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Country/ entity	South Sudan Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement between Sudan and South Sudan on Certain Economic Matters
Date	27 Sep 2012
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	North - South Sudan secession process
Parties	H.E. Idriss Abdel Gadir, on behalf of: the Republic of the Sudan; H.E. Pagan Amum Okiech, on behalf of: The Republic of South Sudan
Third parties	Witnessed by: H.E. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, Chairperson, African Union High Level Implementation Panel, on behalf of the AUHIP
Description	An agreement that provides measures for the resolution of treatment of external and domestic assets and liabilities in the the Republic of the Sudan (RoS) and the Republic of South Sudan (RSS). The agreement provides for RoS to retain all external debt liabilities with the intention of securing international assistance on repayment, however, in the case that international assistance cannot be secured within two years, the agreement provides three apportionment approaches for the two States. Furthermore, the agreement also provides measures for domestic assets and liabilities, cultural heritage, mutual forgiveness of non-oil related claims, and for a joint approach to the international community by the two States.

Agreement
document

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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	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
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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 Page 2, Preamble
Recognising the need to determine, on the basis of the principles of international law, how external and domestic assets and liabilities of the Republic of the Sudan are to be treated following the secession of the Republic of South Sudan;

Page 2, 1. Definitions

"Archives": means all documents of whatever date or kind, produced or received by the Republic of the Sudan in the exercise of its functions which, at the date of the secession of the Republic of South Sudan, belonged to Republic of the Sudan according to its internal law, and were preserved by it directly or were under its control as archives for whatever purpose;

Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	Page 6, 4. Treatment of Domestic Assets and Liabilities 4.2 State Archives 4.2.2 The RoS shall provide the RSS with the following information: a) the best available evidence from its State Archives, including maps and other documents relating to title to the territory of the RSS and to its boundaries;
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

Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Fiscal federalism

Page 2, Preamble

Desiring to reach agreements on economic and financial issues, including an agreement on how to deal with debts owed to each other and other financial claims;

Conscious of the mutual benefits to be derived from pursuing strategic cooperation on certain economic issues to maximize rather than prejudice the growth potential of each state;

Recognising the need to determine, on the basis of the principles of international law, how external and domestic assets and liabilities of the Republic of the Sudan are to be treated following the secession of the Republic of South Sudan;

Page 3, 3. Treatment of External Assets and Liabilities

3.1. Agreed Zero-Option Approach

3.1.1. The two States hereby agree that the RoS, as the continuing state, shall retain all external debt liabilities and external assets of the RoS.

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3.2. Trigger for Potential Apportionment of External Debts and Assets

3.2.1. If the firm commitment from international creditors regarding the relief for the external debt of the RoS is not secured, the Agreed Zero Option shall cease to apply.

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3.2. Trigger for Potential Apportionment of External Debts and Assets

3.2.3 If, notwithstanding an agreed apportionment, the RoS shall have made any payments to offset an external debt liability for which the RSS is otherwise responsible under this Agreement, the RSS shall reimburse the RoS for such payments.

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3.3. Potential Apportionment of Project Loans

3.3.1 The Parties shall determine the apportionment of project loan obligations between the RoS and the RSS on the basis of the primary final beneficiary principle.

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3.3. Potential Apportionment of Project Loans

3.3.2 The project loan obligations under consideration by the two States amount to a total of between \$110 million (USD) and \$117 million (USD) as of 31 December 2009.

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3.3. Potential Apportionment of Project Loans

3.3.3 The RoS shall provide relevant documentation pertaining to project loans in order to ascertain the terms of the loan and the primary final beneficiary.

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3.4 Potential Apportionment of "Balance of Payments Support" Loans

3.4.1 The two States shall give further consideration to the potential apportionment of "balance of payments support" loan obligations, and shall identify such obligations jointly, and by reference to data that has been

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 8, 5. Mutual Forgiveness of Claims of Non-Oil Arrears and Other Claims 5.1.3 The Parties agree that the provisions of Article 5.1.1 shall not serve as a bar to any private claimants. The Parties agree to safeguard the rights of private claimants and to ensure that such claimants that they have the right of access to the courts, administrative tribunals and agencies of each State for the purpose of realizing the protection of their rights.

