

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accord des Retour Voluntaire des DPIs des Kouï
Date	3 Oct 2018
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.

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Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	CAR: Local Processes
Parties	For the 3R, Mr. Sidiki Abassi For the Anti-Balaka, Mr. Hamadou Ndale For the DPs [Personnes Deplacees internes], Mr Ngaibona Maxime
Third parties	Witnesses: Mayor of the Kouï CC, Mr Yaya [illegible] Daouda Religious leaders, Imam Abassi Modibq, Pastor Nefonyam Samuel Youth representative (Kouï), Gambo Amadou Women's representative, Ms Bangue Pauline Representatives of civil society: Executive president of ONG GDAP [NGO Groupement pour le Developpement Agro Pastoral], Mr Mohamadou Dahirou President of UDAPE, Mr Bindowo Ibrahim
Description	In this agreement, the CAR armed groups active in the Kouï sub-prefecture agree to take measures that would allow for safe return of internally displaced persons, by committing to refraining from violence, and ensuring free movement for people and goods in the area.

Agreement document	CF_181003_Accord des Retour Voluntaire des DPs des Kouï_Translation-1.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CF_181003_Accord des Retour Voluntaire des DPs des Kouï.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**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical
Page 1:

Aware of the fact that the responsibility for determining the destiny of our region falls on us, according to the realities of our country and based on the values of justice, rule of law, democracy, good governance, respect for people's fundamental freedom and rights, unity and solidarity, mutual understanding and cooperation among different ethnic communities, and religious groups;

Religious groups

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical
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Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other groups

No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1:</p> <p>Reaffirm our commitment to renounce violence and cattle theft, and agreeing resolutely through the present document to engage in the voluntary return of IDPs, to restore peace, cohabitation, and reconciliation for the socio-economic well-being of the population of the Kouï sub-prefecture.</p> <p>Page 1:</p> <p>We agree to the following:</p> <p>Article 1: the parties undertake to agree to the final return of IDPs to their places of origin from the date of signature of this agreement.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Article 4: to aid the definitive return of IDPs to their places of origin to consolidate peace, rebuilding, and social cohesion [illegible], the parties commit to:</p> <p>Ensuring free movement of people and goods in the Kouï sub-prefecture; Refraining from damaging, stealing, or trespassing on private property (houses, [illegible], livestock, etc.); Resorting to traditional local mechanisms of conflict agreements between farmers and herders.</p> <p>Article 5: the parties undertake to respect and implement the provisions of the Agreement to successfully ensure the definitive return of IDPs to their respective localities.</p> <p>Article 6: As soon as the agreement is signed, the parties individually and collectively must take joint measures to sensitize the populations of the Kouï sub-prefecture to accepting the voluntary return of IDPs to their localities of origin.</p>
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Social class	No specific mention.
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Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 2,</p> <p>Witnesses:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Women's representative, Ms Bangue Pauline</p>
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 Page 1:
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Property
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Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1:
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Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other</p> <p>Page 1:</p> <p>We agree to the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Article 7: This Agreement shall be communicated to the civilian population through the media, as well as through other means of communication.</p>
Mobility/access	<p>Page 1:</p> <p>We agree to the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Article 4: to aid the definitive return of IDPs to their places of origin to consolidate peace, rebuilding, and social cohesion [illegible], the parties commit to:</p> <p>Ensuring free movement of people and goods in the Kouï sub-prefecture; Refraining from damaging, stealing, or trespassing on private property (houses, [illegible], livestock, etc.); Resorting to traditional local mechanisms of conflict agreements between farmers and herders.</p>
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 Page 1:
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1: Reaffirm our commitment to renounce violence and cattle theft, and agreeing resolutely through the present document to engage in the voluntary return of IDPs, to restore peace, cohabitation, and reconciliation for the socio-economic well-being of the population of the Kouï sub-prefecture.
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 Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Other land rights

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**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 No specific mention.

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	<p>Page 1, We agree to the following: ...</p> <p>Article 4: to aid the definitive return of IDPs to their places of origin to consolidate peace, rebuilding, and social cohesion [illegible], the parties commit to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensuring free movement of people and goods in the Kouï sub-prefecture;2. Refraining from damaging, stealing, or trespassing on private property (houses, [illegible], livestock, etc.);3. Resorting to traditional local mechanisms of conflict agreements between farmers and herders.
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

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By signing this Agreement, we make a solemn commitment before the local administrative authorities, religious leaders, and the population, to renounce any act that goes against the respect for free movement and social cohesion in our sub-prefecture.

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Article 6: As soon as the agreement is signed, the parties individually and collectively must take joint measures to sensitize the populations of the Kouï sub-prefecture to accepting the voluntary return of IDPs to their localities of origin.

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.
Source	Agreement published as annex to Letter dated 14 December 2018 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic established pursuant to resolution 2399 (2018) addressed to the President of the Security Council (available at https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2018_1119.pdf , Accessed on 11/5/2021)
