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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	Joint Final Communique and Resolutions: Dinka Malual and Misseriyya Grassroots Peace Conference
Date	14 Nov 2008
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	Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process
Parties	Dinka Malual and Messiriya Al Humus of Al Fiyareen and Awlad Kamil Signatories: Dinka: Chief Acien Acien Yor Chief Makuac Makuac Kuol Misseriya: Amir Harika Osman Amir Ismail M. Yousif
Third parties	Witnesses: H.E. Maj. Gen. Paul Malong Awan, Governor NBGS Mr Aldo Ajou Deng, Chair DMMPC Mr Marko Ujomo, Adviser WBGS Hon El Taher El Rigig El Haj Mr. Omer Sulieman Adam, Governor SKS Mr. Alkhair A. El Makki, D/Chair DMMPC John Marks, USAID Hon Garang Jal Akuer

Description Peace conference resolution and joint statement between Dinka and Misseriya, seeking to protect herders and establish mechanisms for grazing rights and water access, protect women and children, implement joint development and the control of small arms as stipulated in the CPA.

Agreement document [SS_081114_Joint Communique and Resolutions Dinka Malual and Messiriya Grassroots Peace Conference .pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale The agreement indicates that multiple state actors have been involved in the planning of the 'Grassroot Peace Conference' that led to the signing of this agreement (page 3). The conference was funded by USAID and flights were provided by the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM). A secondary source corroborates that several months of preparation at the grassroots and higher levels preceded the event (see references, Skye Wheeler 2008a). It does not appear to be an isolated example; the NGO Policy Advocacy and Strategic Studies (PASS) that facilitated this agreement was involved in another 'Grassroot Peace Conference' in Aweil about two years later (see Communiqué: Dinka Malual & Rezeigat Grassroots Peace Conference; 25/01/2010).

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

Yes

Link to national process: articulated rationale

The agreement references the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) three times (pp. 2 & 7), refers to the 'wisdom and good leadership of the Presidency, H.E. President Omar El Bashir, First Vice President Salve Kiir Mayardit and Vice President Ali Osman Taha; (p. 3). There was high-level involvement at the conference and the agreement contains provisions on the Centre for the Eradication of the Abduction of Women and Children (CEWAC) (p. 6) which was formed by President El Bashir. A secondary source states that preparatory work took place at the levels of the Government of National Unity (GONU) and the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS)(see references, Skye Wheeler 2008a). This suggests that the agreement is (indirectly) linked to post-CPA national-level processes.

Name of Locale

Southern Kordofan (Sudan) - Northern Bahr al Ghazal (South Sudan) border area

Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	9.482665, 27.970404
Participant type	Local armed group International or transnational actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations Regional state actor
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Facilitators: Leadership of the Joint Committee led by Mr Aldo Ajou Deng and Hon Alkhair Al Faheim El Makki, Lt. Gen. (RT) Abdel Rahman and Dr. Dhieu Mathok Diing, planning and supervision; Policy Advocacy and Strategic Studies (PASS) [NGO] Funders: USAID, RACDO/AEM, Government of NBGS and Southern Kordofan State Logistical supporter: supported by Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) with flights
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Regional state actor Local armed group Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
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Grievance List	<p>Page 2, ... 3. Recalling the long history of suffering as a result of the just ended North/South war that destroyed the lives and loving youth from our communities and looting of livestock that has further caused profound grievances to our convictions and continued to by the cause of mischief to our mutual trust;</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. Mindful of our shared desire to return of the innocent abducted children and women as documented by Committee for Eradication of Abduction of Women and Children (CEAWC);</p> <p>...</p> <p>7. Recalling that this conference shall signal lasting end of long history of marginalization and exploitation of our natural resources and neglect to our local interest and needs;</p> <p>Page 3, ... 9. We the conferees deplore war and we are committed to end the instability and mutual destruction to our resources and resulting unjustified impediment of development and therefore the two parties on the following recommendations that emerged from our conference as per attached to be immediately implemented upon the date of signature;</p>
Cattle rustling/ banditry	<p>Page 2, ... 3. Recalling the long history of suffering as a result of the just ended North/South war that destroyed the lives and loving youth from our communities and looting of livestock that has further caused profound grievances to our convictions and continued to by the cause of mischief to our mutual trust;</p> <p>Page 5, SECTION I RECOMMENDATIONS ON EQUITABLE SHARING OF GRAZING LANDS AND WATER POINTS, 1. The conference recommends, the Dinka Malual to allow the Messiriya pastoralists or nomads to enter Northern Bahr El Ghazal without carrying firearms.</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Formation/establishment of joint native courts with wide powers to look into common customary laws and prevent stealing of livestock and properties.</p>
Social cover	No specific mention.
