

Country/entity	Mali Niger
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement between Idourfane and Ibogolitane communities from the regions of Gao and Ménaka in Mali and the region of Tillabéry in Niger (Gao agreement)
Date	20 Nov 2018
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Mali Local Processes
Parties	Signatories for the Ibogolitane community: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Houmeidi AG WARIFOUDE, chief of the Inzagalane fraction and area2. Hamadou Hamadou AG TAWINGUILA, religious leader3. Sabaya AG EMALI, community leader Signatories for the Idourfane community: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Daniel AG MOHAMED, Fraction Leader and Former Mayor of Tin Hamma2. Hamad-na AG ABDOULAYE, religious leader3. Abdourahmane AG MOHAMED ELMOCTAR, young leader

Third parties

Witness signatories:

1. Ahmed AG Egarwey, President of the Temporary Authority of Ansongo
2. Akline AG ABOGOLY, Municipal Councillor of the Menaka Town Hall
3. Rhissa AG MOSSA, Member of the Regional Team for Support to the Reconciliation of Gao

[Note: The agreement additionally refers to 'mediation undertaken for a month by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue to support the stabilization efforts of the Government of Mali and the international community in northern Mali;' (p. 1).]

Description

Local peace agreement addressing inter-communal violence in the Mali-Niger border area with provisions on the use of traditional mediation mechanisms to resolve disputes, the return of displaced persons, and natural resource governance. Agreement parties commit to end confrontations and call on the Malian and Nigerien state authorities and its partners to provide humanitarian aid and to support the peace process.

Agreement document

[ML_181120_Agreement between Idoufane and Ibogolitane communities from the regions of Gao and Meñaka in Mali and the region of Tillabéry in Niger_tr.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language)

[ML_181120_Accord-de-paix-Idoufane-Ibogolitane-Mali-Niger-2018.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

Groups**Children/youth**

Groups→Children/youth→Other

Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 2: Aware that the tensions and conflicts involving the members of their respective communities will not end immediately with the signing of this Agreement;

...

- Sensitize young people and opinion leaders to commit to promoting peace and only spread messages of appeasement on social networks;

Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive [Note: The parties to this agreement represent two different ethnic/socio-professional communities (Idourfane and Ibogolitane). The agreement's provisions are specifically targeted at these ethnic/socio-professional groups.]
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 2: Aware that the tensions and conflicts involving the members of their respective communities will not end immediately with the signing of this Agreement; ... - Facilitate the return of displaced persons to their original locations;
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.

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 No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 3: The parties request the States of Mali and Niger to support their pacification efforts for the benefit of peaceful inter-communal coexistence. More specifically, the parties request:

...

- To the two States to strengthen the legitimacy of the traditional and religious local authorities so that they are able, as in the past, to work to prevent and deal with tensions and conflicts in an impartial manner.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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→Other

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- Follow up on the implementation of this agreement and report on it to the community.

Page 4, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 6:

The parties request the national and regional authorities to organize campaigns to disseminate the pastoral charter and to promote local conventions relating to the management of pastoral resources.

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 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 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 2: Aware that the tensions and conflicts involving the members of their respective communities will not end immediately with the signing of this Agreement;
...
- Favor the use of traditional mediation mechanisms to prevent and resolve their disputes;

Page 4, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals, etc.), Article 5: In addition to Article 2 of this Agreement, the parties:
...
- recall that to this end it is essential to revitalize traditional conflict-management mechanisms for peaceful use of agro-pastoral resources;

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 3: The parties request the States of Mali and Niger to support their pacification efforts for the benefit of peaceful inter-communal coexistence. More specifically, the parties request:
...
- To the two States and their partners to work to provide humanitarian aid proportional to needs and to promote financial relief for the area.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 4, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals, etc.), Article 5: In addition to Article 2 of this Agreement, the parties:

- undertake to invest themselves fully alongside all the authorities in the successful management of conflicts related to access to natural resources;

- recall that to this end it is essential to revitalize traditional conflict-management mechanisms for peaceful use of agro-pastoral resources;

- recall that it is possible to call on the mediation services of the network of 316 community mediators established in 22 border municipalities to prevent and peacefully manage conflicts on access to natural resources.

International funds Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 3: The parties request the States of Mali and Niger to support their pacification efforts for the benefit of peaceful inter-communal coexistence. More specifically, the parties request:

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- To the two States and their partners to work to provide humanitarian aid proportional to needs and to promote financial relief for the area.

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 Page 4, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals, etc.), Article 5: In addition to Article 2 of this Agreement, the parties:

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- recall that to this end it is essential to revitalize traditional conflict-management mechanisms for peaceful use of agro-pastoral resources;

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The parties request the national and regional authorities to organize campaigns to disseminate the pastoral charter and to promote local conventions relating to the management of pastoral resources.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access Page 4, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals, etc.) ...

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 2:

...

The parties jointly commit to:

- End the confrontations and jointly condemn any act of violence likely to be committed in the future by any members of their community;

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes
Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 3: The parties request the States of Mali and Niger to support their pacification efforts for the benefit of peaceful inter-communal coexistence. More specifically, the parties request:
...
- To the State of Mali to speed up the implementation of the demobilization, dismantling, and reintegration process of the armed groups provided for by the 2015 Agreement for Peace and National Reconciliation in Mali.
- To the State of Niger to continue its dialogue with the armed groups of the North Tillabery region so that these may be reintegrated into society.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 3: The parties request the States of Mali and Niger to support their pacification efforts for the benefit of peaceful inter-communal coexistence. More specifically, the parties request:
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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	Page 3, Chapter 1: Terms of the peace agreement, Section 1: General commitments of the parties, Article 2: Aware that the tensions and conflicts involving the members of their respective communities will not end immediately with the signing of this Agreement; ... - Offer condolences to the families of the victims through the leaders of both community;
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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

Pages 4-5, Chapter II: Terms and conditions, Article 7:

In order to monitor the implementation of this peace agreement, a monitoring committee is put in place. A maximum of ten members will constitute it and must be appointed by consensus to represent all the signatory members.

The mission of this monitoring committee is to:

- Share with the Niger authorities this Agreement so that they support its implementation and therefore strengthen its scope;
- Take stock of the progress made in implementing the commitments made under this agreement with the parties in order to strengthen its scope;
- Prevent and manage disputes between the parties which may lead to non-compliance with this agreement.

For purposes of arbitration in the event of any issues, the Parties undertake involve representatives of the State and the elected authorities of Mali and Niger.

Article 8:

The parties will do everything in their power to settle amicably and by negotiation any dispute arising between them, in the spirit of cooperation and friendship which underlies this peace agreement. Thus, in the event of failure to implement this Agreement or in the event of a dispute relating to its interpretation, the Parties will use the Monitoring Committee so that a consensus solution is identified and applied.

Article 9:

In the event of a serious breach of the application of this Agreement, and failure of any negotiation attempts to remedy this, the Parties may terminate this Agreement. Such a decision will take effect on a specified termination date. In this case, the Parties will take all necessary measures to minimize the impact of such a decision on the peace efforts already undertaken.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. <https://www.hdcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Accord-de-paix-Idoufane-Ibogolitane-Mali-Niger-2018.pdf> [Last Accessed 29/01/2020].
