

**Country/entity** South Sudan  
Sudan  
Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei

**Region** Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement name** Communique: Dinka Malual & Rezeigat Grassroots Peace Conference

**Date** 25 Jan 2010

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/local conflict

### **Sudan Conflicts (1955 - )**

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal

In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.

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Sudan Conflicts (1955 - )

**Stage** Framework/substantive - comprehensive

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

**Peace process** Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process

**Parties** (1) Malual West, (2) Malual North (3) Malual Centre (4) Abeim and (5) Malual East being the Dinka Malual on one hand and on another hand the Rezeigat communities of (1) El Nawaiba of Western Grazing Route – Elfardous to Aroyo (2) Um Dhahiya of the Eastern Grazing Route – Abujabra, Wanjok and Warawar (3) of Abumatariq of Gok Machar and (4) Mahameed of Althouthah of Asalaya through to Timsah and Raga;

Dinka Malual:  
P/Chief Achein Achein Yor of Malual East;  
P/Chief Garang Diang Akok of Malual West;  
P/Chief Peter Makuec Makuec Kuol of Abeim;  
Chief Santino Deng Nyuol of Malual North;  
Elder Anyat Dut Diing of Malual Centre;  
P/Chief Ayaga Ayaga Ayaga of Ayat West;

Rezeigat:  
Ustaz Mohamed Ali el Gourashi;  
Ustaz Mohamud Fadhel Nabi Sharif;  
El Said Abdallah Abu Basher Mohamad;  
Altaib El Nair Abdaallah;  
Ibrahim Musa Jad El Karim;

**Third parties** Witnessed by H.E. Garang Diing Akuong, Minister of Finance, Industry, Trade and Economic Planning, Northern Bahr Ghazal State.

John Marks, USAID

**Description** Agreement between the communities of Rezeigat and the Dinka Malual committing to respect customary law, create a Joint Customary Court between the two communities, enhance cultural and religious tolerance and communication and to broaden inclusion to women and children, among other commitments.

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**Agreement document** [SS\\_100125\\_Communiqué, Dinka Malual & Rezeigat Grassroots Peace Conference.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 2, Untitled Preamble, ... - Cognizant of the consequence of instability and destruction of property that has been mutually inflicted upon our own communities during the North-South war between 1983 and 2005 where innocent youth were mobilized by the warring parties to cause self destruction, abduction of children and women, wanton killing, displacement and devastation of property in the area; ...</p> <p>Page 4, Have committed themselves to: ... 15. To reactivate the role and to include the women, youth and intellectuals of the two communities in the accords of this agreements;</p>
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 2, Untitled Preamble, ... - In respect to common destiny between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual communities despite the possible multifaceted challenges that are likely to be experienced as a result of the end of the CPA in 2011; ...</p> <p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Summary: Agreement in its entirety deals with the inter-group relationships between the Dinka Malual [Stationary agriculturalists] and the Rezeigat [Nomadic herders] people.</p>
<b>Religious groups</b>	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical Page 3, Have agreed to commit themselves to: ... 9. That the Dinka Malual and Rezeigat should promote religious tolerance and not to allow those elements that call for conflict and wars within areas of the two communities;</p>
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

### Women, girls and gender

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... 17. To lobby for the establishment of joint boarding schools for girls and other for boys in the areas of the two communities and;

### Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording

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... 17. To lobby for the establishment of joint boarding schools for girls and other for boys in the areas of the two communities and;

### LGBTI

No specific mention.

### Family

Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
- Believing in each other as one family cemented by intermarriages that bring close kinship between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual and the long history of mutual self respect, identity of esteem, sombreness, respect of lives, fraternity and compassion that augment and grip out two communities with everlasting mutual interest in the shared natural resources that dictates good neighbourhood;

Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
... 6. That Intermarriage shall be lawful in accordance with cultures, norms and believes as observed by the two communities;

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## State definition

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/  
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/  
unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border  
provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political  
institutions (new or  
reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral  
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties  
reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** Page 4, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
... 18. To seek support for formation of joint institutions to implement this agreement through Traditional Authorities and Civil Society.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Urging the United State Agency for International Development (USAID), European Unions, United Nations and International/Local NGOs and both GoNU and GoSS to timely respond to our needs to empowerment of our traditional authority, local governments and priorities of our local development and support to our desire to live as good neighbours and people of common good; ...

