



<b>Country/entity</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Peace and Peaceful Cohabitation Komanda Convention between native communities of Irumu territory
<b>Date</b>	12 Aug 2020
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
<b>Parties</b>	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.

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**Agreement document** [CD\\_200812\\_Peace and Peaceful Cohabitation Komanda Convention.pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

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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 documented link to a national peace process?**

No

**Link to national process: articulated rationale**

No clear link to national process articulated in the agreement.

**Name of Locale**

Irumu

**Nature of Locale**

Smaller

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)**

1.439229, 29.843845

**Participant type**

Local state actor  
Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder  
Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations  
Regional state actor

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** Mediator or similar referred to

**Mediator (references)**

The agreement directly refers to a mediator : 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.'

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar**

Central state actor Local state actor

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## Local issues

### Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)

No specific mention.

### Grievance List

Page 4, 1. BASIC AGREEMENTS:

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 State;
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

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- Identify, disarm and repatriate them.