

**Country/entity** South Sudan

**Region** Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement name** Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative (Yei River State)

**Date** 17 May 2018

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/local 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** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

<b>Peace process</b>	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
<b>Parties</b>	Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows:  Jul Machok Lieny - Senior Chief, Western Lakes State Manyiel Lieny Wol - Elder and Chief, Western Lakes State Elizabeth Agok Anyijong - Women leader, Western Lakes State Moses Deng Akeu - Youth Representative, Western Lakes State
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by:  Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi - Head of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Peace Desk  Hon. Mabor Meen Wol - Minister of LG&LE and Governor's Representative
<b>Description</b>	A short community agreement which calls for community reconciliation, dialogue, disarming of youth and reimposition of security and law by the local state government. The agreement also provides for measures to be carried out by the EPC in facilitating a space of healing and management of infrastructural rebuilding.

**Agreement document** [SS\\_180517\\_Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative.pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3.The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government.  Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. (a)Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order (b)EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b>	No specific mention.

**Religious groups** Groups→Religious groups→Other  
Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...(g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

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

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## Gender

**Women, girls and gender** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. ...(b) EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.

Page 2, Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows:

...

Elizabeth Agok Anyijong - Women leader, Western Lakes State

**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** No specific mention.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...(g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.

Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. ...(b)EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.

7. EPC to send a small committee to go to Western Lakes State to go and verify the issues raised in this workshop.

**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**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics  
Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...  
(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians  
Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3. The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** 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 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (f)...Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.

Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

<b>Development or socio-economic reconstruction</b>	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. (a)Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4.</p> <p>(a)Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions,</p> <p>(b)Organizations that can establish Basic Nursery, Elementary and Vocational training for the Galwengs.</p> <p>(c)Organizations or companies that can come to Western Lakes State to open Feeder roads.</p> <p>(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.</p> <p>(e)Organizations that can supply seeds and tools such as Oxen to improve food security.</p> <p>(f)Organizations that can improve the living conditions of armed forces</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center, Health center, Church and so forth.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. (a)Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions,</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...</p> <p>(c)Organizations or companies that can come to Western Lakes State to open Feeder roads.</p> <p>(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.</p>
<b>National economic plan</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Natural resources</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International funds</b>	Page 3, Front Cover - Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, ... Mediated and funded by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Bishop Elias Taban and their partner His Voice Global USA under the leadership of Dr. Vernon Burger

**Business** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. The workshop resolved that peace building is achieved through:  
(a) Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order  
(b) EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **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** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. The workshop also resolved that lasting peace can be achieved through provision of basic services by well-wishers such as:  
(a) Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (f) Organizations that can improve the living conditions of armed forces and Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.

<b>DDR</b>	Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3.The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	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** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 1. Peace building and healing conference be organized in Western Lakes State within the shortest possible time by the Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi of EPC that brings all sons and daughters of Western Lakes State and all 6. neighboring States to pray and dialogue.

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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** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center, Health center, Church and so forth.

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