

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Communiqué - Inter-Communal Governance Structures: Jonglei and GPAA

Date 6 Nov 2023

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.

Close

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Inter-group

Parties

Not signed, agreement lists the following persons as delegates:

[Names, Location, Title]

Gabriel Tuak Lam, Akobo, Paramount Chief
Yunis Tut Ruei, Ayod, Paramount Chief
Maluak Ayen Ajhok, Bor, Paramount Chief
Aleer Leek Deng, Duk, Paramount Chief
John Gulech Wau, Gumuruk, Paramount Chief
Thonyan Ayicho, Lekuangole, Paramount Chief
Isaac Guor Duol, Nyirol, Paramount Chief
Nyikcho Ame Bullen, Pibor, Paramount Chief
Aweng Deng Chol, Twic East, Paramount Chief
Moses Chot Yak, Uror, Paramount Chief
Alan Kengen, Verthet, Paramount Chief
Thor Bolith Chol, Akobo, Youth Leader
Kany Wie Duop, Ayod, Youth Leader
Khor Awuai Amer, Bor, Youth Leader
Chol Awur Ajak, Bor, Youth Leader
Wany Garthuoth Chan, Duk, Youth Leader
Kagayin Aburkuk, Lekuangole, Youth Leader
Gatluak Manyun, Nyirol, Youth Leader
Deng Chol Anyany, Twic East, Youth Leader
Makuei Choat Deng, Uror, Youth Leader
Kacho Giraron, Verthet, Youth Leader
Nyathom Kiir Chak, Akobo, Women's Leader
Rebecca Nyanuot Kuol, Ayod, Women's Leader
Lithg Chuit, Bor, Women's Leader
Amuor Lem, Duk, Women's Leader
Mary Thagono Nganthigidang, Lekuangole, Women's Leader
Mer Manyal Thong, Nyirol, Women's Leader
Mary Bery Oleyo, Pibor, Women's Leader
Aleh Jurkuch, Twic East, Women's Leader
Biliny Ruot, Uror, Women's Leader
Nyamile Ibon, Verthet, Women's Leader
Mabil Gai, Akobo, Interpreter
Lual Thel Lual, Duk, Interpreter
Anyibi Mazee, Pibor, Interpreter
John Konyi Kereru, Pibor, Interpreter
Koang Nyang Yiel, Uror, Interpreter
Duop Deng Gatluok, Ayod, Spiritual Advisor- Makuach
Thuok Koat Nyoch, Uror, Dak Kueth Spiritual Representative
Dual Chuol Puot, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Diang Wal Mut, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Mayoam Ruot Rom, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Gatmuon Yoai Bepal, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Makuek Wuol Ther, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Koak Marop Reat, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Peter Kuol Kol, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative
Hon. Simon Puok Nyang, Akobo, Commissioner
Hon. James Chuol Jiek, Ayod, Commissioner
Hon. Mabior Athiou, Bor, Commissioner
Hon. Peter Latjor Chol, Duk, Commissioner
Hon. John Gogol, Lekuangole, Commissioner
Hon. James Bol Makuei, Nyirol, Commissioner
Hon. John Gain Pothi, Pibor, Commissioner
Hon. Jacob Chol Thon, Twic East, Commissioner

Third parties

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Description

The Inter-Communal Governance Structures (ICGS), a series of meetings involving several local groups and state officials in the South Sudan states of Jonglei and GPAA, convened in Ayod from November 2-6, 2023. The agreement discussed the status of previous initiatives, made new commitments towards peace between local groups, and scheduled the next ICGS meeting.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

Updates

Communities agreed that there were positive signs of progress:

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- The further returns of women and children from Jonglei to GPAA communities.

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Specific measures agreed

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development, and have agreed on the following measures to be implemented before the next ICGS:

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- Registering of all abducted women in children across the areas.

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Updates

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Specific measures agreed

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- Resilience activities will be starting with selected youth in the border areas, in particular cattle trading

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

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Specific measures agreed

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- The women's structure to conduct rallies in Pibor, Gumuruk and Lekuangole and Verthet.

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- Registering of all abducted women in children across the areas.

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Next ICGS

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Nyathom Kiir Chak Akobo Women's Leader

Rebecca Nyanuot Kuol Ayod Women's Leader

Lithg Chuit Bor Women's Leader

Amuor Lem Duk Women's Leader

Mary Thagono Nganthigidang Lekuangole Women's Leader

Mer Manyal Thong Nyirol Women's Leader

Mary Bery Oleyo Pibor Women's Leader

Aleh Jurkuch Twic East Women's Leader

Biliny Ruot Uror Women's Leader

Nyamile Ibon Verthet Women's Leader

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	<p>Updates</p> <p>Communities agreed that there were positive signs of progress:</p> <p>...</p> <p>- The first phase of Nanaam engagement by Murle community leaders that will lead to the intercommunal visit following this ICGS.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Specific measures agreed</p> <p>...</p> <p>development, and have agreed on the following measures to be implemented before the next ICGS:</p> <p>- Nanaam inter-communal visit that will reach all the key border locations and the criminals who are</p>
Traditional/ religious leaders	<p>Updates</p> <p>...</p> <p>Specific measures agreed</p> <p>...</p> <p>development, and have agreed on the following measures to be implemented before the next ICGS:</p> <p>...</p> <p>- Chiefs will conduct rituals on the Anyidi-Manyabol border and the border of Lou Nuer and Murle</p> <p>...</p> <p>- The Chiefs will meet in Gadiang to agree on inter-communal accountability measures.</p>
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 **Updates**
Communities agreed that there were positive signs of progress:
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- The re-opening of the Bor Pibor road and free movement along that route.

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 Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Updates
Communities agreed that there were positive signs of progress:
- The successful demobilisation of youth who were launching an attack at the time of the July ICGS.

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.

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 **Updates**
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Specific measures agreed
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development, and have agreed on the following measures to be implemented before the next ICGS:
- Nanaam inter-communal visit that will reach all the key border locations and the criminals who are

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.
