon completion of its work, the TBC shall present its report including dissenting views, if any, to the IGAD Mediation Page 10, 6. General Provisions 6.9. The IGAD-led mediation shall revitalize and restructure all monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure inclusion of all Parties and to enhance effectiveness of all mechanisms. Such review and restructuring shall be reflected in the Revitalized ARCSS.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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