

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative (Yei River State)

Date 17 May 2018

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	Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows: Jul Machok Lieny - Senior Chief, Western Lakes State Manyiel Lieny Wol - Elder and Chief, Western Lakes State Elizabeth Agok Anyijong - Women leader, Western Lakes State Moses Deng Akeu - Youth Representative, Western Lakes State
Third parties	Witnessed by: Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi - Head of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Peace Desk Hon. Mabor Meen Wol - Minister of LG&LE and Governor's Representative
Description	A short community agreement which calls for community reconciliation, dialogue, disarming of youth and reimposition of security and law by the local state government. The agreement also provides for measures to be carried out by the EPC in facilitating a space of healing and management of infrastructural rebuilding.

Agreement document [SS_180517_Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3.The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government. Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. (a)Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order (b)EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.

Religious groups Groups→Religious groups→Other
Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...(g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.

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 Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. ...(b) EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.

Page 2, Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows:

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Elizabeth Agok Anyijong - Women leader, Western Lakes State

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** Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...(g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.

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**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 logistics
Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...
(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians
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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 Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (f)...Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.

Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (g)EPC to lobby for Government, faith based groups and investors to create job opportunities.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. (a)Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4.</p> <p>(a)Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions,</p> <p>(b)Organizations that can establish Basic Nursery, Elementary and Vocational training for the Galwengs.</p> <p>(c)Organizations or companies that can come to Western Lakes State to open Feeder roads.</p> <p>(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.</p> <p>(e)Organizations that can supply seeds and tools such as Oxen to improve food security.</p> <p>(f)Organizations that can improve the living conditions of armed forces</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center, Health center, Church and so forth.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. (a)Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions,</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ...</p> <p>(c)Organizations or companies that can come to Western Lakes State to open Feeder roads.</p> <p>(d)Organizations that can connect the Western Lakes State to the world through radio provision and an extension of network companies.</p>
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	Page 3, Front Cover - Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, ... Mediated and funded by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Bishop Elias Taban and their partner His Voice Global USA under the leadership of Dr. Vernon Burger

Business Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 6. The workshop resolved that peace building is achieved through:
(a) Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces to observe law and order
(b) EPC to lobby for organizations that will open micro-finance for small business to widows and orphans in Western Lake State.

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 Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. The workshop also resolved that lasting peace can be achieved through provision of basic services by well-wishers such as:
(a) Companies or organizations that can establish water points for both human and animal consumptions

Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. ... (f) Organizations that can improve the living conditions of armed forces and Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.

DDR	Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3.The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government.
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 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, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 1. Peace building and healing conference be organized in Western Lakes State within the shortest possible time by the Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi of EPC that brings all sons and daughters of Western Lakes State and all 6. neighboring States to pray and dialogue.

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	<p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center, Health center, Church and so forth.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 7. EPC to send a small committee to go to Western Lakes State to go and verify the issues raised in this workshop.</p>
Related cases	No specific mention.
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