

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Sirte Peace Agreement
Date	18 Apr 1999
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or short-lived guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

Close
Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	DRC: Second Congo war process
Parties	(Signed) H.E. Yoweri Kaguta MUSEVENI, President of the Republic of Uganda (Signed) H.E. Idriss DEBY, President of the Republic of Chad (Signed) H.E. Issaias AFEWORKI, President of the State of Eritrea (Signed) H.E. Laurant Desíre ´ KABILA, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo
Third parties	(Signed) Col. Muamar EL-GADDAFI, Leader of the Great El-Fateh Revolution and Coordinator of the Peace Process in the Great Lakes
Description	The Sirte Peace Agreement is linked to the Lusaka Peace Process. The Sirte Agreement is a declaration of commitment to the ongoing regional peace process and calls for a ceasefire.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1:
...
The signatories to this Agreement have decided the following:
... 8. All parties pledge to refrain from taking actions to overthrow the regime in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
... 9. Respect the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of countries.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision Page 1:
...
The signatories to this Agreement have decided the following:
1. Affirm the security and integrity of the political borders of all States.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

**Political power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power
sharing** No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL
general** Page 1:
...
Realizing the tragedies of the awful massacres as a result of the armed strife in the region,

Page 1:
...
5. The signatories to this Agreement condemn all acts of violence and mass murder, and affirm the need to chase the killers, punish and disarm them.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

**Treaty
incorporation** Page 1:
...
On the basis of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), of the first Cariso Summit in 1964 calling for respect of the pre-independence terms,

**Civil and political
rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic
rights** No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 1:
...
The signatories to this Agreement have decided the following:
1. Affirm the security and integrity of the political borders of all States.
2. Immediate cessation of hostilities to pave the way for dialogue and peaceful solution.
... 8. All parties pledge to refrain from taking actions to overthrow the regime in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	Page 1: ... 4. Withdrawal of Ugandan and Rwandan troops will be timed with the arrival of the African peace forces.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1: ... 5. The signatories to this Agreement condemn all acts of violence and mass murder, and affirm the need to chase the killers, punish and disarm them.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 1: ... 4. Withdrawal of Ugandan and Rwandan troops will be timed with the arrival of the African peace forces. ... 7. Withdrawal of all foreign forces present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as soon as a peace agreement is reached.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.

Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar Page 1:
 ...
 3. Deployment of neutral African peacekeeping forces in the area where there are troops of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi inside the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
 4. Withdrawal of Ugandan and Rwandan troops will be timed with the arrival of the African peace forces.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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