

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the South Sudan Democratic Movement/Army (SSDM/A)

Date 27 Feb 2012

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate 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 Government

Peace process	South Sudan post-secession process
Parties	The Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the South Sudan Democratic/Army (SSDM/A)
Third parties	-
Description	Short agreement providing provisions for a ceasefire, power-sharing, military integration, amnesty, disarmament, reparations, release of detainees and implementation modalities.

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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.

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)	<p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references</p> <p>Page 1, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article a. GRSS has recognized the right of SSOM/A to have appropriate political representation in its institutions at the National and State levels;</p> <p>Page 1, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article b. The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the National level as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Advisor• 3 Senior Civil Servants <p>Page 1-2, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article c. The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the States level as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Upper Nile State: 1 Advisor, 3 Civil ServantsJonglei State<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Advisor• 4 senior civil servants
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	<p>Page 1, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article b. The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the National level as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Advisor• 3 Senior Civil Servants <p>Page 1-2, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article c. The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the States level as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Upper Nile State: 1 Advisor, 3 Civil ServantsJonglei State<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Advisor• 4 senior civil servants
Constitution	<p>Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble, Article v. The Interim Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan provides valuable guiding principles as a basis for the realization of this objective.</p>



Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General
State level
Sub-state level

Page 1-2, 3. Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS

a. GRSS has recognized the right of SSOM/A to have appropriate political representation in its institutions at the National and State levels;

b. The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the National level as follows:

- 1 Advisor
- 3 Senior Civil Servants

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: ii. Follow-up on the GRSS appointment of SSOM/A positions at National and State levels within maximum of 30 days;

Summary: substate level power sharing is provided, see below.

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GRSS has recognized the right of SSOM/A to have appropriate political representation in its institutions at the National and State levels;

Page 1-2, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article c.

The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the States level as follows:

- i. Upper Nile State: 1 Advisor, 3 Civil Servants
- ii. Jonglei State

- 1 Advisor
- 4 senior civil servants

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality

State level

Sub-state level

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee immediately after the signing and announcement of this agreement and comprised total of seven (7) members from the two Parties, four (4) from the GRSS and three (3) from SSOM/A.

Territorial power sharing

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government
Summary: the agreement provides for political power-sharing at the state level, see below.

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GRSS has recognized the right of SSOM/A to have appropriate political representation in its institutions at the National and State levels;

Page 1-2, 3: Political Representation of SSDM/A in GRSS, Article c.

The Parties have agreed to representation of SSDM/A at the States level as follows:

- i. Upper Nile State: 1 Advisor, 3 Civil Servants
- ii. Jonglei State

- 1 Advisor
- 4 senior civil servants

Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces</p> <p>Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article a. The Parties have agreed that One thousand Eight hundred South Sudan Democratic Armed Forces (1,800SSDA) will be integrated into the SPLA, subject to the verification of forces in the Assembly Areas, by a Verification Committee composed of both Parties,</p> <p>Page 3, 9:Implementation Modalities, Article a. ... (iii) ... (v) The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee immediately after the signing and announcement of this agreement and comprised total of seven (7) members from the two Parties, four (4) from the GRSS and three (3) from SSOM/A. its duties shall be as follows:</p> <p>iii. Determine the Assembly Areas for the integration of the SSDM/A forces within 15 days; v. Oversee the integration of the SSDM/A forces into the SPLA according to the agreed timetable: maximum 30 days for the appointment and maximum 60 days for the confirmation of their ranks;</p> <p>Power sharing→Military power sharing→Joint command structures</p> <p>Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article b. The number of Officers to be commissioned will be determined according to the number of forces verified in the Assembly Areas;</p> <p>Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article c. The appointment shall be within 30 days after the signing of this Agreement;</p>

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 roles Page 4, 10. Promotion of further dialogue: a. In line with the commitment of both parties to sustainable peace throughout all areas of South Sudan, the Parties have agreed that they may engage other armed groups outside the SSDM/A who may be willing to enter into new agreements.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 2-3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: ... b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance; ii. Health iii. Education; and <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 2-3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: ... b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance; ... <p>Page 3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: ... b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance; <p>Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: ix. Monitor the provision of the above stated humanitarian assistance and social services to conflict affected areas;</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 2-3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: ... b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Infrastructure support, including boreholes, to these areas.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	Page 2-3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of: iv. Infrastructure support, including boreholes, to these areas.
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** Page 2, 7: Compensation and Reparations, Article b.
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i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance;
ii. Health
iii. Education;
and iv. Infrastructure support, including boreholes, to these areas

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, 1. Cease-fire arrangements: a. The Parties have agreed to declare a fully-fledge cease-fire which enters into force upon the signing of this Agreement.