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	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	Page 8, 5. Mutual Forgiveness of Claims of Non-Oil Arrears and Other Claims 5.1.3 The Parties agree that the provisions of Article 5.1.1 shall not serve as a bar to any private claimants. The Parties agree to safeguard the rights of private claimants and to ensure that such claimants that they have the right of access to the courts, administrative tribunals and agencies of each State for the purpose of realizing the protection of their rights.

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 Page 8, 5. Mutual Forgiveness of Claims of Non-Oil Arrears and Other Claims
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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→Infrastructure and reconstruction
Page 5, 3. Treatment of External Assets and Liabilities
3.4 Potential Apportionment of "Balance of Payments Support" Loans
3.4.2 In determining the formula for the apportionment of "balance-of-payments support" loans obligations, the two States shall consider criteria, including, the relative level of physical infrastructure development, human development, and the population within the RoS and the RSS, respectively, as of 9 July 2011.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 8, 6. Joint Approach to the International Community
6.1.2 The Parties and the AUHIP shall constitute a joint delegation which shall seek assistance from the international community with respect to:
a) contribution of monies to provide one third of the aggregate amount of the funding required to fill the financing gap of the RoS resulting from the loss of revenues previously received from oil exports from the territory of South Sudan.

International funds Page 3, 3. Treatment of External Assets and Liabilities
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3.1. Agreed Zero-Option Approach
3.1.3. The joint creditor outreach strategy referred to in Article 3.1.2. shall include:
(a) the mobilisation of other states and international entities to lead and sustain international campaign for the relief of the external debt of the RoS; and,
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3.1. Agreed Zero-Option Approach
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(a) when the RoS reaches the "decision point" as provided for under the Enhanced Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC); and,
(b) if the HIPC decision point is reached no later than two (2) years from the entry into force of this Agreement, or such later date as shall be agreed by the two States.

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Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks

Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→International finance

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a) contribution of monies to provide one third of the aggregate amount of the funding required to fill the financing gap of the RoS resulting from the loss of revenues previously received from oil exports from the territory of South Sudan.

b) funding of the PSC in order to ensure the stability of the country

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible

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4.3. Cultural Heritage Property

4.3.1 Property of particular importance to the cultural heritage of a State, or which originates from a State, shall pass to that State and, where practicable, shall be repatriated to that State.

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4.3. Cultural Heritage Property

4.3.2 The State in possession of the property shall have primary responsibility for the repatriation of property.

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4.3. Cultural Heritage Property

4.3.3 Each State shall submit to the other State the details of any Cultural Heritage Property to which it lays claims.

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4.3.4. The transfer of Cultural Heritage Property shall be effected without compensation between the two States.

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4.3.6 Where the two States deem that repatriation is not possible, arrangements shall be made with the mutual consent of the Parties, to facilitate access.

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4.3. Cultural Heritage Property

4.3.7 Any other matters relating to the implementation of this on assets and liabilities shall be address jointly between the two States, through the joint implementation mechanisms established in the Cooperation Agreement, and in accordance with the principles set forth in this Agreement.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible

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4.2 State Archives

4.2.3 Any agreement on Archives shall not impede the access of individuals or groups of people from either State, to information about their history and their cultural heritage.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion

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4.3. Cultural Heritage Property

4.3.5 The Parties shall establish a Joint Archives and Cultural Heritage Property Committee to assist in the identification of such Archives and Cultural Heritage Property located in the RoS and the RSS and to agree on suitable arrangements for their repatriation.

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 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 No specific mention.

Implementation

UN
signatory No specific mention.

Other
international
signatory Witnessed by: H.E. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, Chairperson, African Union High Level Implementation Panel, on behalf of the AUHIP

Referendum
for
agreement No specific mention.

International
mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement
mechanism Page 7, 4. Treatment of Domestic Assets and Liabilities
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Related
cases No specific mention.

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