

Country/entity	Nigeria Plateau State
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Southern Plateau Peace Declaration
Date	22 Dec 2016
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Nigeria - Plateau State Process

Parties

Signed by members of the six Local Government Areas participating in the dialogue along with witnesses.

A. Founding Signatories

1. Langtang North LGA:

i. Bogghom Steering Committee

1. Kankimes Dongo - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Pankwal Ganglang - Religious Leader
3. Danlami Angwa - Respected Opinion Leader
4. Maisamari Tims - Rep of Trad Council
5. Alheri Musa - Woman Leader
6. Sallah Yakubu - Youth Leader

ii. Fulani Steering Committee

1. Abubakar Mapindi - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Alh. Umar Usman - Rep of Trad Council
3. Adamu Jibrin - Religious Leader
4. Haruna Ibrahim - Respected Opinion Leader
5. Maimuna Musa - Women Leader
6. Ahmadi Haruna - Youth Leader

iii. Hausa Steering Committee

1. Alh. Mustapha Bashar - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Adamu Babale - Religious Leader
3. Abdullahi Lawan - Respected Opinion Leader
4. Haj Abu Adamu - Women Leader
5. Awalu Bappa - Youth Leader
6. Aliyu Magaji - Rep of Trad Council

iv. Igbo Steering Committee

1. Asogwa Collins - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Ugweya C. Ekene - Religious Leader
3. Elias Ugo Ike - Respected Opinion Leader
4. Gabriel Obi - Rep of Trad Council
5. Eucharika Okereke - Women Leader
6. Joseph Okoye - Youth Leader

v. Ngas Steering Committee

1. Gokir Ishaya Y. - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Nde Gosoji Gofwen - Rep of Tradi Council
3. Nde Kassam U. Jurdima - Respected Opinion Leader
4. Rev. Nbimor Lawrence - Religious Leader
5. Patience I. Gokir - Women Leader
6. Kutdangme Goyol - Youth Leader

vi. Pan Steering Committee

1. Tobias Dachelem - Dev/Cul Association Leader
2. Nda Peter Dakam - Rep of Trad Council
3. Hakuri D. Friday - Religious Leader
4. Oliver Dawam - Respected Opinion Leader
5. Butrim Lami - Women Leader
6. Bazak D. Isaac - Youth Leader

vii. Tarok Steering Committee

Third parties

Signed by members of the six Local Government Areas participating in the dialogue along with witnesses.

Witnesses:

Signed by the Chairman of Local Government Councils:

1. Hon Dan Dul - Langtang North LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman
2. Hon. Nicholas Vongsing - Langtang South LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman
3. Hon. Ezekial Vuelgap - Mikang LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman
4. Hon. Andrew A. Yenkwu - Qua'an Pan LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman
5. Miskoom Alex Na'antuam - Shendam LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman
6. Hon. Ado Buba Abubakar - Wase LGA Transitional Management Committee Chairman

Witnesses:

Lead Mediator and Advisors of HD

1. Alice Wairimu Nderitu - Lead Mediator
2. Prof. John Dung-Gwom - HD Advisor
3. Prof. Joseph Jemkur - HD Advisor
4. Salihu Musa Umar - HD Advisor

C. Joining Signatories

Signed by Community Chairs, HD Jos and Southern Kaduna

Hon. Idris Mate - MHR

D. Welcoming Signatories

Signed by National and International Communities

[Unintelligible] - USA

[Unintelligible] - German Embassy

Description

This agreement was negotiated by representatives by communities in six local government areas in Southern Plateau, Plateau State, Nigeria. It acknowledged the causes of the conflict and sets out recommendations and commitments to stop violence and heal divisions between their communities.

Agreement document

[NG_160600_Southern Plateau Peace Declaration.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	The dialogue is part of an ongoing process across multiple communities covering multiple Local Government Areas on the Southern Plateau and follows a series of similar inter-communal conflict and ethnic identity resolution dialogues on the Plateau in a similar period. It is supported, mediated and facilitated by international conflict resolution experts and the HD Centre. The signing is also supported by State level officials as witnesses and they are also referenced in the agreement as having taken part in the dialogues.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	n/a
Name of Locale	Langtang
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	9.146160, 9.800095
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	The agreement text refers directly to a Mediator and set of supporting Advisors of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD). Page 33, B. Witnesses, ... 1. Alice Wairimu Nderitu - Lead Mediator 2. Prof. John Dung-Gwom - HD Advisor 3. Prof. Joseph Jemkur - HD Advisor 4. Salihu Musa Umar - HD Advisor It also appears as though given the name of the agreement and the HD centre convened and facilitated.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)

Page 4, IV. Commitments and Consequences, ... Support for the values of tolerance, multi-religious and ethnic harmony.

Page 4, IV. Commitments and Consequences, ... Ending discrimination labeling or stereotyping of individuals and groups on the account of their religion or ethnicity.

Page 6, X. Public Apology, ... We representing the participating communities in the Southern Plateau Peace Dialogue Process have been a deeply divided society, polarized along social and religious lines

Grievance List

Page 1, Preamble, ... We make this declaration against the background of improved understanding of our differences and issues that unite us with a desire to deliberately spare our individual and collective communities from the ominous consequences of killings, arson, destruction of crops and property, dislocation of populations and general insecurity unleashed on our peoples: environment and economy.

Page 2, I. Purpose:, ... Concerned that experiences of violence, killings, cattle rustling, armed banditry, crop destruction, land/boundary disputes, proliferation of small arms and light weapons, youth unemployment, intolerance and the plight of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) amongst others require a multitrack intervention in order to minimize their degeneration into avoidable violent conflicts.

Page 3, II. Acknowledgement of Causes and Consequences of Conflicts, ... Any eruption of violent conflict across the borders easily spills over into the Southern Plateau, exposing the area to flow of small arms and light weapons used for proxy wars, armed banditry, rustling, attacks and reprisal attacks. In addition, internal conflicts within the zone have equally generated flows in arms and displacement of populations as well as increased the wave of drugs and substance abuse, youth unemployment and general insecurity in the area. Negative politics and ineffective security have combined to produce a sense of marginalization, discrimination, intolerance and impunity for some individuals and communities in the area. Therefore, to a large extent, it is our belief that a lot of the killings, violence, displacement of people, destruction of homes and property, armed banditry, land disputes/border clashes and cattle rustling are all avoidable if all stakeholders and government at all levels become more proactive.

**Cattle rustling/
banditry**

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Page 4, V. Responsibilities and Recommendations:, ... standing committees including major stakeholders should intervene and mediate on cattle rustling and routes, farmer/ grazer clashes and related issues.

Page 5, V. Responsibilities and Recommendations:, ... they should establish special multiagency security squads to be furnished with community intelligence on criminals and rustlers.

Page 5, V. Responsibilities and Recommendations:, ... The Plateau State House of Assembly should enact new laws or strengthen existing ones particularly against cattle rustling, blockage of cattle routes and possession of illegal weapons.

Social cover

Page 4, IV. Commitments and Consequences, ... Eschew violence and expose criminals within our communities.

Page 4, IV. Commitments and Consequences, ... Collectively sanction any individual, community or group that deliberately breaches our commitments or resolutions.