

<b>Country/entity</b>	South Sudan
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Communiqué - Inter-Communal Governance Structures: Jonglei and GPAA
<b>Date</b>	6 Nov 2023
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	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.

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Sudan Conflicts (1955 - )

**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Inter-group



## Parties

Not signed, agreement lists the following persons as delegates:

[Names, Location, Title]

Gabriel Tuak Lam, Akobo, Paramount Chief

Yunis Tut Ruei, Ayod, Paramount Chief

Maluak Ayen Ajhok, Bor, Paramount Chief

Aleer Leek Deng, Duk, Paramount Chief

John Gulech Wau, Gumuruk, Paramount Chief

Thonyan Ayicho, Lekuangole, Paramount Chief

Isaac Guor Duol, Nyirol, Paramount Chief

Nyikcho Ame Bullen, Pibor, Paramount Chief

Aweng Deng Chol, Twic East, Paramount Chief

Moses Chot Yak, Uror, Paramount Chief

Alan Kengen, Verthet, Paramount Chief

Thor Bolith Chol, Akobo, Youth Leader

Kany Wie Duop, Ayod, Youth Leader

Khor Awuai Amer, Bor, Youth Leader

Chol Awur Ajak, Bor, Youth Leader

Wany Garthuoth Chan, Duk, Youth Leader

Kagayin Aburkuk, Lekuangole, Youth Leader

Gatluak Manyun, Nyirol, Youth Leader

Deng Chol Anyany, Twic East, Youth Leader

Makuei Choat Deng, Uror, Youth Leader

Kacho Giraron, Verthet, Youth Leader

Nyathom Kiir Chak, Akobo, Women's Leader

Rebecca Nyanuot Kuol, Ayod, Women's Leader

Lithg Chuit, Bor, Women's Leader

Amuor Lem, Duk, Women's Leader

Mary Thagono Nganthigidang, Lekuangole, Women's Leader

Mer Manyal Thong, Nyirol, Women's Leader

Mary Bery Oleyo, Pibor, Women's Leader

Aleh Jurkuch, Twic East, Women's Leader

Biliny Ruot, Uror, Women's Leader

Nyamile Ibon, Verthet, Women's Leader

Mabil Gai, Akobo, Interpreter

Lual Thel Lual, Duk, Interpreter

Anyibi Mazee, Pibor, Interpreter

John Konyi Kereru, Pibor, Interpreter

Koang Nyang Yiel, Uror, Interpreter

Duop Deng Gatluok, Ayod, Spiritual Advisor- Makuach

Thuok Koat Nyoch, Uror, Dak Kueth Spiritual Representative

Dual Chuol Puot, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Diang Wal Mut, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Mayoam Ruot Rom, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Gatmuon Yoai Bepal, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Makuek Wuol Ther, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Koak Marop Reat, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Peter Kuol Kol, Ayod, Makuach Tut Spiritual Representative

Hon. Simon Puok Nyang, Akobo, Commissioner

Hon. James Chuol Jiek, Ayod, Commissioner

Hon. Mabior Athiou, Bor, Commissioner

Hon. Peter Latjor Chol, Duk, Commissioner

Hon. John Gogol, Lekuangole, Commissioner

Hon. James Bol Makuei, Nyirol, Commissioner

Hon John Gain Pothi, Pibor, Commissioner

Hon. Jacob Chol Thon, Twic East, Commissioner

<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	The Inter-Communal Governance Structures (ICGS), a series of meetings involving several local groups and state officials in the South Sudan states of Jonglei and GPAA, convened in Ayod from November 2-6, 2023. The agreement discussed the status of previous initiatives, made new commitments towards peace between local groups, and scheduled the next ICGS meeting.

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### Local agreement properties

<b>Process type</b>	Formal structured process
<b>Rationale</b>	This is one among a series of meetings called 'Inter-Communal Governance Structures', organised by Peace Canal, a peacebuilding programme based in South Sudan.
<b>Is there a documented link to a national peace process?</b>	No
<b>Link to national process: articulated rationale</b>	There is no explicit reference to a national peace process. There is also no indication that this meeting or the 'Inter-Communal Governance Structures' relate to a peace process that extends beyond conflicts between various groups in Jonglei and GPAA.
<b>Name of Locale</b>	Jonglei/GPAA
<b>Nature of Locale</b>	Region
<b>GPS Lat/Long (DD)</b>	6.799068, 33.129753
<b>Participant type</b>	Local armed group Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations Regional state actor
<b>Mediator, facilitator or similar</b>	Mediator or similar referred to
<b>Mediator (references)</b>	Peace Canal
<b>Type of mediator/facilitator/similar</b>	Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

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**Local issues**

**Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)**      No specific mention.

**Grievance List**      No specific mention.

**Cattle rustling/ banditry**      No specific mention.

**Social cover**      No specific mention.

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