



<b>Country/entity</b>	South Sudan Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agok Declaration
<b>Date</b>	2 Jun 2003
<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>	South Sudan: Pre-secession Local Peace Processes
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Agreement not signed due to nature, but the declaration notes the following:</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble:</p> <p>...</p> <p>The contribution of the local people of Abyei was central to the success of the Conference, which brought together over 700 participants in a democratic and popular forum that addressed fundamental issues facing the area and the country.</p> <p>Page 4,</p> <p>...</p> <p>We, the Ngok of Abyei, resoundingly endorse these resolutions and call upon our friends everywhere to exercise their good will and actively promote efforts towards a just and lasting peace in Sudan.</p> <p>This communique was presented to the full plenary on the closing day of the Ngok of Abyei People's Conference where it was unanimously endorsed and popularly adopted at 8:30 in the evening on June 7th, 2003, after 6 days of deliberation.</p>

**Third parties** Sudan Peace Fund of the United States Government

Official Italian Observer to the IGAD Peace Forum

**Description** The Agok Declaration was a set of resolutions adopted by the Ngok Dinka people of Abyei County, Bahr el Ghazal Region, Southern Sudan during a conference held from June 2 to June 7, 2003. The conference was sponsored by the Sudan Peace Fund of the United States Government and attended by over 700 participants. The resolutions adopted by the conference addressed issues facing the Abyei area and the country as a whole. The declaration asserted that the Ngok Dinka are part of Southern Sudan and demanded the immediate restoration of their land and people to Bahr el Ghazal. It also fully mandated the SPLM/A as the legitimate representative of their cause and called for a just and lasting peace in Sudan. The declaration also welcomed efforts to facilitate the process of repatriation and return of their displaced people and expressed concern over aggression and violations of human rights committed against them.

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### **Women, girls and gender**

**Participation** Participation→Effective participation  
Page 3, IV. On Good Governance,  
...  
E. Recognise the need for the full emancipation of women at all levels of decision making and commit to their further empowerment within our system of local governance.

**Equality** No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women** No specific mention.

**International law** No specific mention.

**New institutions** No specific mention.

**Violence against women** No specific mention.

**Transitional justice** No specific mention.

**Institutional reform** No specific mention.

**Development** No specific mention.

**Implementation** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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