

<b>Country/entity</b>	Central African Republic
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Accord des Retour Voluntaire des DPIs des Kouï
<b>Date</b>	3 Oct 2018
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict

### Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 - )

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close  
Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group

<b>Peace process</b>	CAR: Local Processes
<b>Parties</b>	For the 3R, Mr. Sidiki Abassi  For the Anti-Balaka, Mr. Hamadou Ndale  For the DPs [Personnes Deplacées internes], Mr Ngaibona Maxime
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnesses: Mayor of the Kouï CC, Mr Yaya [illegible] Daouda Religious leaders, Imam Abassi Modibq, Pastor Nefonyam Samuel Youth representative (Kouï), Gambo Amadou Women's representative, Ms Bangué Pauline  Representatives of civil society: Executive president of ONG GDAP [NGO Groupement pour le Développement Agro Pastoral], Mr Mohamadou Dahirou President of UDAPE, Mr Bindowo Ibrahim
<b>Description</b>	In this agreement, the CAR armed groups active in the Kouï sub-prefecture agree to take measures that would allow for safe return of internally displaced persons, by committing to refraining from violence, and ensuring free movement for people and goods in the area.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">CF_181003_Accord des Retour Volontaire des DPs des Kouï_Translation-1.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
<b>Agreement document (original language)</b>	<a href="#">CF_181003_Accord des Retour Volontaire des DPs des Kouï.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 1:

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**Religious groups**

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical

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**Indigenous people**

No specific mention.

**Other groups**

No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical  
Page 1:

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Page 1:

We agree to the following:

Article 1: the parties undertake to agree to the final return of IDPs to their places of origin from the date of signature of this agreement.

...

Article 4: to aid the definitive return of IDPs to their places of origin to consolidate peace, rebuilding, and social cohesion [illegible], the parties commit to:

Ensuring free movement of people and goods in the Kouï sub-prefecture;

Refraining from damaging, stealing, or trespassing on private property (houses, [illegible], livestock, etc.);

Resorting to traditional local mechanisms of conflict agreements between farmers and herders.

Article 5: the parties undertake to respect and implement the provisions of the Agreement to successfully ensure the definitive return of IDPs to their respective localities.

Article 6: As soon as the agreement is signed, the parties individually and collectively must take joint measures to sensitize the populations of the Kouï sub-prefecture to accepting the voluntary return of IDPs to their localities of origin.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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**Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** Page 2,  
Witnesses:  
...  
Women's representative, Ms Bangue Pauline

**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.



## **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** No specific mention.

**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** Page 1:  
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**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property  
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## Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** Page 1:  
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**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

<b>Media and communication</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other</p> <p>Page 1:</p> <p>We agree to the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Article 7: This Agreement shall be communicated to the civilian population through the media, as well as through other means of communication.</p>
<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p>Page 1:</p> <p>We agree to the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Article 4: to aid the definitive return of IDPs to their places of origin to consolidate peace, rebuilding, and social cohesion [illegible], the parties commit to:</p> <p>Ensuring free movement of people and goods in the Kouï sub-prefecture;</p> <p>Refraining from damaging, stealing, or trespassing on private property (houses, [illegible], livestock, etc.);</p> <p>Resorting to traditional local mechanisms of conflict agreements between farmers and herders.</p>
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	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:  
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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
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**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.

## Land, property and environment

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights

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**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** 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**

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**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** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 1:  
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By signing this Agreement, we make a solemn commitment before the local administrative authorities, religious leaders, and the population, to renounce any act that goes against the respect for free movement and social cohesion in our sub-prefecture.

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Article 6: As soon as the agreement is signed, the parties individually and collectively must take joint measures to sensitize the populations of the Kouï sub-prefecture to accepting the voluntary return of IDPs to their localities of origin.

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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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