

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name 2nd Annual Dinka Ajaar Internal Cattle Migration Conference

Date 8 Dec 2021

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 -
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Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Other

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	Mabor Alir Cipuou-Nyuc, Head of chiefs, Rumbek Centre County; Jacob Det Aciek, Head of Chiefs, Rumbek East; Majak Malual Kodi, Head of Chiefs, Rumbek Centre County; Mathiang Ater Chier, Head of chief Rumbek North County; Marial Maker Mabor, Head of chiefs, Rumbek East County; Deer Makuer Gol, Executive chief, Rumbek Centre County; Madeng Mangang Mangar, Executive chief, Rumbek East County; John Marial Dongrin, Executive Chief, Rumbek East County; Marik Lieny Malith, Executive chief, Rumbek North County; Guong Akoldit Ruoc, Executive chief, Rumbek Centre County; Hellena Aluel Alama, Women leader, Rumbek East County; Yar Matur Koriom, Women leader, Rumbek Centre County; Ayen Madit Majier, Women leader, Rumbek North County; Dhiim Mabeny Malual, Gelweng leader, Rumbek East County; Maliet Gumnok Ater, Gelweng leader, Rumbek North County; Matur Majak Makuer, Gelweng leader, Rumbek Centre County.
Third parties	Hon. Poth Madit Dut, Acting Governor of Lakes State-Rumbek; Hon. Benjamin Makuer Mabor, Minister of Local Government and Law Enforcement Agencies; Hon Beny Matur Mathiang, Minister of Peacebuilding; Khalif Farah, UNMISS-CAD Rumbek; Rob Lancaster, Program Manager Peace Canal/POF Rumbek.
Description	Communities from across Lakes State met to establish a framework for resolving cattle disputes and reducing cattle-related violence and created an Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee to monitor and implement their resolutions.

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Groups

Children/youth Groups→Children/youth→Substantive
we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;
 ...
 21. Peace and development partners need to support affected communities with basic services such provision water, micro-business projects and vocational skills training to transform young people from conflict to peace.
 22. Chiefs and Gelweng leaders shall move together with youth and stay in the Toc during the dry season to provide information's and early warning to leadership during the grazing period.

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	<p>RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>We, the youth leaders, women representatives, elders, intellectuals, Commissioners, MPs and members of State Cabinet;</p> <p>...</p> <p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>11. Hellena Aluel Alama, Women leader, Rumbek East County</p> <p>12. Yar Matur Koriom, Women leader, Rumbek Centre County</p> <p>13. Ayen Madit Majier, Women leader, Rumbek North County</p>
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 **we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;**

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23. POF and other peace partners should support dissemination of these resolutions in the villages and cattle camps.

**Traditional/
religious leaders**

we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

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Chiefs must register and surrender all guns and report violators to the government. Chiefs who condone evaders and other criminals will be held responsible by the State Government.

...

14. Spiritual leader of Panyar section, uncle Machar Dhuol will perform the peace ritual so that all sections co-exist peacefully in the Toc.

...

22. Chiefs and Gelweng leaders shall move together with youth and stay in the Toc during the dry season to provide information's and early warning to leadership during the grazing period.

...

24. Those who may continue to practice cattle theft should be reported by their immediate community leaders or else they shall be considered to have condoned the crimes, which is punishable as far as these resolutions are concerned.

**Public
administration**

we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

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25. Those charged with implementation of government policies (security officers, administrators and members of Special Courts) need to be supervised by their immediate managers to detect any deviation or conflict of interest in the performance of his/her duties e.g. favoritism, bribery, high fines and court fees.

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 Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of movement
we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;
...
20. The current freedom of movement must continue and all stakeholders are urged to ensure its maintenance in their respective areas.

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→Governance of media we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions; ... 26. Hate speech in public meeting must be a punishable offence since most of the conflicts in Lakes State were being incited through public (peace and security) meeting. Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions; ... 23. POF and other peace partners should support dissemination of these resolutions in the villages and cattle camps.
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

we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

...

25. Those charged with implementation of government policies (security officers, administrators and members of Special Courts) need to be supervised by their immediate managers to detect any deviation or conflict of interest in the performance of his/her duties e.g. favoritism, bribery, high fines and court fees.

Prisons and detention

No specific mention.

Traditional Laws

we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

...

13. Recovery and return of stolen property, payment of blood compensation and arrest of murderers and other criminal must continue as required by State security policy and the law.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions; ... 21. Peace and development partners need to support affected communities with basic services such provision water, micro-business projects and vocational skills training to transform young people from conflict to peace.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions; ... 23. POF and other peace partners should support dissemination of these resolutions in the villages and cattle camps.
Business	we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions; ... 21. Peace and development partners need to support affected communities with basic services such provision water, micro-business projects and vocational skills training to transform young people from conflict to peace.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

...

