

**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 -  
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**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Other

<b>Peace process</b>	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
<b>Parties</b>	<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>
<b>Third parties</b>	Peace Canal Executive Director, Christine Kide; UNMISS Head of Rumbek Field Office, Kwame Dwamena-Aboagye.
<b>Description</b>	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.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">SS_221221_Report of the 3rd Dinka Agar Internal Cattle Migration Conference (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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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** Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Other

**We resolved the following Resolutions:**

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10. Inter-marriages 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.

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**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 resolved the following Resolutions:**

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8. Border meeting between Akot, Paloc, Amongpiny, and Aluakluak& part of Yirol East to close the alarming loophole of border cattle theft.

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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.

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

...

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.

**Traditional/religious leaders**                    **We resolved the following Resolutions:**

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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.

**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**                    **We resolved the following Resolutions:**

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12. Government to enact and strengthen the laws that regulate cattle movement from low land to the high land during flooding season.

**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.

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**Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** **We resolved the following Resolutions:**  
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9. Migration to and from areas of Bele (Namcok) to kick off by January and April respectively.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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**Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**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.

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## **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.

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## 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.
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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;

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### **We resolved the following Resolutions:**

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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:**  
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Witnesses  
...  
UNMISS Head of Rumbek Field Office, Kwame Dwamena-Aboagy  
Sign\_\_\_\_\_

**Other international signatory**    **We resolved the following Resolutions:**  
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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.

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