

Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

Country/ entity	Nigeria
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement Reached this Day 7th of January, 2017 Between Agatu People of Benue State and Fulani Herdsmen of Nasarawa State of Nigeria
Date	6 Jan 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Nigerian Civil War (1967), Delta Unrest (1990 -), Communal Conflicts (1978 -), and Boko Haram Insurgency (2009 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Nigeria - local agreements
Parties	Agatu People of Benue State Fulani Herdsmen of Nasartawa State
Third parties	-
Description	An agreement between two groups dealing with inter-communal conflict and providing for mutual access to Adepati Island, with provisions on access to grazing and fishing, and providing that the agreement may from time to time be monitored by the military.

Agreement document [NG_170106_Agreement between Agatu people and Fulani Herdsmen.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

Rationale It appears that the agreement is informal in the way it is made and supported, with vague commitment by the army to monitor sporadically but this only refers to implementation and is not support in terms of mediating or supporting the act of agreement making. There does seem to be a level of persistent practice in the sense that this agreement involves the Fulani who are frequently involved in processes, particularly involving herders and pastoralists in farmer grazer conflict resolution processes around the same time. One of the states, Nasarawa which is implicated in the agreement also appears to border the plateau where many of the inter-communal processes and farmer grazer processes have taken place, which have also involved the Fulani.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

No

Link to national process: articulated rationale

There is no reference in the text to the national process and it could not be said that there is sufficient basis for a link to the national through involvement from state representatives. The head administrator of Agatu appears to be the only official signing, possibly with the involvement of another local level governor and it appears the administrator of Agatu has called for the agreement. It is not necessarily clear however whether this is supported by other local groups concerned and state level authorities from the surrounding states of Benue and Nasarawa.

Name of Locale Adapati Island

Nature Of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/ Long (DD) 7.867055, 7.910455

Participant type Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or similar No mention of mediator or similar

Local issues

Ritual/
prayer and
process
(including
use of
scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance
List

Page 1, 5. That Fulani herdsmen shall be held accountable for any destruction done to any farm land or produced in any nearby island other than Adapati Island.

Cattle
rustling/
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.
