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Country/

entity

Nigeria

Region

Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name

Oyo State Workshop Resolutions on the Promotion of Community Dialogue, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding for Share and Tsaragi Communities

Date

1 Jun 2017

Agreement

status

Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim

Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict ()

conflict level

Stage

Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict

Inter-group

nature

Peace

Nigeria - local agreements

process

Parties

Third

parties

Description

This agreement contains commitments to consolidate peace following a workshop between the Share and Tsaragi communities. The agreement is

from page 8-10 following a summary of the workshop proceedings.

Agreement document

NG_170601_ Oyo_State_Workshop_Resolutions.pdf Download PDF

Local agreement properties

Process

Formal structured process

type

Rationale

There is a clear history of clashes in the area between the communities, most recently with violence towards the end of 2015 and in 2016, derailing established processes in the area. There is a clear practice of attempts at reconciliation in this highly localised example. The dialogue in this instance is supported by the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Yoruba, Hausa, Odua Peoples' Congress, Nupe hunters, Arewa were also drawn upon as local actors with experience in local processes to support the two sides in the dialogue. Further research also suggests that present at the workshop, encouraged by the international actors listed was the state governor, police commissioner and traditional heads of the two communities. They also convened community leaders including elders, elites, women, and youth associations.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

Nο

Link to national process: articulated rationale

While there is reference to the State and Government attempting to support and reinitiate formal and informal processes in the area between the communities, there is no direct reference to the national process.

Name of

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Locale

Nature Of

Smaller

Locale

GPS Lat/ 8.484256, 4.536828

Long (DD)

Participant Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

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

Mediator,

Mediator or similar referred to

facilitator or similar

Mediator

On the basis that the resolutions are part of the workshop, the text states on (references) page 1, that the workshop was organised by the Institute for Peace and

Conflict Resolution (IPCR), in collaboration with the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP).

Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar

International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/
prayer and
process
(including
use of
scripture)

Page 3, 1.0 Background, ... The communities have now separated markets, places of worship, schools, etc, unlike as in the past

Page 5, 3.1 Opening Ceremony, ... He said this time is the right time to talk peace due to the Ramadan fast.

Page 6, 3.1 Opening Ceremony, ... Declaring the workshop open, the Executive Governor of Kwara state Alhaji (Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed represented by Deacon Leke Ogungbe, Deputy Chief of Staff, began his speech with a biblical quotation "as much as it lies on you, live in peace with all men"

Page 6, 3.1 Opening Ceremony, ... God has created you to live together in that environment and so shall it remain", he concluded. He then declared the workshop open.

Page 7, 4.0 Key Comments, Satan visited us in Share and Tsaragi and brought conflict but now God in His infinite power has put in place a process to restore peace and we are thankful

Page 7, 4.0 Key Comments, ... The landmarks of Tsaragi and Share are one. God joined the two communities together so nothing will separate us.

Grievance List Page 2, 1.0 Background, ... this conflict can be classified as a local social conflict (Azar, 1990). This is because of the enormous threats to human lives and stability, and large scale human suffering the conflict portends. The conflict also had structural, economic, political and resource implications

Page 2, 1.0 Background, ... recently on August 4, 2016 a young man alleged to have been of Share extraction shot and killed five farmers of Tsaragi extraction which heated up the polity in the state and stalled both formal and informal peace processes being made by both the government and elites on both sides of the conflict. So far, the Share-Tsaragi communal conflict have resulted in the loss of many lives and the destruction of properties worth millions of naira.

Page 3, 1.0 Background, ... Mutual suspicion, hatred and animosity are trailing the crisis, and the elites and youths on both sides are inflaming the embers of the crisis. Groups are still nursing the pains and feeling hurt of the crisis. The communities have now separated markets, places of worship, schools, etc, unlike as in the past. The conflict has been characterized by episodic clashes leading to killings and destruction of valuables on both sides.

Page 4, 3.1 Opening Ceremony, ... ProJ. Oshita Oshita represented by Barr, Gabriel Jiya decried the rise of violent conflicts and clashes in Nigeria ranging from boundary conflicts to farmers-herders conflicts and intercommunal clashes among others. According to him, almost every region in Nigeria has one form of conflict or the other. In many instances, these conflicts often lead to violent confrontations and clashes between parties

Page 7, 4.0 Key Comments, ... The economy of the two communities have suffered since the beginning of the crisis

Page 8, 5.0 Findings, At the end of the workshop, the following were the key findings and lessons learnt:

- The negative impacts of the cycle of violence in the affected areas caused by boundary dispute has been worsened by elite conspiracy, stiff competition and undue favouritism. All these has eroded social fabrics in the communities.
- Both communities have experienced loss of lives, wanton destruction of public and private properties i.e cars, houses, farmlands, churches, schools, health centres, mosques.
- The orgy of violence persists because the two communities have not determined to pursue sustainable peace through tolerance, developing early warning and response systems and engaging in direct dialogue and negotiation to resolve the conflict.
- Despite past efforts such as Judicial Panels of Enquiry, Court Injunctions, and interventions by third parties, the conflict continues to linger.

Page 9, 6.0 Resolutions, 8. Participants resolved to work for peace against the backdrop of massive destructions and loss of lives occasioned by the conflict which has not benefitted anyone.

9. Participants identified unemployment as part of the causative factors in the conflict

Cattle	No specific mention.
rustling/	
banditry	

Social cover No specific mention.