

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Report of the Meeting of the Joint Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of Ceasefire and Withdraw of M23 in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
Date	2 Mar 2023
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or short-lived guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

Close
Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	DRC: EAC-led Nairobi process for Eastern DRC

Parties	Lieutenant General Silas Ntigurirwa Chairperson of the Technical Team and Advisor to the Facilitator of the EAC Led Nairobi Process
	Colonel Adelino Afonso Representative of the Ad Hoc Verification Mechanism
	Major General M Nyagah EAC Regional Force (EACRF) Commander
	Major General Ally Mzee Katimbe Military Advisor to EAC SG Representative of EAC Secretary General
	Colonel Rigobert Ibouanga Representative of the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism Commander
Third parties	-
Description	After the Mini-Summit on Peace and Security in Eastern DRC in February, 2023, representatives of the Eastern African Community (EAC) and the Verification Mechanisms for the peace process in the Eastern DRC issued a report on plans for the implementation of a ceasefire and the withdrawal of M23 forces from Eastern DRC.

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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	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
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 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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

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 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 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 **The Meeting;**
...
EMPHASIZED the need for the EAC Regional Force Contingents to deploy in the multinational sector within Eastern DRC and withdraw of M23 in phases as follow:
Phase 1:
M23 withdraws from Kibumba, Rumangabo, Karenga, Kirolirwe and Kitchanga.
Phase 2:
M23 withdraws from Kishishe, Bambo, Kazaroho, Tongo and Mabenga.
Phase 3:
M23 withdraws from Rutshuru, Kiwanja and Bunagana.

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	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory

The Meeting;
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The execution mechanism will be composed of;
...
Lieutenant General Silas Ntigurirwa
Chairperson of the Technical Team and Advisor to the Facilitator of the EAC Led Nairobi Process
...
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EAC Regional Force (EACRF) Commander
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar

The Meeting;

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EMPHASIZED the need for the EAC Regional Force Contingents to deploy in the multinational sector within Eastern DRC and withdraw of M23 in phases as follow:

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ENCOURAGED the EAC troops contributing countries to deploy the contingents as agreed in the Heads of State Summit and further urged President of the Republic of Angola and the EAC Led Facilitator to communicate to M23 leadership of the Heads of State decisions.

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The execution mechanism will be composed of;

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Call upon the African Union (AU) Commission through the AU Peace Fund, MONUSCO and other partners to support the implementation processes towards restoration of peace, security and stability in Eastern DRC.

Enforcement mechanism

The Meeting;

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COMMITTED to contribute to the process of restoration of Peace and Stability in Eastern DRC by Monitoring, Verifying and Reporting on the progress of the implementation of all decisions regarding the restoration of Peace and Stability in Eastern DRC.

DETERMINED to support the compliance of existing monitoring and verification mechanisms for the implementation of the Cease Fire and disengagement/Withdraw of M23.

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The execution mechanism will be composed of;

Establishment of a Joint Bureau composed of AVM (Chair), EACRF (deputy Chair), EJVM (secretary) and EAC Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (EACMVM);

The Bureau, within one week, to meet with warring parties and representative of DRC Government /FARDC to begin the implementation of ceasefire and withdraw of M23.

The Bureau to come up with an action plan and a roadmap for the implementation of the ceasefire and withdraw of M23.

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The Bureau to report regularly to the Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit on the progress of the implementation processes.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

No specific mention.