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Country/

Democratic Republic of Congo

entity

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement

Peace and Peaceful Cohabitation Komanda Convention between native

name

communities of Irumu territory

Date

12 Aug 2020

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict ()

conflict level

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict

Inter-group

nature

Peace **DRC: Eastern DRC processes**

process

Parties

The Communities of Irumu - community leaders (women and youth representatives), traditional leaders and social notable figures Provincial Government for the Irumu Territory, Ituri province

[see original language document for full images of signatories as these were

not possible to transcribe].

Third parties Page 2, The agreement is supported by the provincial level government in Irumu and the agreement describes the roundtable intracommunity dialogue

as being 'under the patronage of the Governor of Ituri Province, His

Excellency The Honorable Jean Bamanisa Saidi'

Page 3, 'mediated by: The Honorable Jackson Ausse Afingoto and supported by the national and provincial representatives in attendance: (including) document review, presentations, workshops and plenary debate.'

Description

An agreement that comes out of a roundtable intracommunity dialogue which sets out the key issues discussed which are to be addressed by the communities as 23 'security issues'. The agreement provides in detail for an oversight and assessment body at national, provincial and local levels to be composed of government officials, women representatives, youth representatives and community leaders. The agreement is framed around following up on the solutions to the set of 'security issues' agreed upon by the parties. There are extensive provisions addressing the presence of multiple armed groups and militia and the DDR measures to be followed in order to counter their activities; this also includes unusual provisions addressing armed national groups from other countries acting within the DRC, including repatriation of Ugandan fighters and Rwandan Hutus claiming another identity within the DRC. The agreement also provides for reassessment of administrative powers at the national and provincial levels relating to the territory and sets out provisions addressing shared farm land and tackling exploitation of natural resources, notably mining. There are also detailed provisions dealing with the return of displaced persons, as well as Congolese refugees in Uganda.

Agreement document

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Agreement document (original language)

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale

The agreement comes from a structured roundtable process which appears to be happening in other areas at the same time based on the agreement explicitly referencing several initiatives. The process of setting up the intracommunity dialogue is also supported by the provincial government for Irumu territory and in turn within the borders of Ituri province, supported by the Governor of Ituri. Native communities, representatives of the provincial government, provincial deputies and traditional community leaders are brought together for the dialogue and it is mediated by a member of parliament.

Is there a No documented link to a national peace

Link to No clear link to national process articulated in the agreement.

national process: articulated rationale

process?

Name of Irumu

Locale

Nature Of Smaller Locale

GPS Lat/ 1.439229, 29.843845 Long (DD)

Participant Local state actor

type Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

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

Regional state actor

Mediator, Mediator or similar referred to

facilitator or similar

Mediator The agreement directly refers to a mediator: Page 3, 'mediated by: The (references) Honorable Jackson Ausse Afingoto and supported by the national and

provincial representatives in attendance: (including) document review,

presentations, workshops and plenary debate.'

Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar

Central state actor Local state actor

Local issues

Ritual/ No specific mention.

prayer and process (including use of scripture)

Grievance

Page 4, 1. BASIC AGREEMENTS:

List

Having understood the gravity of the security issues and the consequences of the same, the risk of the situation worsening and the need for lasting peace, which is essential for development and harmonious growth in Irumu Territory, the sons and daughters of that Territory are committed to:

- 1. Non-violence between communities;
- 2. Resolving internal conflicts with ongoing, honest communication;
- 3. Encouraging the disarmament of community militias;
- 4. Support for security services in the process of restoring the authority of the
- 5. Strict respect for so-called land law, in the handling of land estates.

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- 9 Partiality of the army in Civilian Military relations
- 13 Poor peaceful cohabitation between the following communities: Hema-Bira; Bindi - Hema
- 14 Illegal occupation of land
- 17 Wandering of animals
- 18 Conflict between ICCN and the local community around Mount Hoto

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13 Shared pastures

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- 18 Mass presence of displaced persons and Congolese refugees in Uganda
- 19 Destruction of basic social infrastructure
- 20 Flooding of Lake Albert and the Semiliki river, causing destruction of infrastructure
- 21 Difficulty of returning displaced persons

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- 22 Illegal and unlawful exploitation of gold minerals by the Chinese and foreigners
- 23 Damage to the environment due to chaotic gold exploitation
- 23 (sic) Illegal carrying of arms by individuals

Cattle rustling/ banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover Page 8, No. 09, Security Issues: Presence of Bakonzo/Ugandans Possible Solution:

- Identify, disarm and repatriate them.

No. 10, Security Issues: Rwandan Hutus known as Banyabwisha Possible Solution:

- Identify, disarm and repatriate them.