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**Country/
entity** Nigeria

Region Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement
name** Kafachan Peace Declaration, The Southern Kaduna State Inter-communal Dialogue

Date 23 Mar 2016

**Agreement
status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim
arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/
conflict level** Intrastate/local conflict (Nigerian Civil War (1967), Delta Unrest (1990 -), Communal Conflicts (1978 -), and Boko Haram Insurgency (2009 -))

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict
nature** Inter-group

Peace process Nigeria - local agreements

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Description A declaration accompanying the Kafachan Peace Declaration between Farmers and Grazers.

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Groups

Children/
youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

Page 3, Preamble

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Page 4, Section I, Article ii

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Page 6, Section II, Article vi

Idle youth: Unemployed youth with easy access to drugs are easily lured into violent acts.

Page 9, Section V, Article v

ii. Inclusion of women and youths, persons with disability in decision- making and peace processes: On many occasions, reconciliation and dialogue efforts exclude meaningful participation of women and youth. This exclusion causes disenchantment and negative perception of the outcomes of reconciliation efforts.

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Page 8, Section IV, Article iii

Identify effective strategies and processes to transform youth previously involved in violent behavior.

Page 8, Section V, Article i

The plan will bring on board the joint efforts of all stakeholders including at the State level, traditional and faith based leaders, women and youth that puts in place a tension management mechanism that;

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- Intervene in conflict situations and pursue such measures as are necessary to arrest and redress the situation.
- Make appropriate recommendations for action by law enforcement agencies.
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- Teach conflict prevention and conflict transformation skills to young people.

Page 9, Section VII, Article ib

Create employment and keep youth out of engaging in conflict by reviving the following industries; flour mills, chalk, Ginger processing, fruit processing, oil processing and Gurara dam to provide electricity and water to communities.

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| Disabled persons | <p>Groups→Disabled persons→Rhetorical Page 4, Section I, Article ii Note that the conflicts in Kaduna have nevertheless left their mark on the whole society but specifically affect vulnerable groups including women, children, youths and persons with disability more and stress the need to provide adequate support for them to rebuild their lives.</p> <p>Page 9, Section V, Article v Inclusion of women and youths, persons with disability in decision- making and peace processes: On many occasions, reconciliation and dialogue efforts exclude meaningful participation of women and youth. This exclusion causes disenchantment and negative perception of the outcomes of reconciliation efforts.</p> <p>Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 9, Section VII, Article i a Revive rehabilitation centres in all Local Government Area to enable provision of skills and allowances for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Page 9, Section VII, Article i d Ensure the inclusion and active participation of women, youths, and persons with disability in all peace processes.</p> <p>Page 10, Section VII, Article ii b Mobilize massive support for micro projects to train the women, youths, and persons with disability.</p> |
| Elderly/age | <p>Groups→Elderly/age→Rhetorical Page 3, Preamble We, the parties to this Declaration are: development/cultural associations, Traditional Councils, youth, women, religious and respected opinion leaders and elders brought together by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), with our consent, because of our history of Inter-communal, farmer and grazer and religious violence.</p> |
| Migrant workers | No specific mention. |

Racial/
ethnic/
national
group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 3, Preamble

This Declaration covers content from a multi- ethnic and farmer and grazer context of communities of five Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Southern Kaduna; Sanga, Kachia, Kaura, Zangon Kataf and Jema'a. This Declaration records agreements arrived at as a first step towards achieving lasting peace.

Page 4, Preamble

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Page 5, Section I, Article vii

Assert that the success of this dialogue will be translated into a common need for an interdependent future, in which all ethnic and religious communities feel that their survival depends on the existence of those they have previously thought of as the "other".

Page 5, Section II, Article ii

The Nigerian Constitution declares the concept of indigeneity, among other reasons, to protect the minority communities against the fear of domination by the larger ethnic communities.

Page 6, Section II, Article viii

Violent conflict spillovers: Across state borders, ethnic and religious communities.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 8, Section IV, Article v

Avoid criminalizing entire ethnic communities when one of their own commits a crime.

Page 8, Section IV, Article vi

Not be party to violence, intimidation and any other practices that may breach peace, and inhibit the attainment of harmonious relations between different ethnic and religious groups.

Page 8, Section IV, Article vii Support the promotion of tolerance, understanding and acceptance of diversity on the basis of ethnicity and religion.

Religious groups

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical

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Page 9, Section VII, Article i f

Prioritize economic and social regeneration and investment and enhance opportunities for sharing across ethnic and religious communities: Communities have raised concerns over disparities in the delivery of social and public utility services particularly in areas of high polarization. We recommend a huge change of culture by the State Government of Kaduna within it's departments, agencies and public bodies to serve every community equally and pass the message across that equal treatment directly translates into building blocks for ethnic and religious co- existence.

