

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Communiqué - Inter-Communal Governance Structures: Akobo Town
Date	7 Apr 2024
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	Agreement not signed but additional sources note that Inter-Communal Governance Structures are comprised of Nuer: 4 women, 4 youth leaders, 4 traditional chiefs (by County – Ayod, Nyirol, Urur, Akobo); Dinka: 3 women, 3 youth leaders, 3 traditional chiefs (by County – Bor South, Twic East, Duk); Murle: 4 women (by County), 4 youth leaders (by age-set and County), 4 traditional chiefs (by County) [Pibor, Gumuruk, Lekuangole, Verthet];
Third parties	-
Description	The Inter-Communal Governance Structures, a series of meetings involving several local groups and state officials in the South Sudan states of Jonglei and GPAA, convened in Akobo from April 5-7, 2024. They addressed the implementation of previous initiatives for peace and committed to further measures to secure peace between various groups.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive 4. Primary measures proposed by youth and women and mutually agreed to be implemented by all parties 4.1. Joint initiative of youth, women and traditional chiefs: ... 4.3. Chiefs, women and youth to follow-up on identification and registering of abducted women and children;
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	4. Primary measures proposed by youth and women and mutually agreed to be implemented by all parties 4.1. Joint initiative of youth, women and traditional chiefs: ... 4.3. Chiefs, women and youth to follow-up on identification and registering of abducted women and children;
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

2. Peace implementation progress

2.1. Measures implemented since Ayod meeting

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2.1.2. Nanaam inter-communal visits have taken place, as well as GPAA-led missions to the border area communities;

...

4. Primary measures proposed by youth and women and mutually agreed to be implemented by all parties

4.1. Joint initiative of youth, women and traditional chiefs:

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4.1.2. Murle consultative engagement in villages of Nanaam: Keleru, Vivino, Thangnyang, Ngachavarachiz, Kongor and Monchak;

...

5.2. Government commits to:

...

6. Requests to partners

...

6.2. Resources to conduct dissemination activities in all locations;

Traditional/religious leaders

2. Peace implementation progress

2.1. Measures implemented since Ayod meeting

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2.1.6. Consultations have taken place in Bor and Pibor on the Traditional Leaders Circuit Court.

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4. Primary measures proposed by youth and women and mutually agreed to be implemented by all parties

4.1. Joint initiative of youth, women and traditional chiefs:

...

4.1.5. Separate meetings with spiritual prophets Dak Kueth and Makuach to confirm demobilisation and endorsement of agreed ICGS activities;

...

5. Other measures committed to by parties

5.1. Chiefs agree to:

5.1.1. Continued establishment of inter-communal customary courts to decide relevant matters across the locations;

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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other
5. Other measures committed to by parties
...
5.2. Government commits to:
5.2.1. Early communication by the Government where there is armed youth mobilisation to attack any of areas of GPAA an Jonglei;
5.2.2. Urge network communication companies to install net work line in Jonglei and GPAA;
...
5.2.6. Provision of communication devices;
...
5.2.8. Disseminating peace among the youth;

Mobility/access	<p>2. Peace implementation progress</p> <p>2.1. Measures implemented since Ayod meeting</p> <p>2.1.1. Despite setbacks, there have been positive, sustained engagements particularly in the corridor between Akobo and Lekuangole; including joint movements through the border areas, identification of abductees, and accountability measures for Chiefs not cooperating with the identification of abductees;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. Other measures committed to by parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2. Government commits to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.22. Supporting mobility means in the Counties.</p>
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 **5. Other measures committed to by parties**
5.1. Chiefs agree to:
5.1.1. Continued establishment of inter-communal customary courts to decide relevant matters across the locations;
...
5.2. Government commits to:
...
5.2.10. Assignment of public attorneys and judges in the Counties;

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws **5. Other measures committed to by parties**
5.1. Chiefs agree to:
5.1.1. Continued establishment of inter-communal customary courts to decide relevant matters across the locations;

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction
2. Peace implementation progress
2.1. Measures implemented since Ayod meeting
...
2.1.3. Establishment of Wuno as a border centre has progressed, including construction of a borehole, and work continues on the establishment of the centre in Pulbura;
...
5. Other measures committed to by parties
...
5.2. Government commits to:
...
5.2.19. Construct roads to ease the communication in the areas of Jonglei and GPAA;

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	<p>5. Other measures committed to by parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2. Government commits to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.5. Deployment of unified forces in hot spot areas;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.7. Send forces after the attackers in the event of attack;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.12. Provide security;</p>
Ceasefire	No specific mention.

Police	<p>2.2. Measures not implemented since Ayod meeting</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Discussion points</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.3. Efforts by local authorities to take action against perpetrators of violence is severely limited by inadequate policing/security forces with the ability to enforce accountability measures. Government is not performing its role in the enforcement of the law. Inter-Communal Governance Structures, Jonglei and GPAA Akobo Meeting, 5-7 April 2024 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. Other measures committed to by parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2. Government commits to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.9. Recruitment of community police to assist County Government in collection of the raided cattle and the abductees;</p>
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>5. Other measures committed to by parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2. Government commits to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.20. Disarm youth and the entire armed civilians;</p>
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	<p>5. Other measures committed to by parties</p> <p>5.1. Chiefs agree to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.1.2.1. Propose that there be stronger punitive measures under customary law in relation to: (a) abductors; (b) any person who buys an abductee; (c) any person who prevents the recovery of abductees;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2. Government commits to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.11. Culprits to be brought to book and face the law;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2.18. Discourage age set engagement in negative criminal activities;</p>

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

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4. Primary measures proposed by youth and women and mutually agreed to be implemented by all parties

4.1. Joint initiative of youth, women and traditional chiefs:

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4.3. Chiefs, women and youth to follow-up on identification and registering of abducted women and children;

4.4. Government representatives at the ICGS to request the Governor of Jonglei State and the GPAA Chief Administrator to meet together. The meeting will agree on and issue directives to their respective administrations to drive implementation of ICGS resolutions, particularly with respect to the identification and reunification of abductees;

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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.

