

<b>Country/entity</b>	Niger
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Peace Agreement between the communities of the Department of Banibangou
<b>Date</b>	21 Jan 2023
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict

**Niger: local conflicts (1980s - )**

The conflict between the Fulani community and Mahamid Arab community were instigated by disputes over access to natural resources in the region of Diffa, in south-eastern Niger. The Mahamid Arabs had settled in Diffa from Chad in the 1970s to flee from draught and in the 1980s following an armed conflict. Disputes with the Fulani pastoralists included access to water points, land use, and animal grazing rights. Tensions over resources have become more urgent given the emergence of Boko Haram across the borders of Diffa, resulting in vast forced displacements of its neighbouring populations from Libya, Mali and Nigeria into the region. This has aggravated existing intercommunal tensions and has proved to be fertile soil for the organisation of militias. In 2017 the government declared a state of emergency in Diffa.

Close

Niger: local conflicts (1980s - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Niger local agreements
<b>Parties</b>	For the zarma community: Alpha Abdoulaye Hama, leader religieux Yacouba Harouna, chef de village Banibangou Massaoudou Char sou, leader religieux de Chinagoder Halima Harouna, femme leader Intoussa Hama Wandou, chef de village Soumat  For the Fulani community: Ibrahim Sadou, représentant du chef de tribu Wedabangou Elh Boureima Ousmane, représentant chef de Bissaou

**Third parties** Unsigned, but agreement mentions the facilitation of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Agreement Supporters:

Tahirou Hassimi, Coordonnateur du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma

Cheik Saidou Hassomi, responsable du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma

**Description** In Niger's Banibangou municipality, a peace agreement was signed to conclude a twenty-year conflict affecting agro-pastoral activities and resulting in over 300 deaths and the displacement of thousands. Facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) after nearly two years of mediation, the accord addresses tensions arising from competition for natural resources and armed violence in the Tillabery region. The agreement establishes a monitoring committee to oversee its execution, aid displaced people's return, and manage ongoing disputes.

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### Local agreement properties

**Process type** Formal structured process

**Rationale** The agreement was facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, over a two year period of mediation. It was also supported by the the Ministry of the Interior and the High Authority for Peacebuilding.

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

Yes

**Link to national process: articulated rationale** The preamble of the agreement states that the signatories are "Keen to strengthen inter- and intra-community dialogues initiated by the State, under the presidency of the President of the Republic, Mohamed Bazoum, such as the forum of the three regions (Dosso, Tillabéry and Tahoua) held in Niamey from 24 to 27 November 2021".

**Name of Locale** Banibangou

**Nature of Locale** Region

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 15.049268, 2.708859

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

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

**Mediator (references)** Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2023). HD brokers peace agreement by communities from Banibangou in Niger's Tillabery region – Text and video. <https://hdcentre.org/news/hd-brokers-peace-agreement-by-communities-from-banibangou-in-nigers-tillabery-region-text-and-video/>

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar** International or transnational actor

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#### Local issues

**Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)** No specific mention.

**Grievance List** **Causes and consequences of the conflict**  
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**This security crisis has resulted in:**  
a) Attacks, lootings and destructions of goods and properties in the villages and hamlets by armed individuals;  
b) Targeted assassinations of influential figures and notables;  
c) Massive thefts of livestock by both parties;  
d) Attacks and ambushes on vehicles;  
e) Embargoes on some villages and weekly markets;  
f) Closure of basic social services (school, health centres, etc.);  
g) Withdrawal of government officials and defence and security forces;  
h) The feeling, on both sides, that the neighbouring community is joining forces with armed groups to attack the other;  
i) Perception of partiality from the defence and security forces;  
j) Lack of justice following abuses.

**Cattle rustling/ banditry** No specific mention.

**Social cover** No specific mention.

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