

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Wedwiel Host Community - Refugees Peace Conference Declaration
Date	21 Apr 2024
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	Wedwiel Host Community: 1. Dut Majak Majak - Paramount Chief 2. Tito Duang Dhieu Duang - Paramount Chief 3. Wieu Aleu Jok - Paramount chief 4. Deng Angong Adel - Ex-chief 5. Dut Wek Akuar - Ex-chief 6. Garang Kiir Kuel - Ex-chief 7. Atak Makuei Akuom - Ex-chief 8. Deng Akuei Moun - Ex-chief 9. Kerbino Garang Luoch - Youth Chairperson 10. Juer Malek Lual - Women leader Refugees: 1. Mohammoud Mohammed Ahmed - Camp chairperson 2. Mona Yagoub Hamid - Women leader 3. Essa Mohammed Ajak - Block 12 leader 4. Tijani Omer Hanoun - Block 17 leader 5. Hassan Shekh-eldeen Elzubeer - Block 19 leader 6. Mohammed Soluiman Ahmed - Block 21 leader 7. Mohammed AlmaliSalah el-deen - Block 13 leader 8. Abdallah Abdolmanan Ali - Block 14 leader 9. Mahdi Mohammoud Mohammed - Block 15 leader 10. Ayoub Adam Fedail - Youth leader
Third parties	Witnesses to the Agreement: 1. Mr. Diing Aher Diing - Commission for Refugees Affairs 2. Mr. Peter Tong Garang - State Ministry of Peace Building 3. Mr. Stephen Mawien Mou - Concordis International 4. Mrs. Ajak Ngor - State Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare 5. Anguei Noon Atak - Peace Committee Chairperson 6. Wek Bak Wek - Peace Committee Deputy Chairperson
Description	Local community led peace conference to resolve local conflict between the Wedwiel community in Northern Bahr El Ghazal in South Sudan and refugees from Sudan settling in a camp in the state. Substantively the agreement addresses key issues around violence and land management between the two groups. Importantly there are provisions addressing sexual and gender based violence. Other inter-communal triggers are addressed including hate speech and destruction of property. The agreement also has a set of action points which appear to be supported by the signing third party witnesses.

Agreement document	SS_240421_Wedwiel Host Community_Refugees Peace Conference Declaration (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Source of document	https://www.eyeradio.org/refugees-host-community-resolve-peaceful-coexistence-in-nbgs/ https://www.dabangasudan.org/en/all-news/article/if-they-didnt-find-money-they-killed-people-in-their-homes-sudanese-refugees-in-south-sudan-share-their-stories

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Declarations: These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows; ... 5. The conference agreed that, Youth and Women should be engaged and empowered on peace initiatives and leadership processes.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical Notes, we the delegates to the conference have taken to implement conference resolutions and recommendations through the activities of civil society and faith-based organizations as agreed upon:
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Declarations: These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows; ... 2. The delegates to the peace conference have agreed that the destruction of the shelters for the Refugees cause conflict between the Refugees and the Host community, therefore such activities is not allowed. If anyone found destroying the shelter, then the case will be reported to the police. 3. The host community and the Refugees have agreed to stop hate speech among the two communities. If anyone commits hate speech, then the person will be reported to the community leader. 4. The host community and the Refugees agreed to rebuild the trust and promote social cohesion among them. ... Action points: The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference: ... 1. Hate speeches: the Host communities and Refugees have requested for trainings and awareness to end Hate speech between the host community and refugees to impeding hate speech and promote social cohesion activities ... 4. Land: the Refugees have requested piece of land for farming in Wedwiel ... 5. Vocational Activities: The Refugees and Host Community have requested for skills acquisition through TVET ... 6. Gender Based Violence: The Refugees and Host communities requested for capacity building on prevention of Gender Based Violence. ... Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare, UNDP, UNHCR, Concordis International and Peace Partners
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

...

5. The conference agreed that, Youth and Women should be engaged and empowered on peace initiatives and leadership processes.

...

7. Any rape case committed, the culprit will be punished according to the laws of South Sudan.

...

Action points:

The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:

...

6. Gender Based Violence: The Refugees and Host communities requested for capacity building on prevention of Gender Based Violence.

