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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative (Yei River State)
Date	17 May 2018
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: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	Signed by the community's leaders of Western Lakes State as follows: Jul Machok Lieny - Senior Chief, Western Lakes State Manyiel Lieny Wol - Elder and Chief, Western Lakes State Elizabeth Agok Anyijong - Women leader, Western Lakes State Moses Deng Akeu - Youth Representative, Western Lakes State
Third parties	Witnessed by: Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi - Head of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Peace Desk Hon. Mabor Meen Wol - Minister of LG&LE and Governor's Representative
Description	A short community agreement which calls for community reconciliation, dialogue, disarming of youth and reimposition of security and law by the local state government. The agreement also provides for measures to be carried out by the EPC in facilitating a space of healing and management of infrastructural rebuilding.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale As part of the Yei state grassroots initiatives, this can be viewed as a structured and supported process as part of a wider set of similar local community led initiatives. The process is supported by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and further research around the provisions suggests that there are clear supporting mechanisms proposed as part of proposed ongoing dialogues and wider resolution of the conflict in Yei River state. It seems the EPC are supported by partners in implementing and managing this particular example, notably by the presence and support of local government representation and a US international organisation.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? Yes

Link to national process: articulated rationale While there is no clear reference to the national process in the text, it seems these areas of Western Lakes State by their history may likely fall on a boundary connecting them to ongoing commitments from national agreement provisions addressing conflict transition and grassroots initiatives across regions of South Sudan. In the national agreement - Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan(12/09/2018), the provisions set out for the region of Bahr el Ghazal could be considered as addressing these areas as they were part of that region. This agreement could also be connected to the national agreement - Grassroots Agreement to Promote National Dialogue in Yei River State and South Sudan (30/04/2017), based on the text for this agreement now describing western lakes states being part of the wider Yei River State grassroots initiative. More broadly, further research suggests all grassroots peace initiatives are supported by the Church and are supposed to link up to the national but it has been questioned whether the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) have been effective in doing this. Nonetheless, a proposed linkage is clearly documented in the years around this local agreement.

Name of Locale Western Lakes State

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 6.808589, 29.635611

Participant type Local state actor
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)	The mediator is directly referred to in the text as being Evangelical Presbyterian Church Bishop Elias Taban Parangi, who leads many of the similar peace initiatives across Yei state, managing and supporting further stages of dialogue going forward.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
Grievance List	<p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 2. EPC is offered a land (240m x 200m) in Rumbek center to establish any or all of its services there such as Trauma Healing center...</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 3. The workshop resolved that, civilians and youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately by the Government.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 4. (f) ... Government to implement disciplinary laws against deserters.</p> <p>Page 1, Resolutions of Western Lakes State Grassroots Peace Initiative, 5. The workshop resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law.</p>
Cattle rustling/banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.