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Country/ entity	Niger
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Diffa Declaration of Commitment (Accord de Diffa)
Date	12 Sep 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict ( Niger: local conflicts (1980s - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Niger local agreements
Parties	Traditional Chiefs of the Diffa region
Third parties	National and regional authorities Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)
Description	Local agreement aiming to reduce tensions between breeders and farmers along the Komadougou river, around the Lake Chad Basin, and oasis basins.

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**Local agreement properties**

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale	The agreement appears to be part of an ongoing local process supported by both national and regional authorities and by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD Centre). There are also arrangements for a monitoring committee to be supported by the Governor and to be composed of representatives of all societal groupings. Further research suggests that as part of a wider inter-communal mediation process in the Diffa region, the HD Centre are providing support and training to peace committees. Further research also highlights the role of the EU in supporting the processes since January 2018. Finally, another local peace agreement was signed in the Diffa region on 23 December 2018 between the Fulani and Mahamid Arab communities from the municipalities of Foulatari, N'guelbeli, Goudoumaria and Mainé Soroa (see reference Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, 2019), suggesting that this is not an isolated example of a written peace agreement.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	No clear reference in the text to the national process or any other suggestion from further research that a link can be ascertained.
Name of Locale	Diffa region
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	13.313278, 12.591045
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)	In the original document in French, the chief mediators are listed in the signatories as: Mabrouk Ben Adam and Eli Kedellah Hagard. They are also referred to in the text as being two chiefs responsible for mediation.
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 2, Chapter II: Causes and consequences of tensions, Article 2: The signatory Traditional Chiefs agree that the tensions between their respective communities along the Komadougou river, in the Lake Chad basin and around the oasis basins in the Diffa region are the result of the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The reduction of cultivation and grazing areas due to terrorist attacks and measures limiting access to certain production areas, and in a context of increased livestock population and demographic pressure</li><li>b) Lack of knowledge and / or non-compliance with the rules and rights governing rural land;</li><li>c) The lack of coherence and communication between those in charge of land management and the overlap of their skills in a context of increasing pressure;</li><li>d) Damage to rural areas;</li><li>e) Theft of animals;</li><li>f) The slowness of justice in processing the cases submitted to it;</li><li>g) The feeling of injustice and the use of violence to resolve disputes.</li></ul> <p>Page 2, Chapter II: Causes and consequences of tensions, Article 3: The signatory Traditional Chiefs agree that the tensions between their respective communities along the Komadougou River, around the Lake Chad basin and the oasis basins in the Diffa region have had the following consequences since 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Dozens of dead and a hundred injured;</li><li>b) The deterioration of social cohesion between farmers and breeders but also the decline in the identity of these;</li><li>c) An increase in illegal possession of firearms;</li><li>d) The arrest and detention of several people.</li></ul>
Cattle rustling/ banditry	<p>Page 2, Chapter II: Causes and consequences of tensions, Article 2: The signatory Traditional Chiefs agree that the tensions between their respective communities along the Komadougou river, in the Lake Chad basin and around the oasis basins in the Diffa region are the result of the following elements:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e) Theft of animals;</li></ul>
Social cover	No specific mention.

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