- Responsible:

Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare, UNDP, UNHCR, Concordis International and Peace Partners

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HOST COMMUNITY SIGNATURES

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10. JuerMalekLual | Women leader | [Signed]

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REFUGEES SIGNATURES

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2. Mona Yagoub Hamid | Women leader | [Signed]

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Witness to the Peace Conference:

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4. Mrs. AjakNgor | State Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare | [Signed]

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 Notes, we the delegates to the conference have taken to implement conference resolutions and recommendations through the activities of civil society and faith-based organizations as agreed upon:

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Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

...

3. The host community and the Refugees have agreed to stop hate speech among the two communities.

If anyone commits hate speech, then the person will be reported to the community leader.

...

5. The conference agreed that, Youth and Women should be engaged and empowered on peace initiatives and leadership processes.

**Traditional/
religious leaders**

Notes, we the delegates to the conference have taken to implement conference resolutions and recommendations through the activities of civil society and faith-based organizations as agreed upon:

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Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

...

3. The host community and the Refugees have agreed to stop hate speech among the two communities.

If anyone commits hate speech, then the person will be reported to the community leader.

...

Action points:

The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:

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4. Land: the Refugees have requested piece of land for farming in Wedwiel

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Wedwiel Payam Director, CRA, local Paramount Chiefs

...

- Responsible:

**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	Peace Conference: ... Reaffirms, that respect for human rights is indispensable for the maintenance of peace and security in Wediel and that it constitutes one of the fundamental blocks for sustainable development; ... Declarations: These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows; ... 6. The delegates to conference agreed that, the case of adultery shall be treated according to the Laws of South Sudan and that of the host community. 7. Any rape case committed, the culprit will be punished according to the laws of South Sudan.
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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	Declarations: These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows; ... 3. The host community and the Refugees have agreed to stop hate speech among the two communities. If anyone commits hate speech, then the person will be reported to the community leader. ... Action points: The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference: ... 1. Hate speeches: the Host communities and Refugees have requested for trainings and awareness to end Hate speech between the host community and refugees to impeding hate speech and promote social cohesion activities
Mobility/access	Action points: The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference: ... 3. Time of movement: The delegates agreed that time schedule during night hours will be determined by the State Government.
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 **Declarations:**
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...
6. The delegates to conference agreed that, the case of adultery shall be treated according to the Laws of South Sudan and that of the host community.

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 Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

1. The delegates to the conference have agreed that cutting down of trees is prohibited such as eatable trees and mahogany trees unless it has been approved by the local authority and the Ministry concerned.

...

Action points:

The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:

...

4. Land: the Refugees have requested piece of land for farming in Wedwiel

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights**

Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

1. The delegates to the conference have agreed that cutting down of trees is prohibited such as eatable trees and mahogany trees unless it has been approved by the local authority and the Ministry concerned.

2. The delegates to the peace conference have agreed that the destruction of the shelters for the Refugees cause conflict between the Refugees and the Host community, therefore such activities is not allowed.

If anyone found destroying the shelter, then the case will be reported to the police.

...

Action points:

The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:

...

3. Time of movement: The delegates agreed that time schedule during night hours will be determined by the State Government.

...

4. Land: the Refugees have requested piece of land for farming in Wedwiel

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment

Declarations:

These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;

1. The delegates to the conference have agreed that cutting down of trees is prohibited such as eatable trees and mahogany trees unless it has been approved by the local authority and the Ministry concerned.

**Water or riparian
rights or access**

Action points:

The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:

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2. Water points: water scarcity is a challenge in the communities and we the delegates to the peace conference requests for more water points.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police **Declarations:**
These declarations were made by the Host community and Refugees as follows;
...
2. The delegates to the peace conference have agreed that the destruction of the shelters for the Refugees cause conflict between the Refugees and the Host community, therefore such activities is not allowed.
If anyone found destroying the shelter, then the case will be reported to the police.

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 **Declarations:**
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...
2. The delegates to the peace conference have agreed that the destruction of the shelters for the Refugees cause conflict between the Refugees and the Host community, therefore such activities is not allowed.
If anyone found destroying the shelter, then the case will be reported to the police.
...
7. Any rape case committed, the culprit will be punished according to the laws of South Sudan.

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 The following are the action points that came out of the Peace Conference:
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Witness to the Peace Conference:

...

3. Mr. Stephen MawienMou | Concordis International | [Signed]

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
