

Country/entity	Mali Niger
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Additional Agreement on the Reconciliation between the Daoussahag and Peuhls Communities relating to the peaceful use of natural resources along the Mali-Niger border
Date	7 Nov 2016
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local conflict

Mali: Dogon-Fulani and other local conflicts (2015 -)

An initially intercommunal conflict between Dogon and Fulani (known in Mali as Peulh) communities in the Mopti region in central Mali, which has strong regional and national dimensions as well. The conflict emerged in 2015 from disputes over access to natural resources and land management between traditionally sedentary agriculturalists, the Dogon community, and semi-nomadic pastoralists and traders, the Fulani community. Given the state's failure in providing security, various communities, including the Dozo community, grouped into militias, with the umbrella group Dan Na Ambassagou (DNA) comprising Dogon local defence militias. The intercommunal violence that ensued quickly became a regional emergency crisis, as extremist groups emerging from the northern regions to gain a foothold in the region benefited from this security vacuum by reinforcing the conflict through recruiting local population. In turn, the threat of extremist attacks fed back into the establishment of local defence militias. The emergence of Malian extremists in the Mopti region has triggered the internationalization of the conflict witnessing the intervention of international security forces, main missions being a Joint Force by the G5 Sahel, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), and the French Operation Serval (SOV). Given Mali's colonial historical relationship with France, these interventions have de facto further added to the complexities of this conflict's drivers. Reconciliation efforts on both local and state level culminated in a ceasefire agreement in 2018. However, in the run up to the July 2018 elections the region saw an upsurge in violent clashes with civilians by communal militias, with increasing violent activities by Dozo militias. In 2019 there was a sharp increase of violent attacks by militias, militaries and extremists, with violence against civilians being most common.

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Stage Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process	Mali Local Processes
Parties	Peulh communities of Niger Pour la communauté Daoussahq du Ménaka (signature) Pour la communauté Daoussahq de Anderamboukane (signature)
Third parties	Pour les communautés témoins (signatures)
Description	This is an additional agreement that is supplemental to the Agreement between the Dawsahak community in Takatayt (Mali) and Peulh community in Niger on the peaceful exploitation of natural resources. It brings in the Daoussahq communities of Ménaka and Andéramboukane as parties to that agreement.

Agreement document	ML_NE_161107 Additional Agreement on the Reconciliation between the Daoussahq and Peuhls communities.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	ML_NE_161107 Additional Agreement on the Reconciliation between the Daoussahq and Peuhls communities_fr.pdf (opens in new tab)

Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	This agreement was the result of a mediation process facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, and brings additional communities into the 2016 Agreement between the Daoussahq community in Talatayt (Mali) and Peulh community in Niger on the peaceful exploitation of natural resources.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement was negotiated outside of the national-level peace process as it deals with local conflict in central Mali. The parties to this agreement are not part of the national-level peace negotiation framework.
Name of Locale	Ménaka and Andéramboukane
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	15.721469, 2.685123
Participant type	Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references)	Not referenced in the agreement, however, secondary reporting states that the agreement was facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.
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Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	International or transnational actor
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Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
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Grievance List	No specific mention.
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Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
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Social cover	No specific mention.
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