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: iii. Oversee the implementation of cease-fire modalities;

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article a.

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Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article b.

The number of Officers to be commissioned will be determined according to the number of forces verified in the Assembly Areas;

Page 2, 4: Military Integration of SSDM/A forces into the SPLA, Article c.

The appointment shall be within 30 days after the signing of this Agreement;

Page 2, 5: Assembly Areas, Article a.

The assembly Areas shall be determined by the Joint Oversight Committee, the Areas shall be in northern Jonglei State and accessible throughout the year.

Page 2, 6. Disarmament: a. The Parties agreed to a joint Disarmament programme as agreed by the JOC.

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: vii. Define the terms of the Disarmament programme;

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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a. The Parties have agreed that One thousand Eight hundred South Sudan Democratic Armed Forces (1,800SSDA) will be integrated into the SPLA, subject to the verification of forces in the Assembly Areas, by a Verification Committee composed of both Parties,

b. The number of Officers to be commissioned will be determined according to the number of forces verified in the Assembly Areas;

c. The appointment shall be within 30 days after the signing of this Agreement;

9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: v. Oversee the integration of the SSDM/A forces into the SPLA according to the agreed timetable: maximum 30 days for the appointment and maximum 60 days for the confirmation of their ranks;

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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
Page 1, 2. Amnesty: a. The Parties have agreed for a renewed amnesty for the SSOM/A group.

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: viii. Monitor the implementation of the amnesty to the SSDM/A group;

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism Page 2-3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: a. The Parties have recognized the impact of the conflict on the civilian population, particularly in the following areas: Khorflus, Fangak, Ayod, Panyakang, Fashoda, Manyo, Pibor, Mayom, Uror and Pariang;

b. Therefore, they have agreed that the GRSS will provide compensation and reparations through social service delivery in the form of:

i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance;
ii. Health
iii. Education; and
iv. Infrastructure support, including boreholes, to these areas.

Prisoner release Page 3, 8. Release of political detainees and prisoners of war: a. The Parties have agreed that all political detainees and prisoners of war will be released Immediately, subject to the submission of the list of the Joint Oversight Committee.

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: xi. Oversee the immediate release of political detainees and prisoners of war;

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims Page 2, 7: Compensation and Reparations, Article a.
The Parties have recognized the impact of the conflict on the civilian population, particularly in the following areas: Khorflus, Fangak, Ayod, Panyakang, Fashoda, Manyo, Pibor, Mayom, Uror and Pariang;

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations
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 i. Humanitarian Relief and Assistance;
 ii. Health
 iii. Education; and
 iv. Infrastructure support, including boreholes, to these areas.

Reconciliation Page 1, Preamble, Article iv.
 The Parties have agreed on the need for the peoples of South Sudan to join together in the peaceful development of their country;

Page 3, 7. Compensation and Reparations: c. The Parties recognizes the importance of reconciliation of conflict affected communities in South Sudan, especially In the above areas, for the prevention of further conflict and their sustainable peaceful development;

d. Therefore, the Parties commit to actively promote reconciliation activities to address outstanding grievances in these areas.

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities: a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee ... its duties shall be as follows: x. Through the parties, will also actively engage and promote reconciliation activities In the above mentioned conflict affected areas in coordination with other key actors in South Sudan;

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities, b. UNMISS will provide support to the implementation of this Agreement as per their mandate.

Enforcement mechanism

Page 3, 9. Implementation Modalities:

a. The Parties have agreed to appoint a Joint Oversight Committee immediately after the signing and announcement of this agreement and comprised total of seven (7) members from the two Parties, four (4) from the GRSS and three (3) from SSOM/A. ... its duties shall be as follows:

- i. Supervise the implementation of this Agreement;
- ii. Follow-up on the GRSS appointment of SSOM/A positions at National and State levels within maximum of 30 days;

Page 4, 11. Breach of the Agreement

In the event of a substantial breach of any part of this Agreement, which cannot be resolved within the JOC, either Party may refer such a breach to the attention of their principles; if not resolved, It can be referred to the plenary group that conducted and supported the negotiation of this Agreement.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

UN Peacemaker - <http://peacemaker.un.org/>; http://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/SD-SS_120227_AgreementGRSS-SSDMA.pdf
