Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Annual Pre-Seasonal Cattle Movement Conference, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap States
Date	15 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 Areement (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 Inter-group

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	Western Bahr el Ghazal State (Delegates): William Deng Kuol, Chief, WBEGS; Madut Lual, Farmer, WBEGS; Josephine Stephen, Women Rep, WBEGS; Warrap State (Delegates): Agol Adim Adim, Chief, Warrap; Akeen Aleu Ngor, Mijak-Wut, Warrap; Awal Akek Aguer, Women Rep., Warrap; Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (Observers): Ajieber Malong Deng, Chief, NBEGS; Garang Agiu Majok, Youth, NBEGS; Abuk Azeber, Women Rep., NBEGS.
Third parties	Hon. Ibrahim Surur Ibrahim, State Minister of Local Government, Western Nahr el Ghazal State; Hon. William Deng Koor, State Minister of Local Government, Warrap State; Hon. Deng Liai Bak, State Minister of Local Government, Law Enforcement, Northern Bahr El Ghazal State; Mr. Sam K. Muhumure, UNMISS Head of Field Office, Western Bahr el Ghazal State; Ms. Lucia Bassa, UNDP Representative, Warrap State; Mr. Stephen Robo Musa, Co-Coordinator, Peace Building and Reconciliation Working Group (PRWG); Mr Andrea Mawien Akok, Chairman, ICCCSM.
Description	Cattle owners, farmers, and members of the Inter-State Coordinating Committee for Cattle Seasonal Movement met in Wau, Bahr el Ghazal, to discuss cattle-related issues in the area.

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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	**Preamble:** ... Considering the gender balance into the Marial Bai Agreement structures by adding 2 women into the membership of all the 3 structures; ... **Signed by participants of the two states and witnessed by peace partners in Wau Town, Western Bahr el Ghazal State on this 15th Day of December 2022:** Western Bahr el Ghazal State (Delegates): ... 3. JOSEPHINE STEPHEN | WOMEN REP | WBEGS Warrap State (Delegates): ... 3. AWAL AKEK AGUER | WOMEN REP. ... Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (Observers): ... 3. ABUK AZEBER | WOMAN REP.
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	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	No specific mention.
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	**Preamble:** ... Acknowledged the opinion of the delegates from Wau County on non-acceptance of the seasonal cattle movement in their area and committed to respect this opinion. ... Building on our joint interests to protect our resources, the Governments of Western Bahr el-Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap supporting the communities of cattle keepers and the farmers across the three states held an Annual Pre-Seasonal Cattle Movement Conference to dialogue on how to strengthen the cattle seasonal movement annually;
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	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
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 **Preamble:** ... Confirmed the conference have confirmed the revised compensation rate/list of 2019 by multiplying all the prices on the compensation matrix by two, the compensation in kind remained the same and recommend comprehensive review of Marial Bai Agreement in the next year's Annual Conference.
Reconciliation	**Preamble:** ... Reaffirmed our commitment for peaceful coexistence and stability in our communities and take dialogue as the only means to resolve our differences;

Implementation

UN signatory	**Signed by participants of the two states and witnessed by peace partners in Wau Town, Western Bahr el Ghazal State on this 15th Day of December 2022:** ... Mr. Sam K. Muhumure UNMISS Head of Field Office ... Ms. Lucia Bassa UNDP Representative
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
