

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Protocol on Agreed Principles on Transitional Arrangements Towards Resolution of the Crises in South Sudan
Date	25 Aug 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate 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 - comprehensive

Conflict nature Government

Peace process	South Sudan post-secession process
Parties	Government of the Republic of South Sudan, signed by H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan; Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (in Opposition), signed by Dr. Riek Machar Teny [unsigned], Leader of the SPLM/A; and Stakeholders (SPLM Leaders (Former Detainees), Political Parties, Civil Society, and Faith-Based Leaders) (no signatures)
Third parties	<p>Guarantors: H. E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly; H. E. Yoweri Museveni President of the Republic of Uganda; H. E. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti; H. E. Uhuru Kenyatta President of the Republic of Kenya; H. E. Bakri Hassan Saleh Mohammed, First Vice President of the Republic of Sudan; H. E. Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Republic of Somalia;</p> <p>Witnessed by Amb. Seyoum Mesfin, Chairperson of IGAD; Gen. Lazaro K. Sumbeiywo, IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan; Gen. Mohamed Ahmed el-Dabi, IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan</p> <p>"Friends of Sudan" United Nations Mission to South Sudan</p>
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Women, girls and gender

Participation No specific mention.

Equality No specific mention.

Particular groups of women Particular groups of women→Refugee/displaced women
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... 26. Agree to urgently institute programmes of relief, repatriation, resettlement, reintegration and rehabilitation of IDPs and returnees, and in particular, provide programmes for war/conflict affected persons (children, orphans, women, widows, war wounded, etc.), including reconstruction of war-affected areas, the terms and scope of which shall be negotiated by the stakeholders in the negotiations;

International law No specific mention.

New institutions No specific mention.

Violence against women No specific mention.

Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform No specific mention.

Development Development→Rehabilitation and reconstruction
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Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
