

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Accord de la Paix Locale
Date	15 Oct 2018
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

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Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Inter-group

Peace process	CAR: Local Processes
Parties	UPC [signature not legibile] Autodefense Groups [signature not legibile]
Third parties	Witnesses [signatures not legibile]
Description	A short local agreement between the Union for Peace in the Central African Republic (UCP) and autodefense groups in the Basse-Lotto area aimed at stopping the fighting between the groups. Agreement provides mostly rhetorical provisions on respecting the resolution of the state authorities, free movement of people and goods, easing congestions, and human rights, among others.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale This agreement appears to have been signed with the support of the 'Committee of Actors for Peace in Basse-Kotto' (CAPBK). The agreement references initiatives that were part of the local peace process, including meetings and a previous verbal peace agreement.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? No

Link to national process: articulated rationale Neither the agreement text nor limited background research suggests a link to the national-level peace process.

Name of Locale Basse-Lotto

Nature of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 4.325363, 21.177825

Participant type Local armed group

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, ... Following the crisis in 2017 between the armed UPC and autodefense groups that weakened the whole of the Basse-Lotto area, and especially Mobaye.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
