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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Wunlit Dinka Nuer Covenant and Resolutions
Date	8 Mar 1999
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	Dinka and Nuer Chiefs, church, civil and community leaders, elders, women and youth
Third parties	New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC)
Description	The covenant and resolutions from the Wunlit Peace Conference, proposes past provision mechanisms for abductees, refugees, etc. Agreement continues by proposing a mechanism for peace keeping on the border between Dinka Nuer grazing lands as well as how to continue the peace processes to a regional level.

Agreement document [SS_990308_Dinka Nuer West Bank Peace and Reconciliation Conference.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale	This agreement is part of a wider 'People-to-People process' facilitated by the New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC) that led to the signing of other accords prior to and after this agreement.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	This agreement is not technically linked to the national process between the government in Khartoum and South Sudanese opposition forces, but it is worth noting that some South Sudanese high-level political leaders supported the signing of this agreement which is said to have helped create a peace movement in southern Sudan and to have fostered 'Southern unity.'
Name of Locale	Border areas of Bahr el Ghazal and Western Upper Nile
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	7.829816, 29.686848
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Mediator: New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC)
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 2, ... We the participants hereby make and adopt the following Covenant and pledge ourselves to observe and implement it scrupulously and conscientiously in keeping with the solemn vows of peace, reconciliation and familiar co-existence. We initiatives our Conference with the sacrifice of the White Bull (Mabior Thon / Tu-bor) and have sealed the Covenant in Christian worship and traditional sacrifice.
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Grievance List Page 2, ... We have established this Covenant of peace and reconciliation and declare an end to seven and a half years of intense conflict.

Page 3, Process used at Wunlit Dinka-Nuer Conference to develop Resolutions:, 1. Missing Persons and Marriages to Abductees (Mr. Dhol Acuil Aleu)

Page 5, II. Resolutions Regarding: Reclaiming the Land and Rebuilding Relationships, (A provisional list was developed of villages and settlements that have been abandoned due to the Dinka-Nuer conflict during the past seven and a half years and should be considered for reconstruction. The Covenant encourages displaced communities to return to their original homes and rebuild relationships with their neighbours. The provisional list includes the names of more than 400 villages and settlements in Appendix A.)

Page 9, IV. Resolutions Regarding: Monitoring the Borders, B. Disarmament: As peace comes to an area, all citizens holding firearms are either to be disarmed or join the army. The local civilian militia are called Jiec-nin-bor in Nuer, or Gelweng in Dinka. The unanimous decision was that once peace is established there would be no need for these. Both Dinka and Nuer agree that these are a source of insecurity at the border, and a source of insecurity internally.

Cattle rustling/
banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
