

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Resolutions and Recommendations of the Inter-Community Peace Dialogue Between the Azande and Beri Ethnic Groups in Gbudue State Yambio
Date	20 Jul 2017
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

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	James Juma Dere, Jur Beri Leader, Gbudue State, Yambio; Matthew Nvuru Bazaambari, Deputy Chief, Gbudue State, Yambio;
Third parties	Legal Officer, Inter-Faith Council for Peace Initiatives, Western Equatoria - South Sudan, Yambio; State Governor: Gbudue State South Sudan, Yambio Representative of the Partners, VISTAS
Description	The Azande and Beri communities met in Yambio to end the conflict between their communities, denounce its perpetrators and discourage hate speech and other actions that might divide their communities.

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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	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 We the 50 participants of the Inter-Community Peace Dialogue between the Azande and Beri ethnic Groups of Gbudue State met in Yambio as from July 18th - 20th 2017 in Tourist Hotel represented by Chiefs, Sub chiefs, Headmen, Women Leaders and Youth, do hereby appreciate the Inter-Faith Council for Peace Initiatives (IFCPI) for organizing the Inter-Community Peace Dialogue between the Azande and Beri with the support of its partner VISTAS.

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 No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

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 **Recommendations:
To the Government:**

...

- To ensure enforcement of the rule of law to bring all suspected perpetrators to justice

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
Resolutions:
After three days of deliberation on the root causes and effects of conflict we therefore:
...
3. We commit ourselves to advocate for peace through Churches, Mosques, media and communal conversations.
4. We discourage in strong term all forms of hate speech or gestures, unauthorized dressing of organized forces uniforms, illegal carrying of weapons, stop friendship with enemies of peace and coexistence or listening to any dirty politics that causes conflict and divides people

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 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 Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
Resolutions:
After three days of deliberation on the root causes and effects of conflict we therefore:
1. Shall put an end to the meaningless killings ourselves which has been driven by satanic instigated sources 'enough is enough' we are aggrieved of our past behaviour and from now to embrace the spirit of forgiveness, reconciliation and Peaceful coexistence.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces **Recommendations:**
To the Government:
...
• The Government in collaboration with the Inter-Faith Council for Peace Initiative to work hand in hand to bring the armed group of Ri-Rangu and elsewhere back home to ensure stability in the State.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime	<p>Resolutions:</p> <p>After three days of deliberation on the root causes and effects of conflict we therefore:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. We discourage in strong term all forms of hate speech or gestures, unauthorized dressing of organized forces uniforms, illegal carrying of weapons, stop friendship with enemies of peace and coexistence or listening to any dirty politics that causes conflict and divides people</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	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.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.