12. All sections shall share common resources (water, pasture and fishing grounds) in TOC, Reel and Toc Manuer as the case may be.

...

18. Resettlement of communities to their original lands must not be a pre-condition for peace and reconciliation.

Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution
we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

...

2. All stolen cattle must be returned to their rightful owners before movement of cattle camps to TOC.

...

6. Anyone who may identify his stolen bull/cow is not allowed to take it by force, doing so amounts to a violation that is severely punishable by law.

...

13. Recovery and return of stolen property, payment of blood compensation and arrest of murderers and other criminal must continue as required by State security policy and the law.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** **we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;**

...

4. Ajaar cattle camps must not move to Belei areas, they must graze in Ajaar TOC to prevent skirmishes that otherwise arise between pastoralists and farmers.

5. No cattle movement to any other far away place without approval of the government.

6. Anyone who may identify his stolen bull/cow is not allowed to take it by force, doing so amounts to a violation that is severely punishable by law.

7. Similar conferences need to be held in Yirol and Cueibet areas because cattle movements cause similar communal conflicts in those areas.

8. No section or individuals are allowed to occupy the following contested cattle camps; Aguoc, Gun, Marialbeek, Makuei and Alei.

...

22. Chiefs and Gelweng leaders shall move together with youth and stay in the Toc during the dry season to provide information's and early warning to leadership during the grazing period.

...

27. We have agreed to establish the Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC) of sixteen members to monitor, liaise and implement these resolutions.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	<p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>12. All sections shall share common resources (water, pasture and fishing grounds) in TOC, Reel and Toc Manuer as the case may be.</p> <p>...</p> <p>21. Peace and development partners need to support affected communities with basic services such provision water, micro-business projects and vocational skills training to transform young people from conflict to peace.</p>

Security sector

Security Guarantees	<p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>9. Security forces need to be embedded in the TOC to ensure adherence to these resolutions and maintain peace and security throughout the dry season.</p>
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>9. Security forces need to be embedded in the TOC to ensure adherence to these resolutions and maintain peace and security throughout the dry season.</p> <p>...</p> <p>25. Those charged with implementation of government policies (security officers, administrators and members of Special Courts) need to be supervised by their immediate managers to detect any deviation or conflict of interest in the performance of his/her duties e.g. favoritism, bribery, high fines and court fees.</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>1. No one is allowed to move to TOC with guns. Chiefs must register and surrender all guns and report violators to the government.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	<p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>25. Those charged with implementation of government policies (security officers, administrators and members of Special Courts) need to be supervised by their immediate managers to detect any deviation or conflict of interest in the performance of his/her duties e.g. favoritism, bribery, high fines and court fees.</p>
Crime/organised crime	<p>we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. All wanted criminals must be surrendered to government before movement to TOC.</p> <p>...</p> <p>13. Recovery and return of stolen property, payment of blood compensation and arrest of murderers and other criminal must continue as required by State security policy and the law.</p> <p>...</p> <p>17. Youth who continue to misbehave must be apprehended immediately and if they resist, local authorities shall ask for more forces until such criminals are brought to book.</p> <p>...</p> <p>19. Youth are still consuming alcohol, security forces should arrest anyone found drunk without warrant.</p> <p>...</p> <p>24. Those who may continue to practice cattle theft should be reported by their immediate community leaders or else they shall be considered to have condoned the crimes, which is punishable as far as these resolutions are concerned.</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 No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations
we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;

...

13. Recovery and return of stolen property, payment of blood compensation and arrest of murderers and other criminal must continue as required by State security policy and the law.

Reconciliation **we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;**

...

14. Spiritual leader of Panyar section, uncle Machar Dhuol will perform the peace ritual so that all sections co-exist peacefully in the Toc.

15. Peace partners should continue supporting peace dialogues and other confidence building measures to heal and restore trust among former adversaries.

Neighboring communities of Rumbek North, Rumbek Centre and Cueibet county need to be reached as soon as possible.

16. Peace education is to be introduced in all schools.

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18. Resettlement of communities to their original lands must not be a pre-condition for peace and reconciliation.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory **we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;**

...

Khalil Farah, UNMISS-CAD Rumbek

Rob Lancaster, Program Manager Peace Canal/POF Rumbek

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism **we have resolved today on 8th December, 2021 in Rumbek, the following resolutions;**

...

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