

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Vers le Dialogue Républicain pour la paix et l'avenir de la RCA Déclaration de Rome
Date	29 Sep 2021
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate 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 -)

Stage	Renewal
Conflict nature	Government/territory

Parties

Page 2. Ernest Mada – Prime Minister (Head of the Government)

Evariste Ngamana – General Rapporteur of MCU, first deputy-chair of the National Assembly

Martin Ziguele – Head of the political party Mouvement pour la Libération du Peuple Centrafricain

Crépin Mboli Goumba – Head of the political party PATRIE

Léonie Banga Bothy – Representative of the Technical Secretariat of the CAR

Mahamat Kamoun – Head of the political party Centrafrique pour nous tous

Anicet Georges Dologuele – Head of the political party URCA

Christian Olivier Guenebem-Dedizoum – Interim General Secretary of the political party KNK

Charles Armel Doubane – Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Cyriaque Gonda - Head of the political party PNCN

Bruno Hyacinthe Gbiegba – Lawyer and active member of civil society

Blandine Asta Moussa Nee Kpassa – Representative of the Muslim Community

Marie Edith Douzima – Head of the Commission Vérité et justice (Truth and Justice)

Audrey Pamela Derom – Chair of the National Council of the Young of the CAR and Assistant General Secretary of the Pan-African Union of the Young

Paul Crescent Beminga – Representative of the technical committee for the national dialogue

Armelle Nadege Kpangba – Elections consultation framework

Jean Emmanuel Aime Zanga Metho – Representative of the Ambassadors of Peace

Cedric Anthony Rodrigue Kongbo Gbassinga – General secretary of bishops of Central African Republic

Oumarou Abakar Ousmane – -Speaker of the Muslim Community of CAR

Deleris Ahamat – Chair of the Islamic Committee of CAR, PK5

Abdoulaye Ouassalegue – Representative of the inter-religious platform

Nicolas Aime Simplicite Singa Gbazia – Chair of the Alliance of the Evangelicals of CAR

Third parties	-
Description	Agreement that reaffirms rhetorical commitment to inclusive dialogue, removing ethnic and religious hatreds, working towards good governance, management of natural resources and democracy, and calls on armed groups for a definitive ceasefire.

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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 Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive
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6. Removing ethnic and religious hatred and avoiding manipulation of all kinds, especially on religious grounds ;

Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive</p> <p>Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony, propose the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. Guaranteeing freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of movement and personal security of all Central Africans, and in particular of political leaders, civil society and religious communities who will participate in the Republican Dialogue;</p> <p>...</p> <p>6. Removing ethnic and religious hatred and avoiding manipulation of all kinds, especially on religious grounds ;</p>
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

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Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Other

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LGBTI

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Family

No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony,

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 Page 1, para 1. We, the women and men of the Central African Republic, representing political parties, civil society and religious confessions, gathered in Rome under the invitation of the Sant'Egidio Community on the days of 27, 28 and 29 September 2021,

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Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony,
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of speech

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4. Guaranteeing freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of movement and personal security of all Central Africans, and in particular of political leaders, civil society and religious communities who will participate in the Republican Dialogue;

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

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Socio-economic rights

No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	<p>Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony, propose the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>10. Working towards strengthening the democracy in our country and creating a healthy climate for the governance by promoting education, civic-mindedness and training of young people;</p>
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other</p> <p>Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony, propose the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Promoting a fraternal communication and banning hate speech and intolerance ;</p>
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 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony,

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, para 3. Aware that this dialogue is a fundamental step in bringing peace and security back to the CAR, establishing lasting reconciliation between Central Africans, and leading our country onto the path to development.

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8. Maintaining a close link between economic development, security and stability;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 1, para 5. Reaffirming our firm desire for the women and men of the Central African Republic wanting to live together and to respect the laws, institutions and customs of our Republic in order to rebuild the CAR in peace and national harmony, propose the following:

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7. Working towards good governance and towards reasonable and transparent management of public goods and natural resources of our country by adopting a policy of economic reappropriation

International funds No specific mention.

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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3. Adopting political and security measures to ease the existing tensions in order to create good conditions for a dialogue

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Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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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.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	No specific mention.
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Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Sant'Egidio. 2023. Vers le Dialogue Républicain pour la paix et l'avenir de la RCA Déclaration de Rome. Available online at: https://www.santegidio.org/downloads/Declaration-de-Rome-29-Septembre-2021.pdf Accessed 13/12/22.
