

Country/entity	Somalia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Addis Ababa Agreement concluded at the first session of the Conference on National Reconciliation in Somalia
Date	27 Mar 1993
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Somali Civil War (1991 -)

Originally spurred by centre-peripheral tensions, fighting broke out in 1981 between the regime of President Said Barre and the Somali National Movement, a militia primarily consisting of members from the northern Ishaq clan. Fighting intensified in the late 1980s as more clan-based militias arose. President Barre's regime collapsed in late 1991 and as a result the UN intervened. However persistent attacks on the UN's forces forced a withdrawal in 1994. From the mid- to late 1990s, the character of the conflict shifted as warlords fought for access to rents. Also during this period, two different peace agreements arose; the Soderre Declaration, which was mediated by Ethiopia and supported by IGAD, and the Cairo Accord, which was brokered by Egypt. Fighting, already noticeably lessened compared to the early 1990s, decreased and the more amicable environment paved the way for the Transitional Government to be formed in 2000 (replaced in 2004 by the Transitional Federal Government).

Nonetheless, opposition to the TFG arose in the form of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), which by early 2006 had taken control of most of southern Somalia until they were ousted by an armed intervention by Ethiopia in December 2006. As a result, the ICU splintered. Hard-line ICU members formed the Takfiri organization, Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen, and launched a guerrilla campaign against the TFG. Another faction of the ICU fled to Djibouti and formed the Alliance for the Re-liberation of Somalia, which was absorbed into the ruling TFG after successful negotiations in 2007.

To deal with the new round of fighting, the UN-mandated AMISOM force was deployed in 2007. Since then, insecurity has fluctuated between the urban and rural areas as the al-Shabaab's territorial gains waver. Local militia leaders maintain de facto governance over communities. From 2009 to 2012, insecurity spilled over into the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean when Somali pirates seized, looted and ransomed ships. In 2014, 'Operation Indian Ocean' was launched and in parallel with infighting among al-Shabaab, the organisation's position in Somalia has diminished slightly. However, as evidenced by large-scale attacks by al-Shabaab in northern Kenya throughout 2013-2015, the lack of security continues to destabilize the region. Al-Shabaab continues to launch surprise attacks with the aim of forcing out foreign military presence in Somalia. Targets include both military forces and civilians. The devastating attack in October 2017 in Mogadishu saw 587 fatalities and resulted in a renewed military offensive by the Somali government and African Union allies. Since 2017, the U.S. has increased its air strikes targeting al-Shabaab militants, and in December 2018 they announced to re-establish a permanent diplomatic mission in the country. Al-Shabaab has been characterized as a spoiler in the Somali peace process and have therefore been placed outside of any negotiations.

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Stage Framework/substantive - comprehensive

Conflict nature Government

Peace process	Somalia Peace Process
Parties	<p>Somali African Muki Org (SAMO), signed for by MR. Mohamed Ramadan Arbow, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali Democratic Alliance (SDA), signed for by Mr. Mohamed Farah Abdullahi, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali Democratic Movement (SDM), signed for by Mr. Abdi Muse Mayow, Chairman, and Col. Mohamed Nur Aliyou, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali National Democratic Union (SNDU), signed for by Mr. Ali Ismael Abdi, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali National Front (SNF), signed for by Gen. Omar Hagi Mohamed Hersi, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali National Union (SNU), signed for by Dr. Mohamed Ragis Mohamed, Chairman;</p> <p>Somali Patriotic Movement (SPM), signed for by Gen. Aden Abdillahi Noor, Chairman, and Ahmed Hashi Mahmoud, Vice-Chairman;</p> <p>Somali Salvation Democratic Front (SSDF), signed for by Gen. Mohamed Abshir Musse, Chairman;</p> <p>Southern Somali National Movement (SSNM), signed for by Col. Abdi Warsame Isaaq, Chairman;</p> <p>United Somali Congress (USC), signed for by Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid, Chairman , and Mohamed Qanyare Afrah, Chairman;</p> <p>United Somali Front (USF), signed for by Mr. Abdurahman Dualeh Ali, Chairman;</p> <p>United Somali Party (USP) signed for by Mr. Mohamed Abdi Hashi, Chairman;</p>
Third parties	UN, "regional organizations", Standing Committee of the Horn
Description	An accord to end hostilities and introduces an agreed framework for progressing the process by: disarmament and security, rehabilitation and reconstruction, restoration of property and settlement of disputes, and transitional mechanisms.
Agreement document	SO_930327 Addis Ababa Agreement concluded at the first session.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF

Women, girls and gender

Participation	Participation→Gender quotas Page 4, IV. Transitional mechanisms: 1. The Transitional National Council (TNC) The TNC shall be composed of: a. three representatives from each of the 18 regions currently recognized, including one women from each region;
Equality	No specific mention.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
Implementation	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.
