

Country/entity	Mali Azawad
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Protocol D'Entente
Date	27 Aug 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Tuareg Wars (1962 -)

Mali-Azawad

The nomadic Tuareg in the north of Mali maintained a long-standing revolt against a government traditionally dominated by southern politicians shortly after Mali became independent from France in 1960. The uprisings focused in and around the Azawad region, north of Timbuktu. After several outbreaks of violence during the 1980s, violence peaked with the 1990 outbreak of the Tuareg Rebellion. Following an initial defeat by the Malian Armed Forces, reparations by the government of Alpha Konare included the creation of the self-governing Kidal region. Violence in 1994 died down following peace between moderates on both sides in 1995 and a negotiated peace agreement. Violence continued due to a lack of integration by combatants, but it was not until 2011 that the situation again escalated in the aftermath of the Arab Spring and the disintegration of Libya, which resulted in a heavy inflow of small arms, and the increased involvement by Algeria. In January 2012, the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA) together with several other groups took full control of the region. Disputes on how to handle the situation led to a military coup against President Touré in March 2012 that, in turn, resulted in further turmoil. The MNLA declared the independence of Azawad, but soon lost control of most of the territory to radical Islamist militias including Ansar Dine. A French intervention in January 2013 paved the way for a UN mission, which was established in April of that year. In June 2015 multiple declarations culminated in a final agreement between several Azawad-affiliated groups, including MNLA, and the government of Mali to end hostilities. However, inadequate implementation of the agreement results in continual armed confrontations between pro-government militias, Azawad-affiliated groups, dissidents of Azawad-affiliated groups, ethnically oriented groups, and increasingly since 2017, radical Islamist militias.

Niger-Aïr-Azawad

In 1990 the nomadic Tuareg in northern Niger explicitly sought greater political autonomy following decades of grievances on local political exclusion. With the first armed group Aïr and Azawad Liberation Front (FLAA) to be established in 1991, fighting between 1990 to 1995 took place largely in the Air Mountains. A short-lived truce was agreed in 1994 between the Niger Government and the Tuareg umbrella organisation Coordination of Armed Resistance (CRA), later called Organisation of Armed Resistance (ORA). Another accord was signed in April 1995 in Ouagadougou with various other Tuareg groups and some Toubou, the last signing in 1998. After ten years of relative peace, Movement of Nigeriens for Justice (MNJ) reinvigorated conflicts in 2007 following little follow up by the Nigerien government on the signed peace agreements.

Close

Tuareg Wars (1962 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Mali-Azawad Inter-Azawad peace process

Parties	Le Mouvement National de Libération de l’Azawad (MNLA), Bilal Ag Acherif Secrétaire General
	Le Mouvement Arabe de l’Azawad de la déclaration d’Alger du 9 juin 2014 (MAA) Mohamed Lamine Ould Sidatti Secretaire General
	Le Mouvement Arabe de l’Azawad de la Plateforme d’Alger du 14 juin 2014 (MAA), Ahmed Ould Sidi Mohamed Secrétaire General
	Le Haut Conseil pour l’Unité de l’Azawad (HCUA), Alghabas Ag Intalla Secretaire General
	La coalition du Peuple pour l’Azawad (CPA), Ibrahim Ag Mohamed Assaleh Président
	La Coordination des Mouvements et Forces Patriotiques de Resistances II (CM FPR 2) Mr Ibrahima Kontao Président
Third parties	-
Description	This is an agreement between the opposition groups of the Azawad/North Mali region to harmonise their efforts in negotiating with the Government of Mali.

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Agreement document (original language) [ML_1400827_Memorandum_of_Understanding.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1:</p> <p>1. To commit, in accordance with the framework presented through the Ouagadougou Agreement, the Algiers Declaration of 09 June 2014, the platform of 14 June 2014 and the Road Map signed in Algiers on 24 July 2014, to pursue together the fight for the defence of the legitimate rights of the people of Azawad/North Mali by progressing the search for an institutional solution specific to Azawad/North Mali which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects in fact and in law the geographical, economic, social and cultural diversity of Azawad/Northern Mali; - Responds to the legitimate aspirations of Azawad/North Mali populations with regard to politico-institutional, military-security, economic and socio-cultural plans; - Takes the current situation into account. <p>Page 2-3, Article 9:</p> <p>To reaffirm their commitment to the unity of the populations and the reestablishment of a comprehensive and lasting peace in Azawad /North Mali in particular, and in Mali in general, and thus commit themselves to persevere in this direction. After reviewing the current political and security context of Azawad/North Mali in particular and Mali in general, they have also agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The harmonization of their strategies for negotiation with the Government of Mali, - The standardization of their political platforms and the defence of their shared demands. - The unification of their efforts for the defence of the legitimate rights and aspirations of the people of Azawad/ North Mali and the security of the people of Azawad/ North Mali.
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) No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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 Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions
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Page 2, Article 3:
The need to achieve broad autonomy for Azawad/ Northern Mali;

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Preamble:
[...]
- Having conducted an in-depth discussion on the political, security, humanitarian, economic, social and cultural situation in Azawad/North Mali;
[...]

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 2, Article 5:
To intensify their information and awareness activities, both inside and outside of Azawad/North Mali, in order to share their common vision and direction of their struggle with respect to the individual principles of each of the Parties.

Page 2, Article 8:
To respect and undertake information and awareness activities on the present Memorandum;

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 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
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Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** Page 1, Preamble:
[...]
- Having conducted an in-depth discussion on the political, security, humanitarian, economic, social and cultural situation in Azawad/North Mali;
[...]
- Reaffirming their strong commitment to contribute to the establishment of lasting peace and security in Azawad;
[...]

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>[Summary: The agreement is between the opposition groups of the Azawad/North Mali region]</p> <p>Page 2, Article 6: To engage our respective forces in the fight against any form of attack against Azawad/ North Mali;</p> <p>Page 2-3, Article 9: To reaffirm their commitment to the unity of the populations and the reestablishment of a comprehensive and lasting peace in Azawad /North Mali in particular, and in Mali in general, and thus commit themselves to persevere in this direction. After reviewing the current political and security context of Azawad/North Mali in particular and Mali in general, they have also agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The harmonization of their strategies for negotiation with the Government of Mali, - The standardization of their political platforms and the defence of their shared demands. - The unification of their efforts for the defence of the legitimate rights and aspirations of the people of Azawad/ North Mali and the security of the people of Azawad/ North Mali.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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	Page 1, Preamble: [...] - Expressing their desire to unify their forces, to promote communal harmony within the society in Azawad/North Mali, in all its components without discrimination; [...]

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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