Page 10, Section VII, Article i g

Explore opportunities for ethnic and religious communities to live in the same residential areas. ~~Page 8 of 20~~ Current levels of residential segregation make it possible for communities to declare "no go areas" for those considered not

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| Indigenous people | <p>Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 5, Section II, Article i There exist fundamental fault lines within communities that manifest through violence, more so during periods before, during and after elections. These differences are grounded in discrimination based on the status of the person as either indigene or settler as partly informed by history.</p> <p>Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive Page 5, Section II, Article ii The Nigerian Constitution declares the concept of indigeneity, among other reasons, to protect the minority communities against the fear of domination by the larger ethnic communities.</p> <p>Page 5, Section II, Article iii This has had some unintended effects, such as cementing divisions among Nigerians as either being first indigene or settler, rather than citizens of Nigeria.</p> |
| Other groups | No specific mention. |
| Refugees/ displaced persons | <p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 5, Section II This Declaration acknowledges that there have been stringent demands by communities in this dialogue that include the need to: ... ii. Resettle or compensate Internally Displaced People (IDP's); iii. Offer reparation to victims and work towards institutional reforms to prevent further violence; iv. Recognize the history of oppression by some communities against each other with narratives of pain passed on from generation to generation that in turn contributed to violence to the communities perceived as oppressors.</p> <p>Page 10, Section VII, Article i h Engender inter-ethnic and inter- religious resettlement of IDP's for cohesion, integration and harmonious co-existence: We commend ongoing efforts to address the plight of IDP's and ensure official resettlement activities or voluntary individual movements to new areas do not divide communities farther along ethnic or religious lines.</p> |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

Women,
girls and
gender

Page 3, Preamble

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Page 4, Section I, Article ii

Note that the conflicts in Kaduna have nevertheless left their mark on the whole society but specifically affect vulnerable groups including women, children, youths and persons with disability more and stress the need to provide adequate support for them to rebuild their lives.

Page 8, Section V, Article i

i. Conflict prevention plan: The plan will bring on board the joint efforts of all stakeholders including at the State level, traditional and faith based leaders, women and youth that puts in place a tension management mechanism that;

- Creates a linkage between early warning and early response.
- Ensure continuous monitoring of violent conflict situations.
- Intervene in conflict situations and pursue such measures as are necessary to arrest and redress the situation.
- Make appropriate recommendations for action by law enforcement agencies.
- Provide broad civic education on rights, obligations and cohesion as well as religious studies.
- Teach conflict prevention and conflict transformation skills to young people.

Undertake bilateral consultations and advocacy with political leaders to reinforce messages, identify areas of mutual concern and agreement.

Page 8, Section V, Article iv

Begin and sustain tracks of dialogues among key non-political stakeholders such as business leaders, women's organizations and civil society organizations to influence and facilitate discussions between political actors.

Page 9, Section V, Article v

Inclusion of women and youths, persons with disability in decision- making and peace processes: On many occasions, reconciliation and dialogue efforts exclude meaningful participation of women and youth. This exclusion causes disenchantment and negative perception of the outcomes of reconciliation efforts.

Page 9, Section VII, Article i d

Create a body to promote peace and reconciliation amongst communities that will:

- Bring perpetrators to justice, inclusive of both indigenes and settlers.
- Consider the compensation of all affected people.
- Address past wrongs drawing on the wisdom and expertise of traditional conflict resolution mechanisms.

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

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| Political institutions (new or reformed) | No specific mention. |
| Elections | Page 5, Section II, Article i There exist fundamental fault lines within communities that manifest through violence, more so during periods before, during and after elections. These differences are grounded in discrimination based on the status of the person as either indigene or settler as partly informed by history. |
| Electoral commission | No specific mention. |
| Political parties reform | No specific mention. |
| Civil society | Page 4, Preamble Notes with satisfaction the important practical steps that have been taken to implement conflict resolution through the activities of civil society and faith-based organizations; Page 4, Preamble Welcomes the growing partnerships between Kaduna State Government, civil society and faith-based organizations; Page 8, Section V, Article iv Begin and sustain tracks of dialogues among key non-political stakeholders such as business leaders, women's organizations and civil society organizations to influence and facilitate discussions between political actors. Page 10, Section VII, Article ii Civil Society and the International Community working in Kaduna: a. Develop collaborations to ensure that programmes are coherent with Government policies to prevent and resolve conflicts. b. Mobilize massive support for micro projects to train the women, youths and persons with disability. |

Traditional/religious leaders Page 6, Section II
Weakening of traditional conflict resolution mechanisms systems: Traditional leadership and conflict resolution systems have been weakened, reducing the capacity of communities to manage and prevent conflict and criminality.

