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<b>Country/ entity</b>	South Sudan Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Final Communique and Resolutions: Dinka Malual and Misseriyya Grassroots Peace Conference
<b>Date</b>	14 Nov 2008
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict ( Sudan Conflicts (1955 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process
<b>Parties</b>	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
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnesses: H.E. Maj. Gen. Paul Malong Awan, Governor NBGS Mr Aldo Ajou Deng, Chair DMMPC Mr Marko Ujomo, Adviser WBGH 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
<b>Description</b>	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.

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## 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 Salva 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

<b>Mediator (references)</b>	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
<b>Type of mediator/facilitator/similar</b>	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.
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

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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.

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3. Formation/establishment of joint native courts with wide powers to look into common customary laws and prevent stealing of livestock and properties.

Social cover No specific mention.

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