

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Agreement between the Wonduruba Community and the SPLA Commando Unit

Date 3 Dec 2015

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local 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.

Close

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	<p>Signatories:</p> <p>Engineer Juma Stephen Lugga Representative of Wounduruba Community</p> <p>Colonel Juma Sanango Kher Alla Representative of SPLA, Commando Unit</p>
Third parties	<p>Bishop Paul Yugusuk, Lead Mediator, Church Leaders Mediation Initiative</p> <p>Witnesses:</p> <p>Hon. Augustino Kiri Gwolo Commissioner of Lainya County & Representative of the Government of Central Equatoria State,</p> <p>Major General Johnson Juma Okot, SPLA Division VI Commander</p> <p>Rt. Rev. Matthew Taban Peter, Diocesan Bishop of Wounduruba</p> <p>Rt. Rev. Bismark Manday Avokaya, Diocesan Bishop of Mundri</p>
Description	Agreement brokers peace between the SPLA unit stationed in Wonduruba represented by Col. Juma Sanango Kher Alla, and the local community following abuses by the SPLA unit and mass displacement. The agreement seeks to promote forgiveness between the two sides, punishment of soldiers who perpetrated crimes, a re-instatement of local government officials/offices and a return of refugees.

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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** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical
Page 2, ... Resolutions No. 4
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community and the SPLA and shall put in place all necessary confidence building
measures to enable returnees to settle peacefully.

Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 11
That the Church leaders mediation Initiative an the Government of Central Equatoria
State will request for the humanitarian assistance from NGO's and well wishes to enable
resettle the IDPs from Lainya, Yei, Ganji, Ku'da and other displaced camps.

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 Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 11
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**Traditional/
religious leaders**

Page 2, Preamble,
We the delegates representing Wonduruba community and the SPLA Commando Unit, having deliberated on the conflict in Wonduruba, Mangkaro, Menkele, Katigiri and Tuliang and address all our differences during a peace and Reconciliation dialogue mediated by Church Leaders Mediation Initiative led by Bishop Paul Yugusuk from Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 2nd of December 2015 at Wonduruba do hereby agree on the following resolutions;

Page 4, ... Resolutions No. 13
That the Church Leaders Mediation Initiative is requested to dialogue with opposition in Wonduruba area for possible peace and reconciliation initiative.

Page 4, ... Resolutions No. 14
That the Church Leaders Mediation Initiative monitoring team shall monitor the implementation of the agreement and shall meet and consolidate with parties to the agreement.

Page 4, Bishop Paul Yugusuk,
Lead Mediator, Church Leaders Mediation Initiative

Witnesses:
... Rt. Rev. Matthew Taban Peter,
Diocesan Bishop of Wounduruba

Rt. Rev. Bismark Manday Avokaya,
Diocesan Bishop of Mundri

**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 No specific mention.

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 4, Resolutions No. 12
That the agreement shall be disseminated to the community and SPLA Commando Unit through media and civic awareness.

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 No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Page 2, ... Resolutions No. 3
That the SPLA shall adhere to the SPLA act and the consultation in all their activities as shall protect the community without any harassment or intimidation in accordance to the interim constitution of the Republic of South Sudan.

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Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 6
That the leadership of SPLA guarantees that the local administration and other organized forces that they will not be intimidated when they return and resume their duties.

Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 7
That the local civil administration and the SPLA and other organized forces shall strengthen their unity and commitment as members of security committee.

Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 8
That the leadership of the SPLA shall take appropriate disciplinary measures on officers and NCO's who will commit crime in the community.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

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 Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 8
That the leadership of the SPLA shall take appropriate disciplinary measures on officers and NCO's who will commit crime in the community.

Page 3, ... Resolutions No. 10
That the Wonduruba Payam administrative area coordinator shall establish a committee to investigate loss of live, looted shops, houses, hospitals, Government and non-Governmental institutions, etc. as a result of the conflict and consequently submit a report to the Governor of Central Equatoria State for appropriate action.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 2, Resolutions No. 1
That the Wonduruba community and the SPLA Commando Unit have forgiven themselves on the conflict in Wonduruba, Mangkaro, Mengele, Katigiri and Tuliang.

Page 2, ... Resolutions No. 2
That the community of Wonduruba and SPLA Commando Unit will live in harmony respecting one another as citizen with different responsibilities in accordance to the interim constitution of the Republic of South Sudan.

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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 Page 4, ... Resolutions No. 14
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Related cases No specific mention.

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https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/sudans-john-ashworth/EvAjKoHbx_o
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