Page 8, Section V, Article i
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Page 9, Section VI, Article i
Traditional, community and religious leaders should be strengthened and empowered to resolve conflict before and after escalation.

Public administration Pages 6-7, Section III
This section contains a list of previous commissions created to find a solution to violence in Southern Kaduna.

Page 10, Section VII, Article i f
Communities have raised concerns over disparities in the delivery of social and public utility services particularly in areas of high polarization. We recommend a huge change of culture by the State Government of Kaduna within it's departments, agencies and public bodies to serve every community equally and pass the message across that equal treatment directly translates into building blocks for ethnic and religious co-existence.

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 3, Preamble
Reaffirms that respect for human rights is indispensable for the maintenance of peace and security in Kaduna State and that it constitutes one of the fundamental blocks for sustainable development;

Page 4, Section I, Article i
Acknowledge that the primary responsibility for the protection of the rights and security of the people of Kaduna lies with the State.

Page 9, Section VII, Article i d
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- Ensure the inclusion and active participation of women, youths and persons with disability in all peace processes.
- Prevent and protect women against violence.
- Advance and protect human rights, administrative justice and integrity in private and public life.
- Foster respect for the rule of law, transparency and accountability.
- Ensure public safety and security.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

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| Civil and political rights | Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life Page 3, Preamble Further reaffirms the principles enshrined in the 1999 Nigeria constitution as amended, in particular Chapter 4, section 33, subsection 1, which says “each person has a right to life, and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his life, save in execution of the sentence of the court in respect of a criminal offence of which he has been found guilty in Nigeria”. |
| Socio-economic rights | No specific mention. |

Rights related issues

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| Citizenship | No specific mention. |
| Democracy | Page 3, Preamble Convinced that without peace, Kaduna State, cannot consolidate unity and promote democracy and development; |
| Detention procedures | No specific mention. |
| Media and communication | Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 10, Section VII, Article iii Media and dissemination of Hate Speech: Enact enabling laws to discourage incitement and hate speech and train media on conflict sensitive reporting. |
| 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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 3, Preamble
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Page 8, Section IV, Article i
Support a policy driven approach for
i. Integrated markets particularly in a bid to improve inter- communal relations by bringing people together in a shared and safe environment.
ii. Supporting our communities to launch common goals such as trading with one another;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 8, Section V, Article iv
Begin and sustain tracks of dialogues among key non-political stakeholders such as business leaders, women’s organizations and civil society organizations to influence and facilitate discussions between political actors.

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

Page 8, Section V, Article i

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| Armed forces | Page 6, Section II Vacuum existing in arbitration and mediation mechanisms: This vacuum has created the need for physical security to become of paramount concern with various forces such as vigilantes and ethnic militias attempting to provide security alongside security forces. Consequently, the competition of the various forces is less effective security for all, less effective capacity of Government institutions to provide services, maintain law and order. |
| DDR | No specific mention. |
| Intelligence services | No specific mention. |
| Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces | Page 6, Section II Vacuum existing in arbitration and mediation mechanisms: This vacuum has created the need for physical security to become of paramount concern with various forces such as vigilantes and ethnic militias attempting to provide security alongside security forces. Consequently, the competition of the various forces is less effective security for all, less effective capacity of Government institutions to provide services, maintain law and order. |
| Withdrawal of foreign forces | No specific mention. |
| Corruption | Page 10, Section VII, Article i k Address corruption decisively due to its current and future negative implications as impunity thrives in societies where Inter-communal differences are entrenched. |
| Crime/ organised crime | No specific mention. |
| Drugs | No specific mention. |
| Terrorism | No specific mention. |

Transitional justice

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| Transitional justice general | Page 5, Section II This Declaration acknowledges that there have been stringent demands by communities in this dialogue that include the need to: i. Bring the perpetrators of past violence to justice; |
| 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 | Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 5, Section II Resettle or compensate Internally Displaced People (IDP's); Offer reparation to victims and work towards institutional reforms to prevent further violence; Page 9, Section VII, Article i d Consider the compensation of all affected people. |

Reconciliation Page 9, Section VII, Article i d

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 - Ensure public safety and security.
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Implementation

UN
signatory No specific mention.

Other
international
signatory [Unintelligible] - Ambassdor, Norway to Nigeria
Eoghan McSwiney - Deputy Head of Mission, Ireland

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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