

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Report of the 3rd Dinka Agar Internal Cattle Migration Conference
Date	21 Dec 2022
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 Other

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	<p>Guarantors:</p> <p>Minister of local Government law and enforcement agency. Hon. Chol Kuotwel manhom; Commissioner of Rumbek East County, Hon. Mabor Makuac Ater; Commissioner of Rumbek North, Hon. Arop Kumbai Dhalbeny; Executive Director of Wulu County, Abengo Digur Makuac;</p> <p>Chiefs:</p> <p>Deng Mamer Ater; Tongol Agany Maluou; Chol Marier Agok; Majok Maper Manyiel; John Marial Dongrin;</p> <p>Gelweng youth:</p> <p>Matoc Thonglang Kok; Marial Maguen Mabor; Luar Mading Cinthiec; Thon Timdit Agot; Majok Makuen-adoor;</p> <p>Women representatives:</p> <p>Mary Yar Maboar; Hellena Aluel Alama; Ayen Madit Majier.</p>
Third parties	<p>Peace Canal Executive Director, Christine Kide; UNMISS Head of Rumbek Field Office, Kwame Dwamena-Aboagye.</p>
Description	<p>A third annual iteration of a cattle related peace conference which makes further resolutions to build upon and strengthen the existing Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC). Substantively the agreement also sets out that cattle migration in the area will be regulated by local state government, with the mediator peace canal supporting the tabling and presentation of these new resolutions as laws to be passed. The provisions in the agreement address the various pastoralist ethnic groups and communities involved in and impacted by cattle conflicts and cycles of migration. It also addresses connected social issues; making provisions for women and youth and providing for security arrangements and community-led implementation mechanisms to support the overall agreement.</p>
Agreement document	<p>SS_221221_Report of the 3rd Dinka Agar Internal Cattle Migration Conference (opens in new tab) Download PDF</p>

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→Other

We resolved the following Resolutions:

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10. Intermarriages between Agar and Bele communities be encouraged for confidence building.

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

We resolved the following Resolutions:

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10. Intermarriages between Agar and Bele communities be encouraged for confidence building.

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15. Similar conferences should be conducted in Malek and Maper to orient our children and women to be peace lovers.

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Women representatives

Mary Yar Mabor Sign_____

Hellena Aluel Alama Sign_____

Ayen Madit Majier Sign_____

Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording

We resolved the following Resolutions:

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10. Intermarriages between Agar and Bele communities be encouraged for confidence building.

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>We resolved the following Resolutions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Border meeting between Akot, Paloc, Amongpiny, and Aluakluak& part of Yirol East to close the alarming loophole of border cattle theft.</p> <p>...</p> <p>13. Establishment of the committee overseeing the cattle movements to and from Namcok and the committee members shall be from Duor, Kook, and Bele respectively.</p> <p>...</p> <p>15. Similar conferences should be conducted in Malek and Maper to orient our children and women to be peace lovers.</p> <p>...</p> <p>17. Gony and Thuyic to form a committee that will meet the minister of local government, law and enforcement agency to formulate methodologies of merging their cattle camps and if need be, the minister and the committee shall meet the governor.</p>
Traditional/ religious leaders	<p>We resolved the following Resolutions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>18. Formation of Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC) comprises of Minister of Local Government, Minister of Peacebuilding, four Commissioners of Greater Rumbek Counties, four Chiefs, four Gelweng and three members of Organised Forces.</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	<p>We resolved the following Resolutions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>12. Government to enact and strengthen the laws that regulate cattle movement from low land to the high land during flooding season.</p>
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	We resolved the following Resolutions: ... 9. Migration to and from areas of Bele (Namcok) to kick off by January and April respectively.
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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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

We resolved the following Resolutions:

1. Cattle Migration to Toc will be solely headed and regulated by the government
2. Prohibited cattle camps remained restricted as per government directives till further notice.
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5. All PakamGelweng and chiefs are urged by the commissioner to move with their cattle as they migrate to areas of Pook.
- ...
8. Border meeting between Akot, Paloc, Amongpiny, and Aluakluak& part of Yirol East to close the alarming loophole of border cattle theft.
9. Migration to and from areas of Bele (Namcok) to kick off by January and April respectively.
- ...
12. Government to enact and strengthen the laws that regulate cattle movement from low land to the high land during flooding season.
13. Establishment of the committee overseeing the cattle movements to and from Namcok and the committee members shall be from Duor, Kook, and Bele respectively.
- ...
16. Gony and Thuyic cattle camps to be merged together for trust building in any agreed cattle camp.
17. Gony and Thuyic to form a committee that will meet the minister of local government, law and enforcement agency to formulate methodologies of merging their cattle camps and if need be, the minister and the committee shall meet the governor.
18. Formation of Internal Cattle Migration Monitoring Committee (ICMMC) comprises of Minister of Local Government, Minister of Peacebuilding, four Commissioners of Greater Rumbek Counties, four Chiefs, four Gelweng and three members of Organised Forces.

Cultural heritage

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible

We resolved the following Resolutions:

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3. Machar Dhuol and his team to perform rituals after government move and deployed soldiers in hot spot areas in Toc land.
4. spear masters to play/perform their spiritual roles/rituals in combating the ongoing heinous cattle theft, alcohol abuse and other cattle related crimes.

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 **We resolved the following Resolutions:**
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17. Gony and Thuyic to form a committee that will meet the minister of local government, law and enforcement agency to formulate methodologies of merging their cattle camps and if need be, the minister and the committee shall meet the governor.

Armed forces **We resolved the following Resolutions:**
...
3. Machar Dhuol and his team to perform rituals after government move and deployed soldiers in hot spot areas in Toc land.

DDR No specific mention.

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 **We resolved the following Resolutions:**
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4. spear masters to play/perform their spiritual roles/rituals in combating the ongoing heinous cattle theft, alcohol abuse and other cattle related crimes.
...
8. Border meeting between Akot, Paloc, Amongpiny, and Aluakluak& part of Yirol East to close the alarming loophole of border cattle theft.
...
11. Stop hoarding or harboring thieves and instead apprehend them to the government for trial to eliminate further escalation.
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19. Banning of local alcohol brewing.

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 **Preamble**
We the chiefs, Gelweng leaders, women and local government officials who attended the 3rd Annual Dinka Agaar and Bele Internal Cattle Migration Conference from 19th – 21st December in Aduel-Rumbek East County;
committed to ensure peaceful coexistence of our people through dialogues;
...
We resolved the following Resolutions:
...
14. Aliamtoc, Kuei and Rup sections to take lead in reconciling Gak and Nielniel subsections of Pakam Section.
15. Similar conferences should be conducted in Malek and Maper to orient our children and women to be peace lovers.

Implementation

UN signatory	We resolved the following Resolutions: ... Witnesses ... UNMISS Head of Rumbek Field Office, Kwame Dwamena-Aboagye Sign_____
Other international signatory	We resolved the following Resolutions: ... Witnesses Peace Canal Executive Director, Christine Kide Sign_____
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	No specific mention.
