

Country/entity	Somalia
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement: An Inclusive Interim Administration for the South West Regions of Somalia (Bay, Bakol and Lower Shabelle)
Date	22 Jun 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local conflict

Somali Civil War (1991 -)

Originally spurred by centre-peripheral tensions, fighting broke out in 1981 between the regime of President Said Barre and the Somali National Movement, a militia primarily consisting of members from the northern Ishaq clan. Fighting intensified in the late 1980s as more clan-based militias arose. President Barre's regime collapsed in late 1991 and as a result the UN intervened. However persistent attacks on the UN's forces forced a withdrawal in 1994. From the mid- to late 1990s, the character of the conflict shifted as warlords fought for access to rents. Also during this period, two different peace agreements arose; the Soderre Declaration, which was mediated by Ethiopia and supported by IGAD, and the Cairo Accord, which was brokered by Egypt. Fighting, already noticeably lessened compared to the early 1990s, decreased and the more amicable environment paved the way for the Transitional Government to be formed in 2000 (replaced in 2004 by the Transitional Federal Government).

Nonetheless, opposition to the TFG arose in the form of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), which by early 2006 had taken control of most of southern Somalia until they were ousted by an armed intervention by Ethiopia in December 2006. As a result, the ICU splintered. Hard-line ICU members formed the Takfiri organization, Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen, and launched a guerrilla campaign against the TFG. Another faction of the ICU fled to Djibouti and formed the Alliance for the Re-liberation of Somalia, which was absorbed into the ruling TFG after successful negotiations in 2007.

To deal with the new round of fighting, the UN-mandated AMISOM force was deployed in 2007. Since then, insecurity has fluctuated between the urban and rural areas as the al-Shabaab's territorial gains waver. Local militia leaders maintain de facto governance over communities. From 2009 to 2012, insecurity spilled over into the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean when Somali pirates seized, looted and ransomed ships. In 2014, 'Operation Indian Ocean' was launched and in parallel with infighting among al-Shabaab, the organisation's position in Somalia has diminished slightly. However, as evidenced by large-scale attacks by al-Shabaab in northern Kenya throughout 2013-2015, the lack of security continues to destabilize the region. Al-Shabaab continues to launch surprise attacks with the aim of forcing out foreign military presence in Somalia. Targets include both military forces and civilians. The devastating attack in October 2017 in Mogadishu saw 587 fatalities and resulted in a renewed military offensive by the Somali government and African Union allies. Since 2017, the U.S. has increased its air strikes targeting al-Shabaab militants, and in December 2018 they announced to re-establish a permanent diplomatic mission in the country. Al-Shabaab has been characterized as a spoiler in the Somali peace process and have therefore been placed outside of any negotiations.

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Somali Civil War (1991 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process	Somalia Peace Process
Parties	South West-6 Group (SW6), signed for by Abdifatah Mohamed Ibrahim (Geseey) South West-3 Group (SW3), signed for by Mohamed Haji Abdinur
Third parties	Somali Federal Government
Description	Agreement to establish a unified Interim Administration in the South West, setting forth terms for designing the roadmap for its creation.

Agreement document	SO_140622_Inclusive_Interim_Administration_SouthWest.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	This agreement was concluded with the support of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) which is also responsible for ensuring the implementation and success of the agreement (p. 3). An IGAD representative signed the agreement as a witness, and the AU, EU, and UN signed as observers. The FGS mediated a similar agreement between the Mudug and Galgaduud regions about a month later (see Central Regions State Formation Agreement (Mudug and Galgadug), 30/07/2014).
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement is part of a wider political settlement process in Somalia that aimed at establishing inclusive regional administrations. The agreement refers to the Addis Ababa Agreement, 27/08/2013, which established the Interim Jubba Administration (p.1).
Name of Locale	Bay - Bakol - Lower Shabelle regions
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	3.114394, 43.649625
Participant type	Central state actor Local state actor International or transnational actor
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Guarantor: Ridwan Hirsi Mohamed, Deputy Prime Minister, The Federal Government of Somalia
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Central state actor

Local issues

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

Grievance List 1: Political crisis between the SW6 and SW3

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
