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Country/ entity	South Sudan Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Convention for fraternity and peaceful co-existence between Messiriya Tribes, (Ajaira) and the Denka of Abyei: 3 – 11 October 2001
Date	11 Oct 2001
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict ( Sudan Conflicts (1955 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Pre-secession Local Peace Processes
Parties	Messeriya tribes (Ajaira) and the Dinka of Abyei
Third parties	-
Description	The Convention for Fraternity and Peaceful Coexistence between the Messiriya Tribes (Ajaira) and the Denka of Abyei, held from October 3-11, 2001, was a local peace agreement in the Abyei area of South Sudan. The agreement aimed to restore peaceful coexistence between the two tribes, who had previously coexisted peacefully for many years, but had experienced friction due to rebellion. The recommendations of the agreement included denouncing differences and factors of conflict, twinning between the tribes on pasture, agriculture, and other resources, ensuring the rights of citizenship for both tribes, and forming joint committees to tour states where displaced persons from Abyei currently live, among others.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, Recommendations; The [Muglad] conference recommends the following; ... 3.Tribal leaders, each in his areas of jurisdiction, to ensure the rights of citizenship for the two tribes. 4.To communicate with the sons of Abyei with the rebel movement in and outside the country so that they contribute to development and stability]  Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 1, Recommendations; The [Muglad] conference recommends the following; ... 8.Formation of a committee from both tribes and to let them understand the contents of the Convention for Fraternal and Peaceful Coexistence.
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, Recommendations; The [Muglad] conference recommends the following; ... 6. Formation of a joint committee, which will tour all states where people from Abyei Dinka currently live so that they return home immediately to participate in development, stability and production. ... 9. Give priority for the return of displaced persons to their respective areas, particularly the villages around Abyei, availing adequate circumstances.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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## 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 Page 1, Recommendations;  
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## **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, Recommendations;  
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...  
5. To give a chance to the Emirs and section leaders, (the Abyei Peace Committee) to continue their contacts with their sons with the rebel movement for the a total peace in the area

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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### **Rights related issues**

Citizenship Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general  
Page 1, Recommendations;  
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Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/  
access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## 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.

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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, Recommendations;  
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6. Formation of a joint committee, which will tour all states where people from Abyei Dinka currently live so that they return home immediately to participate in development, stability and production.

National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 1, Recommendations; The [Muglad] conference recommends the following; ... 2.Twinning between Dinka and Messiriya tribes on pasture, agriculture and other resources. ... 7.Encourage and insure safety of agricultural production around Abyei by establishing model villages in Naam of Deng Majok, Urn Balayil, Banton, Tajalei
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/ rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	Page 1, Recommendations; The [Muglad] conference recommends the following; ... 2.Twinning between Dinka and Messiriya tribes on pasture, agriculture and other resources.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.



Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 1, Recommendations;  
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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 Page 1, Recommendations;  
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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.

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## **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 No specific mention.

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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 No specific mention.

Related  
cases No specific mention.

Source Rift Valley Institute, 2002. Conflict Transformation in Abyei [presentation at Joint Donors Meeting hosted by Netherlands Embassy], 4 June 2002. SLPD\_20020604\_01, p. 6. Sudan Open Archive. Available at: <https://www.sudanarchive.net/>

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