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**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

**Political power sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Other  
Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Being cognizant of each others' right of unhindered access to and sustainable use of natural resources inside both communities' land across the fraternal borders ...

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

<b>Protection measures</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups</p> <p>Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Rezeigat should provide security and protection of Dinka people who reside in Rezeigat's land including their property;</li> </ol> <p>Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That for the Dinka Malual to provide security and protection of Rezeigat people that reside in Dinka's land and their property;</li> </ol>
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:

... 7. To support the creation and establishment of joint traditional and customary courts of Dinka Malual and Rezeigat that shall be called as Joint Traditional Court where leadership of such court shall be alternating within the leadership of the two communities as shall be agreed upon and governed by law;

Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:

... 8. That the Rezeigat will conform to Dinka Malual customs and this should consult with Dinka Malual traditional authority to allow entry to Dinka Malual Land, use of water resources and passage in agricultural areas;



## Socio-economic reconstruction

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Conscious of huge potential for development of out natural resources, agriculture, forestry and livestock owned by Rezeigat and Dinka Malual and the desire for attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the unhindered access to the rights of our people to their portions in the distribution of the national cake; ...

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Page 4, Have agreed to commit themselves to:  
... 10. That for the governments and the local and international developmental organizations to provide and to construct all weather roads between the two communities starting with the road of El Dhaein and Aweil;

Page 4, Have agreed to commit themselves to:  
... 17. To lobby for the establishment of joint boarding schools for girls and other for boys in the areas of the two communities and;  
Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction  
Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Gratified by the commitment of the Government of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State to build road networks to enhance acquaintance between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual communities for sustainable peace and mutual socio-economic development; ...

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Being cognizant of each others' right of unhindered access to and sustainable use of natural resources inside both communities' land across the fraternal borders ...

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**International funds** Page 4, Have agreed to commit themselves to:  
... 10. That for the governments and the local and international developmental organizations to provide and to construct all weather roads between the two communities starting with the road of El Dhaein and Aweil;

**Business** Page 4, Have agreed to commit themselves to:  
... 11. That for the governments to facilitate and to enhance movement of trade between the areas of the two communities;

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
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**Cultural heritage** Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible  
Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
... 3. To respect and conserve names of villages, natural features, historical places and rivers without renaming them with strange names;

Page 4, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
16. To dissemination of culture of peace between Dinka Malual and Rezeigat communities through sports, theatre and traditional dance;  
Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion  
Page 2, Untitled Preamble,  
... - Being Conscious of each others' culture, values, beliefs and respect to each other and in desire to exchange each others' cultures; ...

**Environment** Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
... 4. To respect and conserve human life and dignity and sustainable environment for prosperity;

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves:  
... 8. That the Rezeigat will conform to Dinka Malual customs and this should consult with Dinka Malual traditional authority to allow entry to Dinka Malual Land, use of water resources and passage in agricultural areas;

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## **Security sector**

<b>Security Guarantees</b>	<p>Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves: 1. That the Rezeigat should provide security and protection of Dinka people who reside in Rezeigat's land including their property;</p> <p>Page 3, Have agreed to commit ourselves: 2. That for the Dinka Malual to provide security and protection of Rezeigat people that reside in Dinka's land and their property;</p> <p>Page 4, Have agreed to commit ourselves: ... 12. To prohibit the carrying and use of fire arms when entering any of the two communities' areas;</p>
<b>Ceasefire</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** Witnessed by John Marks, USAID.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 3, Have committed themselves to:  
13. That the communities must exert all the necessary efforts to bring to reality all the resolutions of our conference between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual at Aweil of January 2010 through legislation by the legislative assemblies and joint institutions in the two sisterly states of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State and Southern Darfur State;

**Related cases** No specific mention.

**Source** Sudan North-South Border Initiative; <https://www.scribd.com/doc/41004044/Dinka-Rezeigat-Conference>

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