

Country/entity	Central African Republic
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Declaration of N'Djamena
Date	18 Apr 2013
Agreement status	Agreement with subsequent status
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

The Central African Republic conflict is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts addressed by the African Great Lakes process. After the country gained independence from France in 1960 it has been ruled by a sequence of autocratic leaders that principally gained power through coups. Since the mid-1990s several waves of internal conflict took place in the Central African Republic, primarily along tribal, and later-on increasingly sectarian, lines. In 1996 and 1997, French troops and soldiers from neighbouring countries intervened to end a mutiny in the capital, Bangui, by factions of the army. The fighting was predominantly along tribal lines, with southern tribes in revolt against the 'northern' government. A UN mission was installed in 1998 to secure the truce. After General Bozizé took control of the country after several coup attempts in 2003, a 'bush war' began led by armed opposition forces. From late 2006 onward, government troops with French military support severely weakened the rebels. Following this, a number of agreements were signed during 2007-2008, but not all factions have accepted them. In 2011, Bozizé was re-elected in supposedly fraudulent elections, which resulted in a new wave of uprisings. Séléka, an alliance of northern rebel groups, took over parts of the country and forced Bozizé to agree to a power-sharing deal. However, after this agreement broke down, Séléka took control of Bangui and Bozizé had to flee the country in 2013. Leader of Séléka, Michel Djotodia, took office and officially disbanded Séléka. However, continual violence between ex-Séléka groups and opposing militias, collectively known as 'anti-balaka', persisted and Djotodia was forced to resign less than a year later. Catherine Samba-Panza was installed as interim president until Faustin Archange Touadéra was elected in January 2016. In February 2019 an agreement was signed between the government and fourteen armed groups, including ex-Seleka groups, committed to disarmament. However, violence between ex-Seleka groups and anti-balaka continues.

Close
Central African Republic Conflicts (1996 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory

Peace process

CAR: coups and rebellions process

Parties

Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having produced it:

Page 1, Untitled preamble (Declaration):

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The Heads of State and Government, members of the ECCAS [CEEAC, Fr.]

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The following took part in this Summit,

- His Excellency Idriss DEBY ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad, President in office of ECCAS;

- His Excellency Denis SASSOU NGUESSO President of the Republic of the Congo;

- His Excellency Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic;

- His Excellency Jacob ZUMA, President of the Republic of South Africa;

- His Excellency Amadou Ali, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister Delegate at the Presidency of the Republic Responsible for Relations with the Assemblies, Republic of Cameroon,

- His Excellency Raymond Tashibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation

and Francophonie, Democratic Republic of Congo

- His Excellency AGAPITO MBA MOKUY Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;

His Excellency ISSIFOU Kogui Ndouro, Minister of State in Charge of Presidential Affairs, Republic of Benin

His Excellency Sébastien Fernandes, Ambassador of Angola to Chad, Republic of Angola;

- His Excellency Nicolas TIANGAYE, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic;

As well as Mr. Nassour GUELENGDOUKSIA OUAIDOU, Secretary-General of ECCAS,

Third parties Page 6, minutes:
The Summit was held in the presence of the Representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, the President of the Commission of the European Union, the Secretary-General of the International Organization of La Francophonie, the United States of America and France.

Description This declaration was adopted by the ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States; Communauté Économique des États de l'Afrique Centrale, CEEAC) and became part of the framework for the transition. It includes a declaration, and two roadmaps for the transition. In the document, the duties of the transitional government and the National Transitional Council (CNT) are listed. Most importantly, the CNT is to act as a body tasked with drafting constitutional and legislative texts, and its composition is to expand so that it may be more representative and inclusive of groups still fighting, civil society, and women. The declaration sets an 18 month transitional period, during which elections are to be held.

Agreement document [CF_130418_Fourth ECCAS summit N'Djamena_tr.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language) [CF_130418_Declaration of N'Djamena.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
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Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender Page 5:
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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.



Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions

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Elections

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Electoral commission

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Political parties reform

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Civil society

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**Traditional/
religious leaders**

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**Public
administration**

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Constitution

Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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5. Per the decisions of the ECCAS Extraordinary Summit held on April 3, 2013, the official designation of the authority invested by the CNT of the responsibility of Head of State must be Transitional Head of State, to the exclusion of any other title. Consequently, the CNT is called upon to immediately amend any previous decision on this issue.

Power sharing**Political power sharing**

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Proportionality in legislature
State level

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Territorial power sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power sharing

No specific mention.

Military power sharing

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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.

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians

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Other

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

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Prisons and detention

No specific mention.

Traditional Laws

No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

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National economic plan

No specific mention.

Natural resources

No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime

No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Agreement not signed, but declaration agreed in the presence of the following:
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 2-3:
The Heads of State and Government urge this Committee to take all appropriate measures to support the transition. They also agree to the creation of an International Contact Group, comprising regional and international organizations of which the CAR is a member, as well as bilateral and multilateral partners. This Group is responsible for mobilizing the political support and the financial resources necessary for a successful transition and ensuring its strategic support. The International Contact Group is called to hold its first high-level meeting in May 2013 in Brazzaville.

The Heads of State and Government urge the Government of the CAR, ECCAS, PUA, the UN, the EU, and the OIE to consult each other, as soon as possible, on the security arrangements to support the transition period, including those likely to enhance the effectiveness of MICOPAX and ensure the capacity to contribute to the protection of civilians and to the reform the defense and security sector of the CAR.

To this end, the Heads of State have asked the African Union Commission to take the appropriate measures, to assess the needs of MICOPAX in terms of staff, equipment and funding, with an operational and a logistical support motif supported by Africa and the International Community.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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