

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Good neighborliness and Community Reconciliation Agreement between the Communities of Castors, Yakite, Sara, Yalowa, Camerounais Douala, and Sanga-Bibale
Date	23 Mar 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	CAR: Local Processes
Parties	<p>MAIN ACTOR FOR PEACE. YAKITE BRIDGE Moussa Danda</p> <p>MAIN ACTOR FOR PEACE. CASTORS Nathael Wandessere</p> <p>YAKITE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE Abdrahman Ibrahim</p> <p>CASTOR YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE Fabrice Dekoua</p> <p>YAKITE WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE Oumoul Hair Abdouahman</p> <p>CASTOR WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE Alphonsine Lakoue</p> <p>YAKITE RELIGIOUS LEADER Imam Oumar Sarako</p> <p>CASTOR RELIGIOUS LEADER Abbe Julien Mokasse</p>
Third parties	<p>WITNESSES</p> <p>TOWN HALL 3rd ARRONDISSEMENT Yakite Sosthene</p> <p>MINUSCA Kenny Gluck</p> <p>MINISTRY OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION Balkoua Virginie</p> <p>LOCAL PEACE AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE 3rd DISTRICT OF BANGUI [illegible]</p>
Description	<p>This is a local agreement, covering the communities of Castors, Yakite, Sara, Yalowa, Camerounais Douala, and Sanga-Bibale, in which the communities' representatives, alongside women's groups, youth groups, and religious leaders, all supported by MINUSCA and the central government, commit to to peaceful reconciliation, focusing on the resumption of markets and trading activities, demilitarization, and mobility in the area.,</p>
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Agreement document (original language)	CF_190323_Yakite Castors agreement.pdf (opens in new tab)

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1: The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to: [...] 5. Working with international and national organizations to improve the living conditions of all communities concerned, in particular: rehabilitation of the Castor Youth Center, rehabilitation of the Common Room and its sewing materials for training young girls, as well as equipment for training young people of both genders in different fields (agriculture, breeding, entrepreneurship, etc.), particularly unemployed young people.
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→Substantive Page 1: The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to: [...] 6. Facilitating the safe return of displaced people from the sectors affected by the latest crises, as well as assisting them in rebuilding their destroyed homes. The Monitoring Committee of this agreement will take responsibility for managing disputes that may arise between returnees and illegal occupants of their homes.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

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Signatories

[...]

YAKITE WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE Oumoul Hair Abdouahman

CASTOR WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE Alphonsine Lakoue

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 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 No specific mention.

Mobility/access Page 1:
The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to:
[...]
3. Facilitating the free movement of people and goods. Free movement is beneficial to the entire population, it helps to rebuild relationships and trade between communities. Free movement also makes it possible to guarantee free access to health establishments, schools, and State institutions.

Page 2:
From the date of signature of the Agreement, the communities are required to respect the end of hostilities and aggression, the carrying and use of arms, and embracing the free movement of people and goods.

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 Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
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Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 1,
The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to:
...
2. Prohibiting the carrying and use of weapons in neighborhoods by the civilian population. The carrying and use of weapons of all categories by civilians constitutes a threat to the population and a contributing factor to violence. It harms security and increases fear and tensions.

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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:
The communities of said neighborhoods (Muslims and Christians) commit to:

1. Facilitating the end of hostilities between the communities of said neighborhoods. The communities undertake to renounce violence and to be part of a dynamic of peace. Conflict resolution will be done peacefully, through dialogue, conviviality, and good neighborliness.

[...]

4. Deploying awareness campaigns within the two communities on the importance of peace and cohabitation.

Implementation

UN signatory Page 2:
WITNESSES

MINUSCA Kenny Gluck

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 2:
After the signing of the Agreement, a Monitoring Committee will be set up to ensure the proper functioning and respect of the commitments made by the communities. This Committee will work in close collaboration with the Government of the CAR, MINUSCA, and the relevant international and national organizations. The Committee may set up, if necessary, an Agreement Implementation Mechanism, including a Guiding and Coordination Committee.

The communities concerned ask MINUSCA to support them with the facilitation of the community reconciliation process that has already begun, to support this process of cohabitation, and to support the Monitoring Committee.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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