

Country/entity	Uganda
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement on a Permanent Ceasefire
Date	23 Feb 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -)

Uganda has long experienced tensions along ethnic, religious and national lines. On independence in 1962, Ugandan politics were defined by smaller monarchies, among which the Southern Kingdom of Buganda dominated the national sphere. Resistance to this system was the campaign platform of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) led by Milton Obote, who won the 1962 elections. Tension between the Buganda's ruler King Mutesa II and Obote with his then-ally Idi Amin, led to Obote changing the constitution, abolishing the monarchic system and thus, centralizing power. However, a split between Obote and Amin eventually led to a military coup d'état in 1970, which brought Amin the presidency where he instituted his genocidal regime.

Despite economic collapse, President Amin was only removed from power following a failed attempt at invading Tanzania in 1979, whereby the Tanzanian counter-attack alongside forces loyal to former-President Obote toppled Amin. Authoritarianism continued under the new regime, after Obote won the 1980 elections under dubious circumstances, and in 1985, Obote was once again deposed in a coup. Out of the fray, Yoweri Museveni and the National Resistance Army (NRA) captured the presidency in 1986 and began instituting economic and democratic reforms.

Resistance to Museveni, however, continued with various insurgencies across the country including by former-supporters of President Obote or President Amin. Other insurgencies based on chiliastic beliefs based on the return of Jesus Christ, most notably the Holy Spirit Movement, fought in the late 1980s before splintering into several smaller factions. One such faction later became the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) led by Joseph Kony. Many of the 22 or more insurgency groups estimated to contain more than 40,000 insurgents, operate from across the Ugandan border and are based in either South Sudan or the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Close
Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government

Peace process	Uganda peace process
Parties	Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda (Dr) Minister of Internal Affairs and Head of GoU Delegation. Dr David Nyekorach Matsanga, Leader of the LRA/M Delegation.
Third parties	Witnessed by: H.E. Lt. General Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon (PhD), Vice President, Government of Southern Sudan and Chief Mediator of the Peace Talks. H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, United Nations Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the LRA affected areas. H.E. Andre M Kapanga (PhD), for the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo. H.E. Japeth R. Getugi, for the Government of the Republic of Kenya. H.E. Nsavike G. Ndatta, for the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. L.t Gen. (Rtd.) Gilbert Lebeko Raman, for the Government of the Republic of South Africa. H.E. Heidi Johansen, for the Government of Norway. Ms Anna Sundstrom, Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, for the European Union. H.E. Bryan E. Burton, for the Government of Canada Mr Timothy R. Shortley, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, for the Government of the United States of America.
Description	In this agreement the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army/Movement (LRA/M) agreed to a permanent ceasefire ending all hostilities and violent acts. The ceasefire agreement delineates responsibilities of the Government of Uganda, LRA/M and the Government of Sudan, and provides a clear monitoring mechanism. It also provides for measures to be taken in case of violations and lists acts that would constitute violation of the ceasefire.
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Women, girls and gender

Participation No specific mention.

Equality Equality→Other
Page 2, Chapter 1. Definitions: "Gender" refers to the two sexes, men and women, within the context of society

Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law International law→References to UNSC 1325 itself
Page 6, Chapter 6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN, 6.1
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(b) in the implementation of this Agreement , international standards and mandates, in particular, relevant mandates in Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (2000), and Security Council Resolution 1612 on Children and Armed Conflict (2005) are applied

New institutions No specific mention.

Violence against women No specific mention.

Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform Institutional reform→DDR, army, parastatal or rebel forces
Page 3, Chapter 3 ASSEMBLY AND ENCAMPMENT: 3.3.
In the preparation of detailed agreements and arrangements for disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, the implementation of measures necessary to adhere to gender and child specific UN IDDRS standards for encampment shall be given the highest priority.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.