

Country/entity	Democratic Republic of Congo
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Peace Agreement between the Government and Le Congres National pour la Défense du Peuple (CNDP)
Date	23 Mar 2009
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -)

The overthrow of the long-term dictator Mobutu Sese Seko by a rebel Tutsi army backed by Uganda and Rwanda in 1997 acted as a catalyst for a war with regional dimensions, mainly fought in the eastern Kivu provinces. The conflict escalated in 1998, when President Laurent Kabila, then backed by Zimbabwean and Angolan troops, ordered Rwanda and Uganda to leave. After Kabila's assassination in 2001, his son Joseph took over the presidency and won in the 2006 democratic elections.

In the eastern provinces, Tutsi-led militias, mainly organised in the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), fought the remnants of the Rwandan Hutu force FDLR, with further involvement of Rwandan and Ugandan troops. Other regionally operating militia groups, like the Lord's Resistance Army from Northern Uganda, the so-called Mai Mai groups or short-lived guerrilla outfits like the March 23 Movement (M23) further contributed, and still contribute, to the complexity of the situation in eastern DRC.

Close

Congo Civil Wars (1996 -
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Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	DRC: Eastern DRC processes
Parties	The government and the Congrès National pour la Défense du Peuple (CNDP)

Third parties

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Description

In this agreement the government and CNDP agree on the transformation of the latter into a political party and integration of its members into police and army, and political life (modalities will be agreed in a joint agreement), on the release of political prisoners and handing back their properties, on an amnesty acc to intl law and the examination of passed laws that the CNDP is concerned about, on national reconciliation mechanisms, on how to resolve local conflicts, on the details of the return of refugees and displaced people, on provisions for stricken zones (zones sinistrés), territorial administration, public administration, reform of army and security services, electoral reform to improve representation without harming the efficacy of institutions and including sanctions against those who incite hate and sectarianism in their electoral campaigns, on specific questions (incl. professional reinsertion, rehabilitation of invalids etc.), on economic reforms, on a national follow-up committee, and an international follow-up committee – each committee with a three months mandate.

Agreement document

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Women, girls and gender**Participation**

No specific mention.

Equality

No specific mention.

Particular groups of women

Particular groups of women→Other

Page 10, Article 12: Specific Issues 12.7. The Government undertakes to support former CNDP members wounded during the war, as well as their orphans and widows. The CNDP will compile a list.

International law

No specific mention.

New institutions

New institutions→Reconciliation and peace

Page 5, Article 4: National Reconciliation Mechanism: 4.1.a. The Parties agree on the creation of a national mechanism in charge of defining and leading a policy of reconciliation between the men and women of the Congo, and to fight against xenophobia.

Violence against women

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

No specific mention.

Institutional reform No specific mention.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation Implementation→Other
Page 6, Article 5: Resolution of Local Conflicts: 5.1. The Government undertakes to set up Permanent Local Arbitration Committees, falling within the local civil authority and made up of local wise men and women, to overcome inadequacies in the extrajudicial prevention and resolution of conflicts.

Other No specific mention.
